
Conclusions of the 4th PFM Policy Dialogue held on 16th September 2019

- The Government re-confirms its political commitment to coordinate the implementation of the public finance management (PFM) reforms with public administration reform and to the joint conclusions of the Economic and Financial dialogue.
- The Government, under coordination by the Ministry of Finance, will continue to conduct regular, inclusive and transparent policy dialogue in the area of PFM with all relevant stakeholders.
- The European Commission, IFIs, donors, civil society and academia appreciate the efforts of the national authorities invested so far to implement the 2019 Action Plan presented in the Draft Semi-Annual Monitoring Report and encourage them to improve the quality of the next annual monitoring report and to continue with implementation at more intensified pace.
- The national authorities commit to implement efficiently the 2019 PFM Action Plan (including adoption of key legal acts and strategies, such as: new Budget Law, new Public Internal Financial Control (PIFC) Law, Tax System Reform Strategy, pending bylaws on public procurement) by the end of 2019, as well as to increase the administrative capacities of the institutions involved in the process of reforms. These pre-conditions are crucial for the smooth implementation of IPA 2018 financial assistance.
- The Government will conduct Public Investment Management Assessment (PIMA) in close cooperation with relevant IFI's at the beginning of 2020.
- The European Commission recommends the national authorities to conduct the second Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability Assessment and the date will be communicated to the Commission by the next PFM policy dialogue.
- The Government commits to maintain close co-ordination of all PFM sub-systems' strategies and policies as well as with other relevant national strategies under the leadership of the PFM Council.
- The next PFM Sector Working Group meeting will be held in October/November 2019 to consolidate the sectoral performance indicators and identify needs for future assistance.
- The next PFM Policy Dialogue meeting will be held in March 2020 to discuss the Annual monitoring report for implementation of the 2019 Action Plan and the 2020 Action Plan.

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