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INTRODUCTION

The project '65 promises, 15 municipalities' is a continuation of '40 promises, 10 municipalities' project, which is supported by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and is implemented by Faktoje Centre. This project aims to monitor municipalities in terms of keeping promises and transparency. During the past year, the project included the municipalities of Shkodra, Lezha, Kukës, Elbasan, Belsh, Korça, Pustec, Vlora, Fier and Patos, which were monitored by local journalists as well as by civil society activists. During this year, five more municipalities were added to the above mentioned ten municipalities, namely Durrës, Shijak, Kurbin, Kruja and Vora municipality. Some of the five newly added municipalities are of those having the highest damage level caused by the earthquake of November 2019 and their selection was purposely made to pay more attention to monitoring of their reconstruction process.

The methodology used for the implementation of this project is the same as the methodology used during the last year. Four promises made by the present Mayors have been selected for each municipality. These promises were monitored based on an analytical methodology that included budget analysis, public procurement monitoring, and onsite observations. The report also monitored the transparency program constituting a legal obligation of municipalities deriving from local government legislation, law on public consultation and law on the right to information. On the other hand, transparency and public consultation are regulated by legal and by-laws framework of Albania. As each institution, pursuant to the local legislation, must implement the transparency program, the project has monitored the extent to which this program is implemented by the municipalities involved in the project.

This updated report aims to provide data on monitoring the implementation of these provisions by fifteen municipalities of the country, resulting in a comparative analysis between them and ten municipalities that were part of the project implemented last year. Within the report you will find the methodology used, detailed findings of each municipality and several recommendations for improvement in terms of accountability and implementation of legal provisions on transparency.

OVERVIEW OF KEY FINDINGS DURING 2021

TRANSPARENCY

The report of 2021 found the Municipality of Shkodra as having the highest performance level with 93.3%, followed by Municipality of Korça and Vlora which have met the requirements of law on transparency by 86.6%, completing 13 out of 15 indicators measured. Whereas, Pustec and Fier were the municipalities with the worst performance level achieving only 6 out 15 indicators measured, leading to a result of 40%.

No.	Municipality	Transparency index
1	Shkodra Municipality	93,3%
2	Korça Municipality	86,6%
3	Vlora Municipality	86,6%
4	Patos Municipality	80%
5	Kukës Municipality	60%
6	Lezha Municipality	60%
7	Belsh Municipality	46,6%
8	Elbasan Municipality	46,6%
9	Fier Municipality	40%
10	Pustec Municipality	40%

As far as indicators are concerned, all ten monitored municipalities were found to have the Transparency Program published on their website. Also, nine out of ten monitored municipalities had defined and published data on the Coordinator on the Right to Information, although only six out of ten monitored municipalities had assigned the Public Consultation Coordinator. The performance of municipalities regarding public consultation of the Annual Budget and its publication on their websites was evaluated as good. Thus, nine out of ten monitored municipalities had conducted public consultations on budget drafting and had published their annual budget. Meanwhile, the performance of public consultations on local tax and fees was not good at all with only four out of ten monitored municipalities having conducted public consultations on this matter.

As regards the transparency of the Municipal Council, eight out of ten monitored municipalities had announced the date and time of the Municipal Council Meeting. Only two out of ten monitored municipalities had published the Minutes of the Municipal Council Meetings. On the other hand, seven out of ten monitored municipalities had published the Decisions of the Municipal Council and only five out of ten monitored municipalities had published the notification on conducting public consultations by the Municipal Council.

Transparency is very low regarding the publication of Decisions and Orders of the Mayor. Only two out of ten monitored municipalities had published the Orders or Decisions of the Mayor.

KEEPING PROMISES

As far as promises are concerned, findings of the Report are summarized in the table below. Out of four monitored promises for each municipality, it turns out that only the municipalities of Vlora,



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Pustec, Fier, Blesh, Shkodra and Lezha have kept at least one promise. Meanwhile, Municipalities of Vlora, Patos, Korça, Elbasan, Belsh, Shkodra and Lezha have partially kept only one promise. The

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municipality of Kukës has not kept any promise, even partially, while the only municipality that has kept 2 promises is the Municipality of Shkodra.

Municipality	Promise	Status
	Provision of 24-hours of water supply for Vlora	Partially fulfilled promise
/lora	Construction of Social Housing	Fulfilled promise
1018	Solving the problem of waste collection and treatment in the former Aviation Field	Unfulfilled promise
	Reconstruction of 'Petro Marko' Theatre	Unfulfilled promise
	Operational healthcare centre	Unfulfilled promise
Puster	Solving the waste treatment problem	Unfulfilled promise
dottet	Solving the problem of drinking water and sewerage	Fulfilled promise
	Actual Infrastructure Investments made	Unfulfilled promise
	Prevention of Gjanica River pollution	Unfulfilled promise
ier	Construction of a modern bus terminal	Unfulfilled promise
	Reconstruction of 'Bylis' Theatre	Fulfilled promise
Kukës Patos	Construction of Sports Palace	Unfulfilled promise
	Prevention of pollution and construction of a regional landfill for Kukës	Unfulfilled promise
ukös	Infrastructure construction in Borje	Unfulfilled promise
unes.	Reconstruction of the internal infrastructure of Neighbourhoods No. 1 and No. 2	Unfulfilled promise
	Road and sewerage infrastructure in Topojan.	Unfulfilled promise
	Construction of the Orbital Forest	Unfulfilled promise
latos	Sewerage construction in Griza, Zharrëz and Frashër	Unfulfilled promise
alus	Reconstruction of Kuqari Centre	Unfulfilled promise
	Construction of Drenie-Sigece and Ruzhdie-Gjinogare roads	Partially fulfilled promise
	Construction of the new Sports Palace and Stadium	Unfulfilled promise
lorca	Infrastructure construction in Ravonik	Partially fulfilled promise
ιοιζα	Construction of 'Rakia' museum and of the swimming pool	Unfulfilled promise
Pustec Fier Kukës Patos Korça Elbasan Belsh	Construction of ski trails in Dardha and Voskopoja	Unfulfilled promise
	Actual Investments made in Gjinar	Unfulfilled promise
Ibasan	Pollution monitoring and increase of green spaces	Partially fulfilled promise
Kukës Patos Korça Elbasan	Reconstruction of City Neighbourhoods infrastructure	Unfulfilled promise
	Increase of green spaces and parks	Unfulfilled promise
	Construction of healthcare centres in rural areas	Unfulfilled promise
alch	Reconstruction of kindergartens and schools	Unfulfilled promise
001511	Belsh water supply construction	Partially fulfilled promise
	City centre and green crown reconstruction	Fulfilled promise
	Construction of community centres	Fulfilled promise
hkodra	Territorial coverage by urban transportation	Unfulfilled promise
hinouid	Construction of bicycle lanes	Partially fulfilled promise
	Social housing for persons that have the orphan status	Fulfilled promise
	Reconstruction of two buildings damaged by the earthquake	Unfulfilled promise
ezha	Reconstruction of internal roads	Unfulfilled promise
CLIId	Cleaning of drainage channels	Partially fulfilled promise
	Provision of power supply for Torovica.	Fulfilled promise

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METHODOLOGY

The obligations of local self-government units related to the public consultation and implementation of transparency are identified through the analysis of the relevant legal framework. The organization and functioning of local self-government units is regulated by Law No. 139/2015 'On local selfgovernment', while their obligations for the process of consultation and implementation of transparency is further regulated by Law no. 119/2014 'On the right to information' and Law No. 146/2014 'On notification and public consultation'' and Law no. 68/2017 'On local self-government finance' ensures fiscal discipline, consistent and transparent policies for public funds management, and feasible provision of local revenues and expenditures.

Legal norms of transparency in local government units have been further completed by Order no.211, dated 20.09.2018, of the Commissioner for the right to information and protection of personal data defining the 'Transparency Model Program for Local Self-Government Units", further detailing the obligations of local government bodies to ensure transparency and public information. Provisions of these laws have thereby generated 15 indicators against which ten are monitored the ten municipalities of the country:

 INDICATOR 1: Assignment and publication of a person as coordinator of public notifications and consultation who shall be responsible for the coordination and general administration of work on ensuring the right to public notifications and consultation;

- **INDICATOR 2:** Consultation on the annual budget of the municipality;
- INDICATOR 3: Consultation on local taxes and fees;
- **INDICATOR 4:** Consultation on alienation of the municipal-owned properties;
- INDICATOR 5: Publishing notifications of public consultation organization on the website or bulletin board of municipality;
- INDICATOR 6: Publishing notifications on public consultation organization in the website or bulletin board of municipality;
- INDICATOR 7: Prior notification of date and time of Municipal Council Meetings in the website or bulletin board of municipality;
- INDICATOR 8: Prior notification of date and time of Municipal Council Commissions in the website or bulletin board of municipality;
- INDICATOR 9: Assigning and publication of data of the Coordinator on the Right to Information;
- **INDICATOR 10:** Publication of the Transparency Program in the website of the municipality;
- **INDICATOR 11:** Publication of the organizational chart of the municipality;
- **INDICATOR 12:** Publication of annual budget of the municipality;
- INDICATOR 13: Publication of Municipal Council decisions;
- **INDICATOR 14:** Publication of minutes and records of the Municipal Council Meetings;





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• **INDICATOR 15:** Publication of orders and decisions of the Mayor.

The data of this report on monitoring 15 indicators were collected by expert on-site journalists. Preliminary informative meetings were held by journalists and experts who worked for the identification of the indicators as well as legal expert aiming at gaining information and relevant explanations on all the indicators, on their legal basis and their monitoring method. Following this informative and explanatory process with journalists, the latter, having the necessary information on indicators, legal provisions of obligations for the performance of municipalities and sources of information for each of them, have analysed the official websites of municipalities and monitored public bulletin board of municipalities, as another alternative way uses by municipalities to communicate with citizens. Journalists have directly attended the municipal council meetings, physically and/or online, as appropriate. Among other sources used by journalists to collect data is the direct communication with the municipality by requesting the latter the required information.

In addition to monitoring of journalists, an official letter was sent to the monitored municipalities on 28 December 2021 requesting the relevant information and documentation for the above indicators concerning the consultation of the adopted acts and notification that should be conducted in the framework of the public consultation. Despite the legal obligation provided for in article 15, Law no. 119/2014 'On the right to information' which stipulates that institutions must respond within 10 working days from the date of submission of the request, none of the municipalities responded.¹ Municipalities included in the project have been ranked in terms of transparency as per each of the above-mentioned indicators and have been allocated 1 point out of a total of 15 points for those who have meet all legal requirements.

LEGAL PROVISIONS OF MONITORED INDICATORS

The monitored indicators for ten municipalities of the country are generated by relevant legal provisions regulating the local self-government units, public consultation process and transparency. Namely, it is the Law no. 139/2015 'On local self-government', Law no. 119/2014 'On the right to information' and Law No. 146/2014 'On public notification and consultation'.

Law no. 146/2014 'On notification and public consultation' shall regulate the process of public consultation ensuring transparency, inclusiveness and timely implementation of actions. The public consultation ensuring inclusiveness in decisionmaking process is conducted for draft acts such as draft laws, national and local strategic documents, as well as policies of high public interest. Legal provisions provided in this law whose implementation is monitored for the municipalities are specifically:

- Appointment and publication of a person as the coordinator of the notification and publication, who is responsible for the overall coordination and administration of the work to guarantee the right of public notice and consultation.²
- Consultation of Annual budget of the Municipality.³

¹ The letter sent is attached to this Report in Annex 1.

^{2 &}quot;Every public organ appoints a person as a coordinator of the notification and public consultation, who is responsible for the overall coordination and administration of the work to guarantee the right of public notice and consultation provided for by this law.": Article 10, Law No. 146/2014 "On notification and public consultation'.

^{3 &#}x27;This law regulates the process of notification and public consultation of the draft-laws, national and local strategic draft-documents, and policies of high interest for the public", Article 1, Law No.146/2014 'On notification and public consultation'. The obligation for this counselling and consultation derives even from the provisions of Law No. 139/2015 'On local self-government', specifically Articles 18 and 54 herein.



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- Consultation of the package of local fees and taxes.⁴
- Consultation of alienation of the municipality's properties⁵
- Publishing notifications of public consultation organization on the website or bulletin board of municipality;⁶
- Publishing notifications of public hearings on the website or bulletin board of municipality⁷
- Prior notification of date and time of Municipal⁸
- Council Meetings in the website or in the bulletin board of the municipality⁹

Law No. 119/2014 'On the right to information' regulates the right of access to information being produced or held by public sector bodies. Legal provisions provided in this law whose implementation is monitored for the municipalities are specifically:

- Assigning and publication of data of the Coordinator on the Right to Information¹⁰
- Publication of the Transparency Program in the website of the municipality¹¹
- Publication of the municipality's organisational structure¹²
- Publication of annual budget of the municipality
- Prior notification of date and time of Municipal Council Commissions in the website or bulletin board of municipality¹³
- Publication of Municipal Council decisions¹⁴
- Publication of minutes and records of the Municipal Council Meeting¹⁵
- Publication of orders and decisions of the Mayor¹⁶

- 7 Ibid
- 8 "The notification of the council meetings is published in certain places for this purpose within the territory of the local unit and in accessible media in the local unit and contains the date, place, time and agenda of the meeting' Article 17, Law No. 139/2015 'On local self-governance'. In addition to the provision in this law, the last two indicators have been analysed from the perspective of the organization of public consultation, where municipality conduct consultations with citizens through meetings of the municipal council and commissions.
- 9 Article 54 of Law No. 139/2015 'On local self-governance' provides that the Municipal Council elects, from its composition, the commissions of the council and approves the internal regulation of its functioning. The commission, as one of the structures of the municipal council. has the same obligations towards the citizens of the unit, moreover that the municipal council has the duty to consult with the community for the establishment of these commissions according to the provisions of articles 18 and 54/a of Law No. 139/2015 'On local self-governance'.

16 Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid

^{6 &#}x27;Notification of draft acts that will be subject to the public consultation procedure is done through the electronic register. In cases where the public body deems it necessary, notification may also be made in one or more of the following forms: a) electronic post; b) Public notification, which shall be posted in the initiation public organ premises; c) with a notification in the national, regional or local audio-visual media, c) With the publication in local newspapers or in the two most widely read newspapers nationwide. 2. Obtaining comments and recommendations in the public consultation process is carried out in one of the abovementioned forms, as well as in certain cases verbally and / or in writing and recorded in the minutes of the public meetings.' Article 1, Law No. 146/2014 'On notification and public consultation'.

^{10 &#}x27;For the implementation of this law, in order to coordinate the work to guarantee the right to information, the public authority shall appoint one of the officials as coordinator for the right to information', Article 10, law No. 119/2014 'On the right to information'.

^{11 &#}x27;The public sector bodies shall, in compliance with the transparency programs approved for them, prepare in advance and in easily comprehensible and accessible formats on their internet website and make available to the public the following information categories: a description of the organisational structure, functions and tasks of the public sector body; complete texts of: by-law acts; e) data on the budget', Article 7, Law No. 119/2014 'On the right to information'.

¹² Ibid

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ Ibid. Implementation of the provisions of Law No. 119/2014 'On the right to information' refers to the obligation to publish acts of the municipal council directly by Law No. 139/2015 'On local self-government' in Article 18. This article also provides that the acts of the municipal council shall be published on the official website and posted in public places.

¹⁵ Ibid.



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FINDINGS OF EACH MUNICIPALITY

BELSH MUNICIPALITY

All the indicators were monitored for Belsh Municipality using the above-described methodology, and below are the findings for each indicator.

No.	Indicator	Comments	Status
1	Publication of the Transparency Program in the website of the Municipality.	Belsh Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Transparency Program in its official website.	\checkmark
2	Assigning and publication of Notification and public Consultation Coordinator data	Belsh Municipality has accomplished the obligation on assigning and publication of a person as the Coordinator of Notification and Public Consultation.	
3	Assigning and publication of data of the Coordinator on the Right to Information	Belsh Municipality has accomplished the obligation on assigning and data publication of the Coordinator on the Right to Information. These data are published in the official website of the Municipality.	✓✓
4	Publication of organisational structure of the Municipality	Belsh Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish its organisational structure in its official website.	
5	Publication of annual budget of the Municipality	Belsh Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the annual budget for 2020 in its official website. The annual budgets of 2019-2020 are published on the official website of the Municipality.	~
6	Publishing notifications of public consultation organization on the website or in the bulletin board	Belsh Municipality has posted in its bulletin board in its official website notifications regarding organisation of public hearings from the Municipal Council.	(\mathbf{X})
7	Public consultation on the annual budget of the municipality	Belsh Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its annual budget for 2021.	\checkmark
8	Public consultation on local taxes and fees	Belsh Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its local taxes and fees package.	
9	Public consultation of decisions on alienation of the municipality's properties	From website and bulletin board observation, no activity is found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation. Eventually, the Municipality might not have made any property alienation. In its response to the request for information on this matter, the municipality answered that there was no alienation of properties, thus we are considering this indicator as accomplished	
10	Publication of Orders and Decisions of the Mayor	Belsh Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish Orders and Decisions of the Mayor in its official website	\mathbf{X}
11	Notification of date and time of Municipal Council Meetings in the website or bulletin board of municipality	Belsh Municipality has published preliminary notifications regarding the meetings of the Municipal Council in its bulletin board. Such notifications can be found in its official website.	~
12	Notification of meetings date and time of the Municipal Council Commissions in the website or in bulletin board of municipality	Belsh Municipality has published preliminary notifications regarding the meetings of the Municipal Council Commissions in its bulletin board. Such notifications cannot be found in its official website.	~



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16	Accomplishment rate		80%
15	Publishing notifications on public hearings organized by the Municipal Council in the website or bulletin board of municipality;	In the official website of Belsh Municipality, there is a notification published on the organization of a public hearing dated December 2017. There are no other notifications of public hearings announced to be held later on.	(\mathbf{X})
14	Publication of Municipal Council Decisions	Belsh Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Municipal Council Decisions in its official website. However, the latest published decisions are those approved in May 2020 thus not being updated with decisions adopted later on.	
13	Publication of minutes and records of the Municipal Council Meetings	Belsh Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish minutes of the Municipal Council meetings.	(\mathbf{X})

ELBASAN MUNICIPALITY

All the indicators were monitored for Elbasan Municipality using the above-described methodology, and below are the findings for each indicator.

No.	Indicator	Comments	Status
1	Publication of the Transparency Program in the website of the Municipality	Elbasan Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Transparency Program in its official website.	
2	Assigning and publication of Notification and public Consultation Coordinator data	Elbasan Municipality has partially accomplished the obligation of performing public consultation process as in its official website has added the email address and data of the coordinator, even though being mistakenly called the Coordinator on the Right to Information.	
3	Assigning and publication of data of the Coordinator on the Right to Information	Elbasan Municipality has accomplished the obligation on assigning and data publication of the Coordinator on the Right to Information. These data are published in the official website of the Municipality.	
4	Publication of organisational structure of the Municipality	Elbasan Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish its organisational structure in its official website.	
5	Publication of annual budget of the Municipality	Elbasan Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the annual budget over years in its official website.	
6	Publishing notifications of public consultation organization on the website or in the bulletin board	Elbasan Municipality has published notification on the organization of public consultation sessions both for such consultations organized in the physical presence of citizens and for provision of opinions shared electronically. The lasted notification for the organization of such sessions dated on November 2021 concerning the consultation on the annual budget 2022 and for the fiscal package 2022.	
7	Public consultation on the annual budget of the municipality	Elbasan Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its annual budget for 2022. Form the observation done at its website and bulletin board, it turned out that the municipality has published notifications on the organization of public process on its annual budget 2022.	



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15	Publishing notifications on public hearings organized by the Municipal Council in the website or bulletin board of municipality;	Elbasan Municipality has posted in its bulletin board and in its official website notifications regarding organisation of public hearings from the Municipal Council.	(\mathbf{X})
14	Publication of Municipal Council Decisions	Elbasan Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Municipal Council Decisions in its official website.	\checkmark
13	Publication of minutes and records of the Municipal Council Meetings	Elbasan Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish minutes of the Municipal Council meetings.	\mathbf{X}
12	Notification of meetings date and time of the Municipal Council Commissions in the website or in bulletin board of municipality	Elbasan Municipality has not posted, neither in its bulletin board, nor in its official website preliminary notifications regarding the organization of Municipal Council meetings.	(\mathbf{X})
11	Notification of date and time of Municipal Council Meetings in the website or bulletin board of municipality	Elbasan Municipality has published preliminary notifications regarding the meetings of the Municipal Council in its bulletin board. Such notifications can be found in its official website.	
10	Publication of Orders and Decisions of the Mayor	Elbasan Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish Orders and Decisions of the Mayor in its official website	\mathbf{X}
9	Public consultation of decisions on alienation of the municipality's properties	From website and bulletin board observation, no activity is found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation. Eventually, the Municipality might not have made any property alienation. The municipality didn't answer the request for information on this matter, thus we are considering this indicator as not accomplished.	\bigotimes
8	Public consultation on local taxes and fees	Elbasan Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its local taxes and fees package. From the observation done at its website and bulletin board, activities were found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation.	



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FIER MUNICIPALITY

All the indicators were monitored for Fier Municipality using the above-described methodology, and below are the findings for each indicator.

No.	Indicator	Comments	Status
1	Publication of the Transparency Program in the website of the Municipality.	Fier Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Transparency Program in its official website.	
2	Assigning and publication of Notification and public Consultation Coordinator data	Fier Municipality has accomplished the obligation to perform the public consultation process as in its official website has added the email address and data of the coordinator.	
3	Assigning and publication of data of the Coordinator on the Right to Information	Fier Municipality has accomplished the obligation on assigning and data publication of the Coordinator on the Right to Information.	
4	Publication of organisational structure of the Municipality	Fier Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish its organisational structure in its official website.	
5	Publication of annual budget of the Municipality	Fier Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish the annual budget over years in its official website.	✓✓✓
6	Publishing notifications of public consultation organization on the website or in the bulletin board	Fier Municipality has published notification on the organization of public consultation sessions, as it's the case of consultations on the budget and fiscal package 2022.	
7	Public consultation on the annual budget of the municipality.	Fier Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its annual budget for 2022. From the observation done at its website and bulletin board, it turned out that the municipality has published notifications on the organization of public process on its annual budget 2022.	
8	Public consultation on local taxes and fees.	Fier Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its local taxes and fees package. From the observation done at its website and bulletin board, activities were found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation.	
9	Public consultation of decisions on alienation of the municipality's properties	From website and bulletin board observation, no activity is found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation. Eventually, the Municipality might not have made any property alienation. In its response to the request for information on this matter, the municipality answered by emphasising that during 2021 there was no alienation of properties, thus we are considering this indicator as accomplished	
10	Publication of Orders and Decisions of the Mayor	Fier Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish Orders and Decisions of the Mayor in its official website	\mathbf{X}
11	Notification of date and time of Municipal Council Meetings in the website or bulletin board of municipality	Fier Municipality has published preliminary notifications regarding the meetings of the Municipal Council in its official website.	
12	Notification of meetings date and time of the Municipal Council Commissions in the website or in bulletin board of municipality	Fier Municipality has not posted, neither in its bulletin board, nor in its official website preliminary notifications regarding the organization of Municipal Council meetings.	(\mathbf{X})



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13	Publication of minutes and records of the Municipal Council Meetings	Fier Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish minutes of the Municipal Council meetings.	\mathbf{X}
14	Publication of Municipal Council Decisions	Fier Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish the Municipal Council Decisions in its official website. Despite the section being appeared in the official website, such decision cannot be accessed.	\mathbf{X}
15	Publishing notifications on public hearings organized by the Municipal Council in the website or bulletin board of municipality;	Fier Municipality has not posted in its bulletin board and in its official website notifications regarding organisation of public hearings from the Municipal Council.	×
16	Accomplishment rate		60%

KORÇA MUNICIPALITY

All the indicators were monitored for Korça Municipality using the above-described methodology, and below are the findings for each indicator.

No.	Indicator	Comments	Status
1	Publication of the Transparency Program in the website of the Municipality	Korça Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Transparency Program in its official website.	
2	Assigning and publication of Notification and public Consultation Coordinator data	Korça Municipality has accomplished the obligation to perform the public consultation process as in its official website has added the email address and data of the coordinator.	
3	Assigning and publication of data of the Coordinator on the Right to Information	Korça Municipality has accomplished the obligation on assigning and data publication of the Coordinator on the Right to Information.	
4	Publication of organisational structure of the Municipality	Korça Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish its organisational structure in its official website.	
5	Publication of annual budget of the Municipality	Korça Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish the annual budget over years in its official website.	
6	Publishing notifications of public consultation organization on the website or in the bulletin board	Korça Municipality has published notification on the organization of public consultation sessions, as it's the case of consultations on the budget and fiscal package 2022.	
7	Public consultation on the annual budget of the municipality	Korça Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its annual budget for 2022. Form the observation done at its website and bulletin board, it turned out that the municipality has published notifications on the organization of public process on its annual budget 2022.	
8	Public consultation on local taxes and fees	Korça Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its local taxes and fees package. From the observation done at its website and bulletin board, activities were found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation.	



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9	Public consultation of decisions on alienation of the municipality's properties	From website and bulletin board observation, no activity is found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation. Eventually, the Municipality might not have made any property alienation. In its response to the request for information on this matter, the municipality answered by confirming any alienation of properties, thus we are considering this indicator as accomplished	~
10	Publication of Orders and Decisions of the Mayor	Korça Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish Orders and Decisions of the Mayor in its official website	\checkmark
11	Notification of date and time of Municipal Council Meetings in the website or bulletin board of municipality	Korça Municipality has published preliminary notifications regarding the meetings of the Municipal Council in its official website.	
12	Notification of meetings date and time of the Municipal Council Commissions in the website or in bulletin board of municipality	Korça Municipality has posted in its bulletin board and in its official website preliminary notifications regarding the organization of Municipal Council meetings.	
13	Publication of minutes and records of the Municipal Council Meetings	Korça Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish minutes of the Municipal Council meetings.	\mathbf{X}
14	Publication of Municipal Council Decisions	Korça Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Municipal Council Decisions in its official website.	
15	Publishing notifications on public hearings organized by the Municipal Council in the website or bulletin board of municipality;	Korça Municipality has posted in its bulletin board and in its official website notifications regarding organisation of public hearings from the Municipal Council.	
16	Accomplishment rate		93.3%



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KUKËS MUNICIPALITY

All the indicators were monitored for Kukës Municipality using the above-described methodology, and below are the findings for each indicator.

No.	Indicator	Comments	Status
1	Publication of the Transparency Program in the website of the Municipality	Kukës Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Transparency Program in its official website.	\checkmark
2	Assigning and publication of Notification and public Consultation Coordinator data	Kukës Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to perform the public consultation process as in its official website has added the email address and data of the coordinator.	(\mathbf{X})
3	Assigning and publication of data of the Coordinator on the Right to Information	Kukës Municipality has accomplished the obligation on assigning and data publication of the Coordinator on the Right to Information.	
4	Publication of organisational structure of the Municipality	Kukës Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish its organisational structure in its official website.	
5	Publication of annual budget of the Municipality.	Kukës Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the annual budget over years in its official website.	\checkmark
6	Publishing notifications of public consultation organization on the website or in the bulletin board.	Kukës Municipality has published notification on the organization of public consultation sessions, as it's the case of consultations on the budget and fiscal package 2022.	\checkmark
7	Public consultation on the annual budget of the municipality.	Kukës Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its annual budget for 2022. Form the observation done at its website and bulletin board, it turned out that the municipality has published notifications on the organization of public process on its annual budget 2022.	\checkmark
8	Public consultation on local taxes and fees	Kukës Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its local taxes and fees package. From the observation done at its website and bulletin board, activities were found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation.	
9	Public consultation of decisions on alienation of the municipality's properties	From website and bulletin board observation, no activity is found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation. Eventually, the Municipality might not have made any property alienation. In its response to the request for information on this matter, the municipality answered by confirming any alienation of properties, thus we are considering this indicator as accomplished	\checkmark
10	Publication of Orders and Decisions of the Mayor	Kukës Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish Orders and Decisions of the Mayor in its official website	\mathbf{X}
11	Notification of date and time of Municipal Council Meetings in the website or bulletin board of municipality	Kukës Municipality has published preliminary notifications regarding the meetings of the Municipal Council in its bulletin board.	
12	Notification of meetings date and time of the Municipal Council Commissions in the website or in bulletin board of municipality	Kukës Municipality has posted in its bulletin board and in its official website preliminary notifications regarding the organization of Municipal Council meetings.	



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16	Accomplishment rate		86.6%
15	Publishing notifications on public hearings organized by the Municipal Council in the website or bulletin board of municipality;	Kukës Municipality has not posted in its bulletin board and in its official website notifications regarding organisation of public hearings from the Municipal Council.	\mathbf{X}
14	Publication of Municipal Council Decisions	Kukës Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Municipal Council Decisions in its official website.	
13	Publication of minutes and records of the Municipal Council Meetings	Kukës Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish minutes of the Municipal Council meetings.	

LEZHA MUNICIPALITY

All the indicators were monitored for Lezha Municipality using the above-described methodology, and below are the findings for each indicator.

No.	Indicator	Comments	Status
1	Publication of the Transparency Program in the website of the Municipality	Lezha Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Transparency Program in its official website.	
2	Assigning and publication of Notification and public Consultation Coordinator data	Lezha Municipality has accomplished the obligation to perform the public consultation process as in its official website has added the email address and data of the coordinator.	
3	Assigning and publication of data of the Coordinator on the Right to Information	Lezha Municipality has accomplished the obligation on assigning and data publication of the Coordinator on the Right to Information.	
4	Publication of organisational structure of the Municipality	Lezha Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish its organisational structure in its official website.	
5	Publication of annual budget of the Municipality	Lezha Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the annual budget over years in its official website.	
6	Publishing notifications of public consultation organization on the website or in the bulletin board	Lezha Municipality has not published notification on the organization of public consultation sessions, as it's the case of consultations on the budget and fiscal package 2022.	(\mathbf{X})
7	Public consultation on the annual budget of the municipality	Lezha Municipality has not been consulted with citizens on its annual budget for 2022. From the observation done at its website and bulletin board, it turned out that the municipality has not published notifications on the organization of public process on its annual budget 2022.	×



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16	Accomplishment rate		53.3%
15	Publishing notifications on public hearings organized by the Municipal Council in the website or bulletin board of municipality;	Lezha Municipality has not posted in its bulletin board and in its official website notifications regarding organisation of public hearings from the Municipal Council.	\mathbf{X}
14	Publication of Municipal Council Decisions	Lezha Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Municipal Council Decisions in its official website.	\checkmark
13	Publication of minutes and records of the Municipal Council Meetings	Lezha Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish minutes of the Municipal Council meetings.	\mathbf{X}
12	Notification of meetings date and time of the Municipal Council Commissions in the website or in bulletin board of municipality	Lezha Municipality has not posted, neither in its bulletin board, nor in its official website preliminary notifications regarding the organization of Municipal Council meetings.	\bigotimes
11	Notification of date and time of Municipal Council Meetings in the website or bulletin board of municipality	Lezha Municipality has published preliminary notifications regarding the meetings of the Municipal Council in its bulletin board.	
10	Publication of Orders and Decisions of the Mayor	Lezha Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish Orders and Decisions of the Mayor in its official website	\mathbf{X}
9	Public consultation of decisions on alienation of the municipality's properties	From website and bulletin board observation, no activity is found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation. Eventually, the Municipality might not have made any property alienation. In its response to the request for information on this matter, the municipality answered by confirming lack of property alienation, thus we are considering this indicator as accomplished.	~
8	Public consultation on local taxes and fees	Lezha Municipality has not been consulted with citizens on its local taxes and fees package. From the observation done at its website and bulletin board, activities were found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation.	(\mathbf{X})



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PUSTEC MUNICIPALITY

All the indicators were monitored for Pustec Municipality using the above-described methodology, and below are the findings for each indicator.

No.	Indicator	Comments	Status
1	Publication of the Transparency Program in the website of the Municipality	Pustec Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Transparency Program in its official website.	
2	Assigning and publication of Notification and public Consultation Coordinator data	Pustec Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to perform the public consultation process as in its official website has added the email address and data of the coordinator.	\mathbf{X}
3	Assigning and publication of data of the Coordinator on the Right to Information	Pustec Municipality has accomplished the obligation on assigning and data publication of the Coordinator on the Right to Information.	
4	Publication of organisational structure of the Municipality	Pustec Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish its organisational structure although only in its bulletin board, and not in its official website.	
5	Publication of annual budget of the Municipality	Pustec Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish the annual budget over years in its official website.	\mathbf{X}
6	Publishing notifications of public consultation organization on the website or in the bulletin board	Pustec Municipality has not published notification on the organization of public consultation sessions neither in its bulletin board, nor in its website.	\mathbf{X}
7	Public consultation on the annual budget of the municipality	Pustec Municipality has not been consulted with citizens on its annual budget for 2022.	\mathbf{X}
8	Public consultation on local taxes and fees	Pustec Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its local taxes and fees package.	
9	Public consultation of decisions on alienation of the municipality's properties	From website and bulletin board observation, no activity is found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation. Eventually, the Municipality might not have made any property alienation. In its response to the request for information on this matter, the municipality answered by confirming non-alienation of properties, thus we are considering this indicator as not accomplished.	~
10	Publication of Orders and Decisions of the Mayor	Pustec Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish Orders and Decisions of the Mayor in its official website	\mathbf{X}
11	Notification of date and time of Municipal Council Meetings in the website or bulletin board of municipality	Pustec Municipality has published preliminary notifications regarding the meetings of the Municipal Council in its bulletin board.	
12	Notification of meetings date and time of the Municipal Council Commissions in the website or in bulletin board of municipality	Pustec Municipality has posted in its bulletin board and in its official website preliminary notifications regarding the organization of Municipal Council meetings.	
13	Publication of minutes and records of the Municipal Council Meetings	Pustec Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish minutes of the Municipal Council meetings.	\mathbf{X}



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14	Publication of Municipal Council Decisions	Pustec Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Municipal Council Decisions in its official website.	
15	Publishing notifications on public hearings organized by the Municipal Council in the website or bulletin board of municipality;	Pustec Municipality has not posted in its bulletin board and in its official website notifications regarding organisation of public hearings from the Municipal Council.	(\mathbf{X})
16	Accomplishment rate		53.3%

PATOS MUNICIPALITY

All the indicators were monitored for Patos Municipality using the above-described methodology, and below are the findings for each indicator.

No.	Indicator	Comments	Status
1	Publication of the Transparency Program in the website of the Municipality	Patos Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Transparency Program in its official website.	
2	Assigning and publication of Notification and public Consultation Coordinator data	Patos Municipality has accomplished the obligation of performing public consultation process as in its official website has not added the email address and data of the coordinator.	
3	Assigning and publication of data of the Coordinator on the Right to Information	Patos Municipality has accomplished the obligation on assigning and data publication of the Coordinator on the Right to Information.	
4	Publication of organisational structure of the Municipality	Patos Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish its organisational structure in its official website.	\checkmark
5	Publication of annual budget of the Municipality	Patos Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish the annual budget over years in its official website.	
6	Publishing notifications of public consultation organization on the website or in the bulletin board	Patos Municipality has published notification on the organization of public consultation sessions, as it's the case of consultations on the budget and fiscal package 2022.	\checkmark
7	Public consultation on the annual budget of the municipality	Patos Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its annual budget for 2022. Form the observation done at its website and bulletin board, it turned out that the municipality has published notifications on the organization of public process on its annual budget 2022.	
8	Public consultation on local taxes and fees	Patos Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its local taxes and fees package. From the observation done at its website and bulletin board, activities were found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation.	
9	Public consultation of decisions on alienation of the municipality's properties	From website and bulletin board observation, no activity is found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation. Eventually, the Municipality might not have made any property alienation. In its response to the request for information on this matter, the municipality answered that there was no alienation of properties, thus we are considering this indicator as accomplished.	~

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16	Accomplishment rate		80%
15	Publishing notifications on public hearings organized by the Municipal Council in the website or bulletin board of municipality;	Patos Municipality has posted in its bulletin board and in its official website notifications regarding organisation of public hearings from the Municipal Council.	
14	Publication of Municipal Council Decisions	Patos Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Municipal Council Decisions in its official website.	
13	Publication of minutes and records of the Municipal Council Meetings	Patos Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish minutes of the Municipal Council meetings.	\mathbf{X}
12	Notification of meetings date and time of the Municipal Council Commissions in the website or in bulletin board of municipality	Patos Municipality has not posted, neither in its bulletin board, nor in its official website preliminary notifications regarding the organization of Municipal Council meetings.	(\mathbf{X})
11	Notification of date and time of Municipal Council Meetings in the website or bulletin board of municipality	Patos Municipality has published preliminary notifications regarding the meetings of the Municipal Council in its official website.	
10	Publication of Orders and Decisions of the Mayor	Patos Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish Orders and Decisions of the Mayor in its official website	(\mathbf{X})

SHKODRA MUNICIPALITY

All the indicators were monitored for Shkodra Municipality using the above-described methodology, and below are the findings for each indicator.

No.	Indicator	Comments	Status
1	Publication of the Transparency Program in the website of the Municipality	Shkodra Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Transparency Program in its official website.	
2	Assigning and publication of Notification and public Consultation Coordinator data	Shkodra Municipality has accomplished the obligation to perform the public consultation process as in its official website has added the email address and data of the coordinator.	
3	Assigning and publication of data of the Coordinator on the Right to Information	Shkodra Municipality has accomplished the obligation on assigning and data publication of the Coordinator on the Right to Information.	
4	Publication of organisational structure of the Municipality	Shkodra Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish its organisational structure although only in its bulletin board, and not in its official website.	
5	Publication of annual budget of the Municipality	Shkodra Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the annual budget over years in its official website.	



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16	Accomplishment rate		100%
15	Publishing notifications on public hearings organized by the Municipal Council in the website or bulletin board of municipality;	Shkodra Municipality has posted in its bulletin board and in its official website notifications regarding organisation of public hearings from the Municipal Council.	\checkmark
14	Publication of Municipal Council Decisions	Shkodra Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Municipal Council Decisions in its official website.	
13	Publication of minutes and records of the Municipal Council Meetings	Shkodra Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish minutes of the Municipal Council meetings.	
12	Notification of meetings date and time of the Municipal Council Commissions in the website or in bulletin board of municipality	Shkodra Municipality has posted in its bulletin board and in its official website preliminary notifications regarding the organization of Municipal Council meetings.	
11	Notification of date and time of Municipal Council Meetings in the website or bulletin board of municipality	Shkodra Municipality has published preliminary notifications regarding the meetings of the Municipal Council in its bulletin board.	\checkmark
10	Publication of Orders and Decisions of the Mayor	Shkodra Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish Orders and Decisions of the Mayor in its official website	
9	Public consultation of decisions on alienation of the municipality's properties	Shkodra Municipality has accomplished this legal requirement.	•
8	Public consultation on local taxes and fees.	Shkodra Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its local taxes and fees package.	
7	Public consultation on the annual budget of the municipality	Shkodra Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its annual budget for 2022.	
6	Publishing notifications of public consultation organization on the website or in the bulletin board	Shkodra Municipality has published notifications on the organization of public consultation sessions neither in its bulletin board, nor in its website.	



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VLORA MUNICIPALITY

All the indicators were monitored for Vlora Municipality using the above-described methodology, and below are the findings for each indicator.

No.	Indicator	Comments	Status
1	Publication of the Transparency Program in the website of the Municipality	Vlora Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Transparency Program in its official website.	
2	Assigning and publication of Notification and public Consultation Coordinator data	Vlora Municipality has accomplished the obligation to perform the public consultation process as in its official website has added the email address and data of the coordinator.	
3	Assigning and publication of data of the Coordinator on the Right to Information	Vlora Municipality has accomplished the obligation on assigning and data publication of the Coordinator on the Right to Information.	
4	Publication of organisational structure of the Municipality	Vlora Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish its organisational structure although only in its bulletin board, and not in its official website.	
5	Publication of annual budget of the Municipality	Vlora Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the annual budget over years in its official website.	
6	Publishing notifications of public consultation organization on the website or in the bulletin board	Vlora Municipality has published notifications on the organization of public consultation sessions neither in its bulletin board, nor in its website.	
7	Public consultation on the annual budget of the municipality	Vlora Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its annual budget for 2022.	\checkmark
8	Public consultation on local taxes and fees	Vlora Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its local taxes and fees package.	\checkmark
9	Public consultation of decisions on alienation of the municipality's properties	From website and bulletin board observation, no activity is found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation. Eventually, the Municipality might not have made any property alienation. In its response to the request for information on this matter, the municipality answered by confirming lack of property alienation, thus we are considering this indicator as accomplished.	V
10	Publication of Orders and Decisions of the Mayor	Vlora Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish Orders and Decisions of the Mayor in its official website	\mathbf{X}
11	Notification of date and time of Municipal Council Meetings in the website or bulletin board of municipality	Vlora Municipality has published preliminary notifications regarding the meetings of the Municipal Council in its bulletin board.	
12	Notification of meetings date and time of the Municipal Council Commissions in the website or in bulletin board of municipality	Vlora Municipality has posted in its bulletin board and in its official website preliminary notifications regarding the organization of Municipal Council meetings.	
13	Publication of minutes and records of the Municipal Council Meetings	Vlora Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish minutes of the Municipal Council meetings.	\mathbf{X}



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14	Publication of Municipal Council Decisions	Vlora Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Municipal Council Decisions in its official website.	
15	Publishing notifications on public hearings organized by the Municipal Council in the website or bulletin board of municipality;	Vlora Municipality has posted in its bulletin board and in its official website notifications regarding organisation of public hearings from the Municipal Council.	
16	Accomplishment rate		86.6%

KURBIN MUNICIPALITY

All the indicators were monitored for Kurbin Municipality using the above-described methodology, and below are the findings for each indicator.

No.	Indicator	Comments	Status	
1	Publication of the Transparency Program in the website of the Municipality	Kurbin Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish the Transparency Program in its official website.	\mathbf{X}	
2	Assigning and publication of Notification and public Consultation Coordinator data	Kurbin Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to perform the public consultation process as in its official website has not added the email address and data of the coordinator.	\mathbf{X}	
3	Assigning and publication of data of the Coordinator on the Right to Information	Kurbin has not accomplished the obligation on assigning and data publication of the Coordinator on the Right to Information.	\mathbf{X}	
4	Publication of organisational structure of the Municipality	Kurbin Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish its organisational structure in its official website.	\mathbf{X}	
5	Publication of annual budget of the Municipality	Kurbin Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish the annual budget over years in its official website.	\mathbf{X}	
6	Publishing notifications of public consultation organization on the website or in the bulletin board	Kurbin Municipality has not published notification on the organization of public consultation sessions, as it's the case of consultations on the budget and fiscal package 2022.	\mathbf{X}	
7	Public consultation on the annual budget of the municipality	Kurbin Municipality has not been consulted with citizens on its annual budget for 2022. From the observation done at its website and bulletin board, it turned out that the municipality has published notifications on the organization of public process on its annual budget 2022.	×	
8	Public consultation on local taxes and fees	Kurbin Municipality has not been consulted with citizens on its local taxes and fees package. From the observation done at its website and bulletin board, activities were found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation.	×	
9	Public consultation of decisions on alienation of the municipality's properties	From website and bulletin board observation, no activity is found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation. Eventually, the Municipality might not have made any property alienation. In its response to the request for information on this matter, the municipality answered by confirming lack of property alienation, thus we are considering this indicator as accomplished.		

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16	Accomplishment rate		13.3%
15	Publishing notifications on public hearings organized by the Municipal Council in the website or bulletin board of municipality;	Kurbin Municipality has not posted in its bulletin board and in its official website notifications regarding organisation of public hearings from the Municipal Council.	\mathbf{X}
14	Publication of Municipal Council Decisions	Kurbin Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish the Municipal Council Decisions in its official website.	\mathbf{X}
13	Publication of minutes and records of the Municipal Council Meetings	Kurbin Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish minutes of the Municipal Council meetings.	\mathbf{X}
12	Notification of meetings date and time of the Municipal Council Commissions in the website or in bulletin board of municipality	Kurbin Municipality has not posted, neither in its bulletin board, nor in its official website preliminary notifications regarding the organization of Municipal Council meetings.	\bigotimes
11	Notification of date and time of Municipal Council Meetings in the website or bulletin board of municipality	Kurbin has published preliminary notifications regarding the meetings of the Municipal Council in its bulletin board.	
10	Publication of Orders and Decisions of the Mayor	Kurbin Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish Orders and Decisions of the Mayor in its official website	\mathbf{X}

KRUJA MUNICIPALITY

All the indicators were monitored for Kruja Municipality using the above-described methodology, and below are the findings for each indicator.

No.	Indicator	Comments	Status
1	Publication of the Transparency Program in the website of the Municipality	Kruja Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Transparency Program in its official website.	\checkmark
2	Assigning and publication of Notification and public Consultation Coordinator data	Kruja Municipality has accomplished the obligation to perform the public consultation process as in its official website has added the email address and data of the coordinator.	
3	Assigning and publication of data of the Coordinator on the Right to Information	Kruja Municipality has accomplished the obligation on assigning and data publication of the Coordinator on the Right to Information.	\checkmark
4	Publication of organisational structure of the Municipality	Kruja Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish its organisational structure although only in its bulletin board, and not in its official website.	\checkmark
5	Publication of annual budget of the Municipality	Kruja Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the annual budget over years in its official website.	\checkmark
6	Publishing notifications of public consultation organization on the website or in the bulletin board	Kruja Municipality has published notifications on the organization of public consultation sessions neither in its bulletin board, nor in its website.	



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16	Accomplishment rate		66.6%	
15	Publishing notifications on public hearings organized by the Municipal Council in the website or bulletin board of municipality;	Kruja Municipality has not posted neither in its bulletin board, nor in its official website, notifications regarding organisation of public hearings from the Municipal Council.	\mathbf{X}	
14	Publication of Municipal Council Decisions	Kruja Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Municipal Council Decisions in its official website.		
13	Publication of minutes and records of the Municipal Council Meetings	Kruja Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish minutes of the Municipal Council meetings.	\mathbf{X}	
12	Notification of meetings date and time of the Municipal Council Commissions in the website or in bulletin board of municipality	Kruja Municipality has not posted neither in its bulletin board, nor in its official website, preliminary notifications regarding the organization of Municipal Council meetings.	\bigotimes	
11	Notification of date and time of Municipal Council Meetings in the website or bulletin board of municipality	Kruja Municipality has published preliminary notifications regarding the meetings of the Municipal Council in its official website.		
10	Publication of Orders and Decisions of the Mayor	Kruja Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish Orders and Decisions of the Mayor in its official website	\mathbf{X}	
9	Public consultation of decisions on alienation of the municipality's properties	From website and bulletin board observation, no activity is found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation. Eventually, the Municipality might not have made any property alienation. The municipality didn't answer the request for information on this matter, thus we are considering this indicator as not accomplished.	\mathbf{X}	
8	Public consultation on local taxes and fees	Kruja Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its local taxes and fees package.		
7	Public consultation on the annual budget of the municipality	Kruja Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its annual budget for 2022.		



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VORA MUNICIPALITY

All the indicators were monitored for Vora Municipality using the above-described methodology, and below are the findings for each indicator.

No.	Indicator	Comments	Status
1	Publication of the Transparency Program in the website of the Municipality	Vora Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Transparency Program in its official website.	
2	Assigning and publication of Notification and public Consultation Coordinator data	Vora Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to perform the public consultation process as in its official website has added the email address and data of the coordinator.	(\mathbf{X})
3	Assigning and publication of data of the Coordinator on the Right to Information	Vora Municipality has accomplished the obligation on assigning and data publication of the Coordinator on the Right to Information.	
4	Publication of organisational structure of the Municipality	Vora Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish its organisational structure although only in its bulletin board, and not in its official website.	
5	Publication of annual budget of the Municipality	Vora Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the annual budget over years in its official website.	\checkmark
6	Publishing notifications of public consultation organization on the website or in the bulletin board	Vora Municipality has published notifications on the organization of public consultation sessions neither in its bulletin board, nor in its website.	
7	Public consultation on the annual budget of the municipality	Vora Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its annual budget for 2022.	
8	Public consultation on local taxes and fees	Vora Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its local taxes and fees package.	\checkmark
9	Public consultation of decisions on alienation of the municipality's properties	From website and bulletin board observation, no activity is found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation. Eventually, the Municipality might not have made any property alienation. In its response to the request for information on this matter, the municipality answered that there was no alienation of properties, thus we are considering this indicator as accomplished.	V
10	Publication of Orders and Decisions of the Mayor	Vora Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish Orders and Decisions of the Mayor in its official website	\mathbf{X}
11	Notification of date and time of Municipal Council Meetings in the website or bulletin board of municipality	Vora Municipality has not published preliminary notifications regarding the meetings of the Municipal Council neither in its official website, nor in its bulletin board.	×
12	Notification of meetings date and time of the Municipal Council Commissions in the website or in bulletin board of municipality	Vora Municipality has not posted neither in its bulletin board, nor in its official website, preliminary notifications regarding the organization of Municipal Council meetings.	×
13	Publication of minutes and records of the Municipal Council Meetings	Vora Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish minutes of the Municipal Council meetings.	\mathbf{X}



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14	Publication of Municipal Council Decisions	Vora Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Municipal Council Decisions in its official website.	
15	Publishing notifications on public hearings organized by the Municipal Council in the website or bulletin board of municipality;	Vora Municipality has not posted neither in its bulletin board, nor in its official website, notifications regarding organisation of public hearings from the Municipal Council.	(\mathbf{X})
16	Accomplishment rate		60%

DURRËS MUNICIPALITY

All the indicators were monitored for Durrës Municipality using the above-described methodology, and below are the findings for each indicator.

No.	Indicator	Comments	Status
1	Publication of the Transparency Program in the website of the Municipality	Durrës Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Transparency Program in its official website.	\checkmark
2	Assigning and publication of Notification and public Consultation Coordinator data	Durrës Municipality has not accomplished the obligation of performing the public consultation process as in its official website has added the email address and data of the coordinator.	(\mathbf{X})
3	Assigning and publication of data of the Coordinator on the Right to Information	Durrës Municipality has accomplished the obligation on assigning and data publication of the Coordinator on the Right to Information.	
4	Publication of organisational structure of the Municipality	Durrës Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish its organisational structure although only in its bulletin board, and not in its official website.	
5	Publication of annual budget of the Municipality	Durrës Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the annual budget over years in its official website.	\checkmark
6	Publishing notifications of public consultation organization on the website or in the bulletin board	Durrës Municipality has published notifications on the organization of public consultation sessions neither in its bulletin board, nor in its website.	
7	Public consultation on the annual budget of the municipality	Durrës Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its annual budget for 2022.	\checkmark
8	Public consultation on local taxes and fees	Durrës Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its local taxes and fees package.	\checkmark
9	Public consultation of decisions on alienation of the municipality's properties	From website and bulletin board observation, no activity is found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation. Eventually, the Municipality might not have made any property alienation. In its response to the request for information on this matter, the municipality answered that there was no alienation of properties, thus we are considering this indicator as accomplished.	~

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16	Accomplishment rate		73.3%	
15	Publishing notifications on public hearings organized by the Municipal Council in the website or bulletin board of municipality;	by the in its official website, notifications regarding organisation of public vebsite hearings from the Municipal Council.		
14	Publication of Municipal Council Decisions	Durrës Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Municipal Council Decisions in its official website.		
13	Publication of minutes and records of the Municipal Council Meetings	Durrës Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish minutes of the Municipal Council meetings.	\mathbf{X}	
12	Notification of meetings date and time of the Municipal Council Commissions in the website or in bulletin board of municipality	Durrës Municipality has posted in its bulletin board and in its official website preliminary notifications regarding the organization of Municipal Council meetings.	\checkmark	
11	Notification of date and time of Municipal Council Meetings in the website or bulletin board of municipality	Durrës Municipality has published preliminary notifications regarding the meetings of the Municipal Council in its official website.	\checkmark	
10	Publication of Orders and Decisions of the Mayor	Durrës Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish Orders and Decisions of the Mayor in its official website	(\mathbf{X})	

SHIJAK MUNICIPALITY

All the indicators were monitored for Shijak Municipality using the above-described methodology, and below are the findings for each indicator.

No.	Indicator	Comments	Status
1	Publication of the Transparency Program in the website of the Municipality	Shijak Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Transparency Program in its official website.	
2	Assigning and publication of Notification and public Consultation Coordinator data	Shijak Municipality has not accomplished the obligation of performing public consultation process as in its official website has added the email address and data of the coordinator.	\mathbf{X}
3	Assigning and publication of data of the Coordinator on the Right to Information	Shijak Municipality has accomplished the obligation on assigning and data publication of the Coordinator on the Right to Information.	
4	Publication of organisational structure of the Municipality	Shijak Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish its organisational structure although only in its bulletin board, and not in its official website.	
5	Publication of annual budget of the Municipality	Shijak Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the annual budget over years in its official website.	\checkmark



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6	Publishing notifications of public consultation organization on the website or in the bulletin board	Shijak Municipality has published notifications on the organization of public consultation sessions neither in its bulletin board, nor in its website.	
7	Public consultation on the annual budget of the municipality	Shijak Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its annual budget for 2022.	\checkmark
8	Public consultation on local taxes and fees	Shijak Municipality has been consulted with citizens on its local taxes and fees package.	\checkmark
9	Public consultation of decisions on alienation of the municipality's properties	From website and bulletin board observation, no activity is found to have been performed in order to accomplish this obligation. Eventually, the Municipality might not have made any property alienation. In its response to the request for information on this matter, the municipality answered by confirming lack of property alienation, thus we are considering this indicator as accomplished.	~
10	Publication of Orders and Decisions of the Mayor	Shijak Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish Orders and Decisions of the Mayor in its official website	\mathbf{X}
11	Notification of date and time of Municipal Council Meetings in the website or bulletin board of municipality	Shijak Municipality has published preliminary notifications regarding the meetings of the Municipal Council in its official website.	
12	Notification of meetings date and time of the Municipal Council Commissions in the website or in bulletin board of municipality	Shijak Municipality has posted in its bulletin board and in its official website preliminary notifications regarding the organization of Municipal Council meetings.	
13	Publication of minutes and records of the Municipal Council Meetings	Shijak Municipality has not accomplished the obligation to publish minutes of the Municipal Council meetings.	×
14	Publication of Municipal Council Decisions	Shijak Municipality has accomplished the obligation to publish the Municipal Council Decisions in its official website.	\checkmark
15	Publishing notifications on public hearings organized by the Municipal Council in the website or bulletin board of municipality;	Shijak Municipality has not posted neither in its bulletin board, nor in its official website, notifications regarding organisation of public hearings from the Municipal Council.	×
16	Accomplishment rate		73.3%

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COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Monitoring outcomes of fifteen monitored municipalities are summarized in the following table ranked as per the transparency index. It is worth noting form the outset the worsening of transparency indicators for only one out of ten monitored municipalities over the past year. Two municipalities have maintained the same transparency level, whereas seven municipalities have become more transparent than a year ago.

The municipality of Shkodra has had the highest performance level with 100%, followed by Municipality of Korça which has met law requirements on transparency by 86.6%, completing 13 out of 15 measured indicators... Meanwhile, Kurbin Municipality has the poorest performance with the level of transparency reaching only 13.3%.

As far as indicators are concerned, almost all monitored municipalities are found to have the Transparency program published in their official websites. Also, fourteen out of fifteen monitored municipalities have defined and published data on the Coordinator on the Right to Information, although only eight out of fifteen monitored municipalities had assigned the Public Consultation Coordinator. The performance of municipalities regarding public consultation of the Annual Budget and its publication on their websites is evaluated as good. Thus, eleven out of fifteen monitored municipalities have conducted public consultations on budget drafting and has published their annual budget. The performance related to public consultations on local fees and taxes' package is considered as approximately the same with ten out of fifteen monitored municipalities having organized public consultations on this matter.

As regards the transparency of the Municipal Council, fourteen out of fifteen monitored municipalities have announced the date and time of the Municipal Council Meeting. Only two out of fifteen monitored municipalities (Shkodra and Kukës) has published the Minutes of the Municipal Council Meetings. In contrast to this year, Vlora Municipality has published such minutes in 2020. On the other hand, thirteen out of fifteen monitored municipalities have published the decisions of the Municipal Council. Transparency is very low regarding the publication of Decisions and Orders of the Mayor, respectively Shkodra and Korça. All decisions and orders must be published as long as there is no state secret and municipalities do not have state secrets.

No.	Municipality	Transparency index	Compared to 2020
1	Shkodra Municipality	100%	$\mathbf{\hat{o}}$
2	Korça Municipality	93.3%	$\mathbf{\hat{o}}$
3	Vlora Municipality	86.6%	
4	Belsh Municipality	80%	$\mathbf{\hat{o}}$
5	Patos Municipality	80%	
6	Durrës Municipality	73.3%	
7	Shijak Municipality	73.3%	
8	Elbasan Municipality	66.6%	$\mathbf{\hat{o}}$
9	Kruja Municipality	66.6%	
10	Kukës Municipality	66.6%	$\mathbf{\hat{o}}$
11	Fier Municipality	60%	$\mathbf{\hat{o}}$
12	Vora Municipality	60%	
13	Lezha Municipality	53.3%	\bigcirc
14	Pustec Municipality	53.3%	$\mathbf{\hat{\mathbf{b}}}$
15	Kurbin Municipality	13.3%	



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MONITORING OF PROMISES

With the aim to monitor their fulfilment, Faktoje Team selected four or five promises made during the 5015-2019 election campaign, as well as promises made in the framework of reconstruction process for municipalities affected by the earthquake. The following methodology has been followed to monitor such promises:

METHODOLOGY

Promises made for public services can be divided into two major groups:

Promises related to administrative acts on reduction or abolition of taxes and fees or the conversion of a public space into a pedestrian area, or the opening of a social centre, cinema, etc.

These promises can be fulfilled by approving legal administrative acts such as Decisions and Orders of the Mayor and Decisions of the Municipal Council. Some of these promises have financial effects and therefore budget should be analysed accordingly to find out whether funds are provided for the establishment of a new structure;

2 Promises mainly related to public infrastructure constituting the main competences of municipalities such as water supply and sewerage, roads and green spaces, schools and kindergartens, healthcare centres, social centres and other public dwellings, etc. Keeping of such promises is strongly related to the municipal budget.

For analysing and documentation of fulfilment of such promises must first be seen whether they are included in the municipal and more precisely in the 'Capital Expenditures' or in the 'Maintenance Expenditures'.

However, even if included in the budget they are not meant to be kept as municipalities don't almost always adhere to the budget commitments. It is therefore important to check whether the municipality has made or plans to make public procurement for such project. Procurement plan can be found in the website of the Public Procurement Agency.

It is worth noting that keeping of some promises can be done in cooperation or with the help of other institutions, such as Line Ministries, for example, the Ministry of Health for healthcare centres or AKUM for water supply or landfills. It is therefore important to study budgets and procurements of these institutions to see whether such a project is included or not. The database is consequently foreseen to include a section named 'Other institutions involved' with the aim to identify and monitor such institutions that can fully finance or co-finance the implementation of such projects in cooperation with related municipalities.

As far as Public Services are concerned, indicators proposed to be measured are:

- 1 Decisions and Orders of the Mayor;
- 2 Decisions of the Municipal Council;
- **3** Budget;
- **4** Procurement plan;

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- 5 List of awarded contracts;
- 6 Budget of other institutions involved and their procurement plan.

HIGH VALUE PROJECTS

Extensive projects include projects requiring a very large amount of funding compared to the municipal budget and the compulsory engagement and funding of the Central Government. Such projects include National Highways and Roads, Ports, Airports and Terminals, Hospitals, Theatres, Stadiums, etc.

Although promised by Mayors, such project is actually beyond municipal competencies. However, Mayor's promise can be related to lobbing of Government and Ministries about financing of such projects. For monitoring of fulfilment of promises should therefore be monitored the budget and procurement plan of central institutions and not of the municipality.

As far as High Value Projects are concerned, indicators proposed to be measured are:

Budget of Central Institutions depending on the area, such as Ministry of Health for Hospitals, ASA/MESY for Stadiums, FSHZH/ADF or ARA for roads, etc.

For monitoring of fulfilment of such promises, Faktoje team undertook the following steps:

- Analysing of municipal budgets;
- Analysis of Procurement Plan;
- 3 Submitting Requests for information to the municipalities;
- 4 Conducting on-site visits aiming to observe the situation up close.

MONITORED PROMISES

Selected promises for each of municipalities involved in the project are as below.

VLORA MUNICIPALITY

- Provision of 24-hours of water supply for Vlora;
- Construction of Social Housing Units;
- Solving the problem of waste collection and treatment in the, landfill construction;
- Reconstruction of 'Petro Marko' Theatre.

PUSTEC MUNICIPALITY

- Operational healthcare centre;
- Solving the waste treatment problem;
- Solving the problem of drinking water and sewerage;
- Actual Infrastructure Investments made.

FIER MUNICIPALITY

- Prevention of Gjanica River pollution;
- Construction of a modern bus terminal;
- Reconstruction of 'Bylis' Theatre;
- Construction of the Sports Palace.

KUKËS MUNICIPALITY

- Construction of a regional landfill for Kukës;
- Infrastructure construction in Borje;
- Reconstruction of the internal infrastructure of Neighbourhoods No. 1. and No. 2;
- Road and sewerage infrastructure in Topojan.

PATOS MUNICIPALITY

- Construction of the Orbital Forest;
- Sewerage construction in Griza, Zharrëz and Frashër;
- Reconstruction of Kuqari Centre;
- Construction of Drenie-Sigece and Ruzhdie-Gjinogare roads.



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KORÇA MUNICIPALITY

- Construction of the new Sports Palace and Stadium;
- Infrastructure construction in Ravonik;
- Construction of 'Rakia" museum and of the swimming pool;
- Construction of ski trails in Dardha and Voskopoja.

ELBASAN MUNICIPALITY

- Actual Investments made in Gjinar;
- Monitoring of pollution and increase of green spaces;
- Reconstruction of City Neighbourhoods infrastructure;
- Increasing green spaces and parks.

BELSH MUNICIPALITY

- Construction of healthcare centres in rural areas;
- Reconstruction of schools and kindergartens;
- Belsh water supply construction;
- Reconstruction of the city centre and green crown.

SHKODRA MUNICIPALITY

- Construction of community centres;
- Territorial coverage by urban transportation;
- Construction of bicycle lanes;
- Social housing for persons that have the orphan status.

LEZHA MUNICIPALITY

- Reconstruction of two apartment buildings damaged by the earthquake;
- Reconstruction of internal roads;
- Cleaning of drainage channels;
- Provision of power supply for Torovica.

KRUJA MUNICIPALITY

 Demolition of apartment buildings damaged by the earthquake;

- Construction of 13 educational facilities for the new academic year;
- Construction of Kruja water supply network;
- Rehabilitation of Krujë Fushë Krujë axis.

KURBIN MUNICIPALITY

- Rehabilitation of Laçi water stream;
- Rehabilitation of the road from Sanxhak to the cemeteries;
- Construction of Kurbini water supply network;
- Reconstruction of the municipality building;
- Reconstruction of 'Gjon Gjonaj' school.

VORA MUNICIPALITY

- Reconstruction of the public kindergarten;
- Reconstruction of the Municipality building;
- Intervention for landslides in Gërdec and Prezë;
- Reconstruction of individual housing units; Cleaning of drainage channels.

DURRËS MUNICIPALITY

- Revitalization of the historic city centre;
- Repairing within 6 months of 103 apartment buildings having a DS4 degree;
- Construction of 990 dwellings, 70 utility facilities and public infrastructure;
- Completion of Veliera;
- Reconceptualization of urban transport and parking lines.

SHIJAK MUNICIPALITY

- Reconstruction of schools damaged by the earthquake before starting of the new academic year;
- Construction of 3 apartment buildings intended for homeless people;
- Issuance of ownership certificates for individual housing units within August 2021;
- Construction of the Palace of Culture;
- Investment on the new water supply network;

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FINDINGS OF EACH MUNICIPALITY

VLORA MUNICIPALITY

Promise	Comments	Status
Provision of 24-hours of water supply for Vlora	The Municipal Council has approved several important projects concerning water supply, whereas the Municipality has invested on the reconstruction of Novosela water supply network, however much investment is still needed to provide 24 hours of water supply. The city is currently having only 5 hours a day of water supply	Unfulfilled promise
Construction of Social Housing	The construction project of social housing units is being implemented with financing of the National Housing Agency	Fulfilled promise
Solving the problem of waste collection and treatment in the in the former Aviation Field and landfill construction	The winner of the tender for the landfill construction financed by KfW was awarded in June 2020. The progress of landfill construction works has been satisfying.	Partially fulfilled promise
Reconstruction of 'Petro Marko' Theatre	The Municipality has not provided in its budget funds dedicated to the reconstruction of theatre, however states that has been asking for such funding in the Albanian Development Fund. The Municipality states the preparation of a draft-idea; however, it has not been approved by KKT.	Unfulfilled promise

PUSTEC MUNICIPALITY

Promise	Comments	Status
Operational healthcare centre	Construction of healthcare centres is not under the responsibility of the local government. The promise will therefore be classified as unfulfilled since there has not been any investment yet in Pustec regarding this area	Unfulfilled promise
Solving the waste treatment problem	The Municipality has not provided for funds or investments in this regard. The Municipality has concluded an agreement with the closest landfill, however the transport to the landfill has not started yet.	Unfulfilled promise
Solving the problem of drinking water and sewerage	The Municipality has announced on 31.12.2020 the tender amounting over 456 million ALL on the construction of the water supply network, however progress of works has been slow.	Partially fulfilled promise
Actual Infrastructure Investments made	The municipality has a few funds available for the implementation of road infrastructure and has therefore not provided investments in its budget. Such promise will be considered as unfulfilled.	Unfulfilled promise



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FIER MUNICIPALITY

Promise	Comments	Status
Prevention of Gjanica River pollution	The inaugurated plant of filtering Gjanica River waters turned out to be just a show by a private company and the Municipality neither has concluded any agreement with such company, nor keeps providing investments on this regard.	Unfulfilled promise
Construction of a modern bus terminal	The built-in terminal is just a metallic structure not constructed as a stand- alone project, but as part of a road reconstruction project. Apart from such structure, the terminal has no other element as it is supposed to have pursuant to law.	Unfulfilled promise
Reconstruction of 'Bylis' Theatre	Works for the full reconstruction of the theatre have started in the middle of 2019 and have already been completed.	Fulfilled promise
Construction of Sports Palace	The building and its surrounding facilities have been reconstructed; however, sports activities have not started yet. Therefore, the promise will be considered as partially kept.	Partially fulfilled promise

KUKËS MUNICIPALITY

Promise	Comments	Status
Prevention of pollution and construction of a regional landfill for Kukës	The project and feasibility study have been drafted with the support of foreign donors. However, neither funds have been found for this project, nor the Municipality has provided investments in its budget for such a project.	Unfulfilled promise
Infrastructure construction in Borje	The Municipality has not provided investments in its budget for this village. The on-site visit showed that promises for water supply network, waste treatment and the connecting road have not been kept.	Unfulfilled promise
Reconstruction of the internal infrastructure of Neighbourhoods No. 1 and No. 2	The Municipality has not provided investments on the infrastructure of such neighbourhoods and neither replied to the request for information made by Faktoje. The on-site visit showed that no investment has been carried out in both neighbourhoods.	Unfulfilled promise
Road and sewerage infrastructure in Topojan.	The Municipality has carried out some investments on roads, however the situation still remains bad. The on-site visit showed that promises for the sewerage network and the connecting road have not been kept.	Unfulfilled promise



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PATOS MUNICIPALITY

Promise	Comments	Status
Construction of the Orbital Forest	Regardless of being expressed during the election campaign on the readiness of such project, in her response for Faktoje, the Mayor stated that the project is not feasible as the municipal territory is quite small. During 2021, the Municipality stated that has prepared a draft-idea although does not provide detailed information and has not predicted investments neither.	Unfulfilled promise
Sewerage construction in Griza, Zharrëz and Frashër	The Municipality has not provided investments in its budget for such villages. The only procured investment is related to the Patos water supply network.	Unfulfilled promise
Reconstruction of Kuqari Centre	The Municipality has not provided for investments for such project, neither for the designing of the architectural project, nor for its construction.	Unfulfilled promise
Construction of Drenie- Sigece and Ruzhdie- Gjinogare roads	The Municipality stated that investments have carried out in 2016 on Ruzhdie-Gjinoqare roads and maintenance investments have been done in Drenie-Siqece roads. However, the situation in the latter is hopeless as showed by the on-site visit.	Partially fulfilled promise

KORÇA MUNICIPALITY

Promise	Comments	Status
Construction of the new Sports Palace and Stadium;	The on-site visit of Faktoje team showed that the building has endured a modest reconstruction, however there were no investments done in the city stadium. Therefore, such promise will be considered as partially kept.	Partially fulfilled promise
Infrastructure construction in Ravonik	The on-site visit showed investments done in the lighting sector, in the irrigation and drainage system, as well as in infrastructure	Fulfilled promise
Construction of 'Rakia' museum and of the swimming pool	It has not provided investments for such projects. The answer of the Municipality to its request for information stated the swimming pool being in a draft-idea stage and lack of a project for the museum by emphasising that the latter is not a priority for the municipality.	Unfulfilled promise
Construction of ski trails in Dardha and Voskopoja	The Municipality has not foreseen investments within its budget for such projects and states that has already prepared draft-ideas. Given the circumstances, accomplishment of these projects within the 4-year mandate seems impossible.	Unfulfilled promise



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ELBASAN MUNICIPALITY

MONITORING REPORT

Promise	Comments	Status
Actual Investments made in Gjinar	The Municipality has not set out investments within its budget for this tourist area, however when answering to Faktoje's question, it stated that has conducted only maintenance works and expects investments to be made by the government in the framework of '100 villages' project.	Unfulfilled promise
Pollution monitoring and increase of green spaces in Ex-Metallurgic Area	The project for monitoring of pollution has been funded by RDF and implemented in 2016. However, such an application cannot be found anymore in the website of the municipality. No investment is made concerning increase of green spaces, especially in the surrounding areas of ex-metallurgic.	Unfulfilled promise
Reconstruction of City Neighbourhoods infrastructure	Actual infrastructure investments have been made in some of the city neighbourhoods. Although, situation of some other neighbourhoods keeps deteriorating. The on-site visit of Faktoje team showed that no investment has been made in such neighbourhoods for years.	Partially fulfilled promise
Increase of green spaces and parks	Elbasan central park has been reconstructed and is currently operational.	Fulfilled promise

BELSH MUNICIPALITY

Promise	Comments	Status
Construction of healthcare centres in rural areas	Construction of healthcare centres is not under the responsibility of the local government. However, the on-site visit and the communication with municipality showed the construction of three healthcare centres, meanwhile there are four villages without any healthcare centre.	Unfulfilled promise
Reconstruction of kindergartens and schools	Belsh Municipality has 7 kindergartens, 16 elementary schools and 3 high schools. During the last five years, only 2 schools and 1 kindergarten have been reconstructed. Given the budget available, fulfilment of such promise is impossible.	Unfulfilled promise
Belsh water supply network construction	Belsh water supply network construction - The water supply network project is funded by the Albanian Government; however, it has not been completed yet.	Partially fulfilled promise
City centre and green crown reconstruction	Belsh City Centre has been partially reconstructed with the support of Albanian Government funds.	Fulfilled promise



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SHKODRA MUNICIPALITY

Promise	Comments	Status
Construction of community centres	The on-site observation showed that Shkodra Municipality has five opened and fully functional community centres providing various social services for the community.	Fulfilled promise
Territorial coverage by urban transportation	There is currently only one operational urban transportation line in Shkodra. Regardless of the Municipality having designed five other lines and opened the competition for their implementation, such lines are not operational yet.	Unfulfilled promise
Construction of bicycle lanes	The Municipality has drafted and approved the cycling plan; however, infrastructure investments have not started yet. According to the communication of the Municipality with Faktoje, such investment is planned to start very soon as funds are provided for in its budget.	Partially fulfilled promise
Social housing for persons that have the orphan status	Since 2017, Municipality of Shkodra has started the implementation of the project on converting the technical forest school ex-dormitory into social housing units. Following many delays, such project is almost implemented and by the time of Faktoje's verification was being analysed the documentation of applicants.	Fulfilled promise

LEZHA MUNICIPALITY

Promise	Comments	Status
Reconstruction of two buildings damaged by the earthquake	The on-site observation showed the construction of only one of apartment building.	Partially fulfilled promise
Reconstruction of internal roads	The municipality answered to Faktoje's question by stating that, in 2021, it expects to launch a project financed by KfW for the construction of water supply and sewerage and therefore infrastructure investments will be made accordingly. The on-site visit proved the infrastructure improvement of difficult neighbourhoods thanks to actual investments made.	Fulfilled promise
Cleaning of drainage channels	The Municipality has actually cleaned the drainage channels of Torovica and Barbulloja, however it still has not a comprehensive solution for such an issue.	Partially fulfilled promise
Provision of power supply for Torovica	Power supply is beyond competences of the local government. However, in Torovica power supply are made several investments and the situations has been improved	Fulfilled promise



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KRUJA MUNICIPALITY

Promise	Comments	Status
Demolition of apartment buildings damaged by the earthquake;	The on-site observation proved the partially demolition of apartment buildings thus delaying the reconstruction process.	Unfulfilled promise
Construction of 13 educational facilities for the new academic year;	The on-site visit didn't prove significant steps forward regarding the construction of educational facilities.	Unfulfilled promise
Construction of Kruja water supply network;	Works have been completed and water supply network is in the testing phase.	Fulfilled promise
Construction of Fushë– Kruja water supply network;	According to the Mayor, works' progress of this water supply has not been fast and there are currently completed only 30% of such works.	Partially fulfilled promise
Rehabilitation of Kruja - Fusha Krujë road.	This road axis has been only partially rehabilitated.	Partially fulfilled promise

KURBIN MUNICIPALITY

Promise	Comments	Status
Rehabilitation of Laçi water stream;	The on-site observation showed that no investment has been made thus risking the security of residents.	Unfulfilled promise
Rehabilitation of the road from Sanxhak to the cemeteries;	The on-site visit proved the rehabilitation of this road.	Fulfilled promise
Construction of Kurbin water supply network;	The water supply situation is currently improved, therefore provision of 24-hours of water supply will take time.	Partially fulfilled promise
Reconstruction of the Municipality building;	Construction works of the municipality building have started; however, completion deadlines have been exceeded.	Partially fulfilled promise
Reconstruction of 'Gjon Gjonaj' school.	Reconstruction of the school has started, however there is no deadline set for the completion of works.	Partially fulfilled promise



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VORA MUNICIPALITY

Promise	Comments	Status
Reconstruction of the public kindergarten;	The government has allocated the necessary funds; however, works haven't started yet due to expropriation process that should be carried out by the municipality.	Unfulfilled promise
Reconstruction of the Municipality building;	The government has allocated the necessary funds; however, works haven't started yet due to expropriation process that should be carried out by the municipality.	Unfulfilled promise
Intervention for landslides in Gërdec and Prezë;	The on-site visit proved no investment made in this regard.	Unfulfilled promise
Reconstruction of individual housing units;	The on-site visit proved the existence of not demolished buildings and houses whose reconstruction process has not started	Unfulfilled promise
Cleaning of drainage channels.	Only drainage channels along Tirana-Durrës highway have been cleaned and not those inside the villages.	Partially fulfilled promise

DURRËS MUNICIPALITY

Promise	Comments	Status
Revitalization of the historic city centre;	On-site verification of the area which is supposed to be part of the revitalization project showed no visible investment and such a statement is even confirmed by the residents.	Unfulfilled promise
Repairing within 6 months of 103 apartment buildings having a DS4 degree;	Many inhabitants are still expecting their apartment buildings to be repaired.	Unfulfilled promise
Construction of 990 dwellings, 70 utility facilities and public infrastructure;	Regardless of the project introduction, construction works of Spitalla dwellings have not started yet.	Unfulfilled promise
Completion of Veliera;	It's been years since postponing such project completion and there is still no ending date.	Unfulfilled promise
Re-conceptualization of urban transport and parking lines.	To its respective request for Information, the Municipality answered by admitting that there is still no transportation plan in place.	Unfulfilled promise



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SHIJAK MUNICIPALITY

Promise	Comments	Status
Reconstruction of schools damaged by the earthquake before starting of the new academic year;	Earthquake-damaged school buildings were all reconstructed before the new academic year.	Fulfilled promise
Construction of 3 apartment buildings intended for homeless people;	The Municipality claims the construction of three apartment buildings funded by NHA. Alternatively, NHA states that only 1 apartment building will be built.	Partially fulfilled promise
Issuance of ownership certificates for individual housing units within August 2021;	The construction progress has been satisfying, although on-site visit showed that a part of housing units was still under construction.	Partially fulfilled promise
Construction of the Palaceof Culture;	The tender on this project has been published on December 2021 having an estimated limit over 190 Million ALL.	Partially fulfilled promise
Investment on the new water supply network;	Although the water supply has been completed, it is still not fully operational and residents are being supplied only 3 hours a day.	Partially fulfilled promise

ANNEX 1

The Request for Information submitted to the fifteen monitored municipalities

REQUEST DATED 28.12.2021

REQUESTER: Name Surname

Address:

Email:

TO: Municipality of_

LEGAL BASIS:

- Article 10 of the European Convention of Human Rights
- Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- Article 23 of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania'
- Law No. 119 dated 18.09.2014 'On the right to information'

Pursuant to the legal provisions of the acts listed in the above legal basis, I hereby require the relevant information and documentation for the following questions:

Has the Annual Budget 2020 and 2021 of the Municipality been consulted with the public? If yes, please provide us with a copy of the notification/s regarding the organization of public hearings, when and where such notification/s were published, as well as copies of held minutes, copies of recommendations and other documents supporting the implementation of this process.

Has the package of local taxes and fees for 2020-2021 been consulted with the public? If yes, please provide us with a copy of the notification/s regarding the organization of public hearings, when and where such notification/s were published, as well as copies of held minutes, copies of recommendations and other documents supporting the implementation of this process.

Has the alienation of the municipality's properties for January 2020 - February 2021 been consulted with the public?? If yes, please provide us with a copy of the notification/s regarding the organization of public hearings, when and where such notification/s were published, as well as copies of held minutes, copies of recommendations and other documents supporting the implementation of this process.

4 Have the date and time of the Municipal Council Meetings for January 2020 - February 2021 been announced in advance on the website or in the bulletin broad? If yes, please provide us with a copy of the notification/s regarding the organization of these meetings, when and where such notification/s were published, as well as copies of held minutes and other documents supporting the implementation of this process.

Have the date and time of the Municipal Council Commissions for January 2020 - February 2021 been announced in advance on the website or in the bulletin broad? If yes, please provide



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us with a copy of the notification/s regarding the organization of these meetings, when and where such notification/s were published, as well as copies of held minutes and other documents supporting the implementation of this process.

6 Are the notifications of Public Hearings organized by the Municipal Council for January 2020-February 2021 published on the website or in the bulletin board? If yes, please provide us with a copy of the notification/s regarding the organization of these hearings, when and where such notification/s were published, as well as copies of held minutes and other documents supporting the implementation of this process.

Based on Article 3 of Law No. 119/2014 'On the right to information' which provides 'Every person has the right to access public information, by receiving the original document or a copy of it in the

form or format allowing full access to the content of the document', I hereby require the respective documentation supporting the implementation of processes referred to in the above questions.

Base on Article 15 of Law No. 119/2014 'On the right to information' which provides "The public authority handles the information request by giving the required information as soon as possible, but no later than 10 working days from the day of submission, unless otherwise provided for by the particular Law" please provided us with the required information and documentation within this legal deadline.

For more communications clarifying the submitted request, you can also contact us in the following email: email: namesurname@email.com

Thank you,

name Surname

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