Do Western Balkan countries have good freedom of information (FOI) laws and are they consistently applied?

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

CSOs in the region are unhappy with practical implementation of FOI laws.

Administrative silence is a frequent obstacle to using the right to information!

WebER measures...

- how civil society sees the quality of FOI laws and use of the right to information in their countries?

WebER also measures...

- whether and how authorities proactively inform the public.

**CSOs’ views of the role of FOI supervisory bodies:**

- **POSITIVE**
  - SERBIA
  - KOSOVO
  - MACEDONIA
  - ALBANIA

- **NEGATIVE**
  - BIH
  - MONTENEGRO

**Most countries lack basic annual and budget reporting.**

**SERBIA** is a good example of budget reporting as authorities publish budget data within obligatory information bulletins.

**Published information is often written using bureaucratic language, without consideration whether citizens can easily understand or use the information.**

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