
Conclusions of the 5th PFM Policy Dialogue held on 7th October 2020

- The Government re-confirms its political commitment to coordinate the implementation of the public finance management (PFM) reforms with public administration reform and following 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.
- National authorities are committed to intensify the implementation of the 2020 Action Plan in order to overcome the delays caused by COVID-19 pandemic.
- The EU encourages the Government to enhance the administrative capacities of the institutions involved in the process of PFM reforms through sustainable policy for retention of staff, training and establishment of PFM School.
- The Government commits to launch public consultations and adopt the following key legal acts and strategies by the end of 2020:
 - new Budget Law,
 - new Public Internal Financial Control (PIFC) Law,
 - Tax System Reform Strategy
 - Public Debt strategy
 - By-law on defense and security
 - Action plan for implementation of PIMA recommendations.

These preconditions are crucial for the smooth implementation of IPA 2018 financial assistance.

- The Government will put best efforts in conducting the second Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability Assessment in 2021.
- The Government will start the process of updating the PFM Reform Programme for the next programming period in Q1 of 2021 and requests the donor community to provide coordinated technical support for this purpose.
- The next PFM Policy Dialogue meeting will be held in February 2021 to discuss the Annual monitoring report for implementation of the 2020 Action Plan and the 2021 Action Plan.

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