



# **Economic Reform Programme of Albania**

## **Challenges ahead**

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# ERP Preparatory Process – challenges ahead

- Inter-Ministerial Coordination
- Capacities of Line Ministries to contribute
- External consultation with different stakeholders

## Inter-Ministerial Coordination

**Remains a major challenge across the ERP drafting process (design, prioritisation, costing).**

- *Commitment on the ERP process by the Albanian government is crucial.*
- *Responsiveness and commitment of state institutions/agencies involved in the ERP process is one of the key preconditions to a successful process.*
- *Once the deadlines for submitting different parts of contribution are defined and agreed, they should be respected.*
- *Time is not the best ally in favour of the ERP process in Albania this year.*

## **Inter-Ministerial Coordination - continued**

- The coordinating body (ministry) should bear also the ownership of the document on behalf of the government, and be able to present adequately all the ERP reform measures.*
- Proper level of representation of Albanian institutions in all the ERP preparatory meetings held in Brussels in cooperation with the European Commission needs to be ensured.*
- Respective line ministries and the ERP coordinator should be able to participate and contribute actively to the relevant policy discussion on the ERP recommendations.*

## Capacities of Line Ministries to contribute

- *The capacity of line ministries to contribute to the exercise varies from one institution to the other one.*
- *Costing of priorities needs to be done in close coordination/cooperation between the line institution and the Ministry of Finance.*
- *Dedicated time/commitment of the Ministry of Finance experts to this process needs to be ensured.*

## Capacities of Line Ministries to contribute

- *Ongoing donor assistance in the specific area/reform measure needs to be mapped and well-coordinated in order to maximize the quality of reform measure.*
- *Institutions' gaps/needs in drafting the ERP should be identified and addressed in advance to the ERP coordinator and to the EUD.*
- *Better mapping of needs help better designing the assistance through the TAIEX, CEF and other regional and bilateral EU funded programs.*

## External consultation with different stakeholders

- *External consultations with relevant stakeholders from civil society, business community, donor community, parliament are important because they improve the sustainability of the reform process*
- *Adequate time for consultation with stakeholders is needed.*
- *In EU Member States, national parliaments are informed about the preparation of the national reform programmes before they are adopted and about the country-specific recommendations quite regularly.*

## External consultation with different stakeholders

*The EUD together with colleagues from the European Commission services do meet regularly with business representatives and inform about the ERP preparatory process, as well as encourages them to be active during the consultation process.*

*Consultation with different stakeholders helps better **identifying the priorities** but also in **monitoring** the **implementation** of already adopted reforms.*

*Together we can do better!*





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***Thank you!***