

Draft agenda

Embedding integrity-driven and sustainable administrative reforms in the Western Balkans

6-7-8 June 2022, Tirana, Albania

The Institute for Democracy and Mediation organises the PAR regional meeting in the framework of the *Western Balkan Civil Society Empowerment for a Reformed Public Administration – WeBER 2.0* regional project and the *Serving Democracy and Citizens through Improved Public Integrity* project. The event will be dedicated to the public administration reform (PAR), institutional integrity, accountability and public trust in institutions.

Following the ameliorated COVID-19 pandemic situation, the regional meeting will be organised as a two-day in person event, holding several activities. Participants will arrive in Tirana on 6 June 2022. The PAR regional conference will take place during 7 – 8 June 2022 and will be held in English, with Albanian simultaneous translation. It will discuss the need for mainstreaming of PAR principles across sectoral policies and best practices of integrity building in the public administration of Albania and the region. On the other hand, the PAR sectoral mainstreaming workshop will focus on the preliminary results of pilot monitoring exercise on mainstreaming principles of public administration, its challenges so far and how to overcome them.

The event aims to foster the dialogue between civil society and institutional stakeholders to design and implement inclusive and transparent policies, as well as contribute to the sustainability of citizen-centred administrative reforms.

This is the first time since the pandemic outbreak, that the WeBER platform members from all the Western Balkans meet in person to discuss public administration reforms monitoring in regional level. Our community gathers various civil society organisations, governments' representatives, international and regional organisations, as well as distinguished independent experts, who will share with us the latest updates on governance and research on PAR issues in regional level.

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6 June 2022	Day I: Arrival and check-in	
All day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arrival of participants ▪ Check-in 	

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16:00 – 17:00	WeBER 2.0 Researchers' meeting (<i>project team members only</i>)	Closed event
7 June 2022	Day II: PAR sectoral mainstreaming in regional level	
10:00 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcoming coffee ▪ Registration of participants 	
10:30 – 11:00	<p>Welcome remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Sotirag Hroni, Executive Director, Institute for Democracy and Mediation, Albania (host) <p>Setting the tone: The need for mainstreaming PAR in sectoral policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Albana Koçiu, Director, Department for Public Administration, Albania (tbc) ▪ Mr. Gregor Virant, Head of Programme, SIGMA ▪ Mr. Florian Hauser, DG Near, European Commission 	Hybrid public event
11:00 – 13:00	<p>Panel of discussants</p> <p>Guiding question: How to approach sectoral mainstreaming of PAR?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Milena Lazarevic, WeBER 2.0 team leader, European Policy Centre, Serbia ▪ Ms. Oriana Arapi, General Director, Prime Ministry of Albania (tbc) ▪ Ms. Maja Handjiska Trendafilova, Director of ReSPA ▪ Representative from the EU Delegation in Albania (tbc) ▪ Mr. Timo Ligi, Country Manager Albania, SIGMA (tbc) ▪ Mr. Thomas Prorok, Deputy Director, KDZ Austria and WeBER Advisory Council member ▪ Ms. Simonida Kacarska, Executive Director, European Policy Institute, North Macedonia (tbc) <p><i>Moderated by Mr. Alban Dafa, WeBER 2.0 country researcher, IDM, Albania</i></p>	Hybrid public event
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 16:00	<p>WeBER Platform meeting: Monitoring of mainstreaming PAR Principles in policy sectors – individual presentations</p> <p><i>Presentations are grouped by checklists of the PAR mainstreaming methodology. Assessors are invited to prepare a short Individual presentation of 4 minutes with key points on 1) results 2) challenges, and 3) lessons from the pilot monitoring. After each group/checklist, five-minute discussion and Q&A will follow.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy Development and Coordination (5 assessors) ▪ Public Service and Human Resource Management (3 assessors) ▪ Accountability (4 assessors) ▪ Service Delivery (1 assessor) ▪ Budget management (3 assessors) ▪ Public Procurement (2 assessors) <p><i>Moderated by Mr. Milos Djindjic, WeBER2.0 Lead Researcher, European Policy Centre, Serbia</i></p>	Closed event
16:15 – 16:30	Coffee break	
16:30 – 17:30	WeBER 2.0 Steering Committee Meeting (<i>project team members only</i>)	Closed event

19:00	Business dinner - WeBER 2.0 Advisory Council meeting (<i>project team members only</i>)	Closed event
8 June 2021	Day III: Best practices on integrity building in the public administration	
9:00 – 9:30	Registration of participants	
9:30 – 10:00	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Gjergji Vurmo, Programme Director, IDM, Albania ▪ Ms. Adea Pirdeni, Deputy Minister of Justice, Albania (tbc) ▪ Ms. Denada Seferi, Deputy Minister of Health, Albania (tbc) ▪ Representative from SIDA, Albania 	Hybrid public event
10:00 – 11:30	Panel of discussants Draft topic: Sharing experiences from the implementation of the Integrity Risk Assessment methodology in the public institutions of Albania <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Rovena Sulstarova, Governance Project Manager, IDM, Albania ▪ Representative from the Parliament of Albania (tbc) ▪ Representative from the Ministry of Health, Albania (tbc) ▪ Ms. Eugena Tomini, General Director, Institute of Public Health, Albania (tbc) ▪ Ms. Gentiana Milkani, Director of Transparency Monitoring, Commissioner for Information and Data Protection, Albania ▪ Albanian Centre for Quality Journalism/ CSO <i>Moderated by Mr. Gjergji Vurmo, Programme Director, IDM, Albania</i>	Hybrid public event
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee break	
11:45 – 13:00	Panel of discussants Draft topic: Perspectives from the region: integrity building experiences in the public administrations of the Western Balkans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Representative from SELDI (tbc) ▪ Ms. Ana Đurnić, Researcher, Institut Alternativa (tbc) ▪ Ms. Ema Pula, Researcher, Group for Legal and Political Studies, Kosovo (tbc) ▪ TEN member/ CSO representative from Bosnia and Hercegovina (tbc) <i>Moderated by Ms. Rovena Sulstarova, Governance Project Manager, IDM, Albania</i> Concluding conference remarks	Hybrid public event
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00	Farewell	
Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Check-out ▪ Departure 	