

Conclusions of the Second PFM Policy Dialogue held on 31st May 2018

- The Government confirmed its political commitment to the implementation of public finance management (PFM) reforms in co-ordination with the Public Administration Reform.
- The European Commission, IFIs, donors, civil society and academia welcome the adoption of the PFM Reform Programme 2018-2021 in December 2017 as well as the adoption of the 2018 PFM Action Plan in February 2018. The adoption of those documents as well as the establishment of the PFM Council, chaired by the Minister of Finance, is considered by the stakeholders as an important milestone for the engagement of the government on high political level.
- The European Commission, IFIs, donors, civil society and academia welcome the provision of necessary funds allocated in the 2018 Annual Budget in order to ensure the implementation of 2018 PFM Action Plan.
- The national authorities commit to continue their efforts to implement efficiently the 2018 PFM Action Plan (including adoption of key legal acts and strategies such as: new Public Procurement Law, new Budget Law, amendments to the Public Debt Law, new Public Internal Financial Control (PIFC) Law and PIFC Policy Paper, amendments to the Law on Financial Inspection in the Public Sector, Tax System Reform Strategy) as well as to increase the administrative capacities of all institutions involved in the process of reforms.
- The establishment of clear strategic and operational framework, integrating objectives, indicators and targets and the necessary monitoring and reporting systems, needs to be followed up by an enhanced and inclusive dialogue on the implementation of the targets.
- The national authorities commit to maintain close co-ordination of all PFM sub-systems' strategies and policies as well as with other relevant national strategies.
- The Ministry of Finance will continue to co-ordinate the open and inclusive PFM policy dialogue with all relevant stakeholders, including IFIs, donors, civil society, academia, businesses etc. The next PFM Policy Dialogue meeting will be held in December 2018.
- The Ministry of Finance will report on sources of financing in regard to the implementation of the PFM Reform Programme for 2019 at the 3rd PFM Policy Dialogue meeting planned in December 2018.
- Taking into consideration the complexity and challenges of public finance reforms, the European Commission, IFIs, donors, civil society and academia will continue to support the country in the implementation of this Reform Programme for the years 2018-2021 (financial support from IFIs and donors).

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