



Mainstreaming Gender in Integrated Planning System and the role of IPSIS and AFMIS Systems

7-8 September 2021
Tirana, Albania

NOTE ABOUT THE EVENT

UN Women will host the regional experience sharing event “Mainstreaming Gender in Integrated Planning System and the role of IPSIS and AFMIS Systems” on 7-8 September 2021 in Tirana, Albania.

UN Women will bring public financial management experts from the Western Balkans to Albania, where, for the first time in the Western Balkans, an advanced integrated financial management information system has become operational in 2020. Participants will discuss the benefits of building and operating financial management information systems that integrate gender responsive budgeting (GRB) to achieve gender equality and women’s empowerment.

BACKGROUND

Financial management information systems (FMIS), as part of the public financial management reform efforts around the world, are important budgeting tools for improving the strategic allocation of resources to achieve gender equality, operational efficiency, and fiscal discipline. These systems have become critical in improving budget transparency, accountability, and efficiency because, an integrated FMIS is able to provide real time information on all financial transactions, the allocation of resources and actual expenditures, as well as information on policy implementation. FMIS is an invaluable tool for policy and decision makers working towards realizing development and human rights goals.

In Albania, integrated FMISs are part of a larger planning and monitoring framework; the Integrated Planning System (IPS) which was established in early 2000s. IPS is established in the Department of Development and Good Governance at the Prime Minister’s Office and ensures the overall coordination of policy processes.

Among the IPS tools, Albanian Financial Management Information System (AFMIS) links the Albanian Treasury System, which encompasses budget execution functions, to Medium Term Budget Planning, Public Investment Management, and Data Warehouse for Budget Program Performance monitoring and reporting needs. The system encompasses public finance management processes.

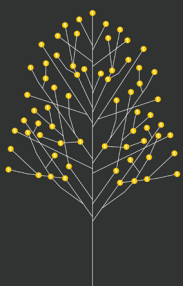
Integrated Planning System Information System (IPSIS), which is linked with AFMIS, is an important public policy planning and monitoring tool. It allows for tracking the advancement towards policy targets indicated in strategy and policy documents.

OBJECTIVE

The event aims to engage government officials in a technical discussion on advancing the use of GRB by operating integrated financial management information systems. Guided by the Albanian experience, the event will create a space to reflect on the experience of the governments in the Western Balkans.

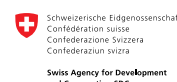
LANGUAGE

The event will be in English. Simultaneous translation to local languages will be available.



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AGENDA

First day (September 7th, 2021)

09.00-09.30 Opening Remarks

Mr. Michele RIBOTTA, Head of UN Women Office in Albania

Ms. Petra Burcher, Head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of Sweden in Tirana, Albania

Ms. Oriana Arapi, General Director of Good Governance and Development Policies, Prime Minister's Office, Albania

Ms. Merita Xhafaj, General Director of Social Policies, Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Albania

Ms. Mimoza Dhembj, General Director of Budget, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Albania

Moderator: Ms. Ermira Lubani, UN Women ECA Regional GRB Programme Specialist

09.30-10.15

Milestones of the implementation of Gender Responsive Budgeting in Albania, GRB implementation in Agriculture, Social Protection, Health and Economic Development sectors in Albania

Ms. Esiola Mullaymeri, Specialist, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Albania

Ms. Blerina Xhani, UN Women Expert

10.15-10.45 Coffe Break

10.45-11.10 Short video on GRB in Albania, Q&A

11.10-11.30 GRB implementation at local level in Albania

Mr. Fran Brahimi, Director of Local Finances, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Albania

11.30-11.45 O&A

11.45-12.30 Presentation of IPSIS system - The Performance Approach (via zoom)

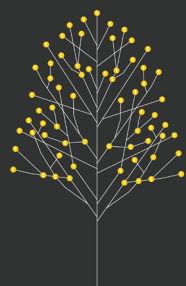
Ms. Evis Qaja, Director of Policies and Good Governance System Directorate, Prime Minister's Office, Albania

12.30-12.45 Q&A

12.45-13.00 Closing Remarks, end of Day 1

13.00-14.30 Lunch Break

15.00-17.00 Visit to PM Office building



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Second day (September 8th, 2021)

09.00-09.30 Wrap up of the first day and presentation of the agenda for the second day

09.30-10.30 Presentation of AFMIS (Via ZOOM)

Mr. Gentian Opre, Director of Budget Analysis and Programming Department,
Ministry of Finance and Economy, Albania

Mr. Valion Cenalia, General Budgetary Department Programming Specialist,
Ministry of Finance and Economy, Albania

10.30-10.45 Q&A

10.45-13.00 Presentation of GRB practices from the region

Mr. Elvis Bebakovic, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Finance Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina -
presenting via Zoom

Ms. Ella Ki Simic, Senior Advisor and GRB Coordinator, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Serbia -
presenting via Zoom

Ms. Lidija Gjozinska, Advisor for Budget preparation and budget policy, Ministry of Finance
of the Republic of North Macedonia

Mrs. Edi Gusia, Chief Executive of the Agency for Gender Equality, Kosovo*

13.00-13.15 Q&A

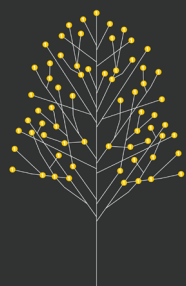
13.15-14.30 Lunch Break

14.30-15.30 Reflections on GRB and the role of Integrated Financial Management Systems
in the Region, follow up steps

15.45-16.00 Closing Remarks

The exchange visit is organized by UN Women and it is part of the regional project "Transformative Financing for Gender Equality towards more Transparent, Inclusive and Accountable Governance in the Western Balkans" and "Promoting Gender Responsive Policies and Budgets: Towards Transparent, Inclusive and Accountable Governance in North of Macedonia", financially supported by the Swedish International Development Agency and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

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