

INTEGRATION OF STRUCTURAL REFORMS INTO BUDGET

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Obstacle(s) that prevent better integration of structural reforms into ALB fiscal programming

- **Lack of one integrated proper guideline;**
- **Political influence;**
- **Lack of professional capacity;**

Proposal(s) on how to improve capacities for identification and good design of “traditional” structural reforms aimed at stimulating economic growth and competitiveness:

- **Awareness campaign by the ERP coordinators in promoting the SR guidance;**
- **Discussion of SR with CSOs;**
- **Improvements of key performance indicators;**

Proposal(s) on how to improve capacities for preparation of rather ad-hoc “new” structural reform measures aimed either at mitigating direct negative implications of COVID-19 crisis, and / or at creating conditions for restoring economic growth.

- At the high level management;**
- Additional fiscal space by budget savings;**
- Postpone of the SR that are difficult to implement;**

Challenge(s) (problem(s) / obstacle(s)) faced in ALB that prevent better alignment of the annual budget preparation cycle with the annual cycle for ERP preparation, and (ii) proposal(s) how to improve the alignment of the two cycles.

- **Late timing of starting to write the ERP document compared to the EU semester cycle;**
- **Solution: alignment of the timing of the two cycles**
- **No proper alignment in timing between the Budget cycle and ERP calendar –**
Solution: to integrate the timing of the process;
- **ERP coordinators not working closely with the respective budget departments**
– Solution: deeper collaboration with Budget experts and ERP coordinators;



THANK YOU!

