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Kosovo Presentation

Current developments, Budget/PFM Reforms

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Current developments

- Implementation of administrative instructions on definition and selection criteria of new capital projects;
- Importance of preliminary preparation of new project ideas before becoming part of budget appropriations law, including expropriations;
- Implementation of baseline expenditure concept in budget planning;
- Preparation and reflection of new chart of accounts in 2024 budget;

- Implementation of new Salary Law started in the first quarter of 2023;
- Update and development of budget planning system (BDMS) to reflect new Salary Law;
- Update and development of budget planning system for capital projects (PIP) to enable registration of long term commitments;

- Several fiscal rules implemented;
- In actual budget of 2022, budget deficit and general government debt were in line with fiscal rules;
- Budget deficit and general government debt in 2023 budget in line with fiscal rules (Budget deficit - 2%, general debt 22.6%);

- Budget deficit and general government debt in 2024 budget in line with fiscal rules (Budget deficit - 2%, general debt 20.7%);
- Wage fiscal rule implemented;
- Wage bill cannot exceed the economic growth.

PEFA Assessment Report 2022 on Kosovo Budget

- According to PEFA, the planning and performance of budget is generally done well;
- The budget process is clear and with set rules and deadlines in place;
- Transparency of public finances supports budget creditability;
- The budget classification system is consistent with international GFS/COFOG standards with majority of budget documentation provided to the public;

- Budget credibility is enhanced by predictable and controlled budget implementation ensuring that revenue is collected, and resources are allocated and used as intended by government and approved by the legislature;
- Resources are allocated as intended by having reliable information available to budgetary organisations on ceilings for expenditure commitment allowing them to plan their commitments in advance;
- This predictability of available funds for commitment facilitates planning of activities and procurement of inputs for effective service delivery in implementation of plans.

Strategy for Management of Public Finances 2022-2026 and Action Plan 2022-2024

- Strengthening link between strategic planning and budgeting / Lower differences between actual budget and mid term MTEF projections;
- Registration of long term commitments in budget system PIP;
- Long term commitments to enhance the contractual discipline and make more clear the fiscal space for new project ideas.

Other PFM Strategic Objectives

- Strengthening of macro fiscal projections;
- Strengthening of revenue collection;
- Improvement of public procurement processes;
- Enhancing quality/independence of external auditing;

- Enhancing scope and quality of internal auditing;
- Advancement of IT in Ministry of Finance, Labor and Transfers;
- Efficient and effective civil service to support PFM and other government services.

Thank You!