

**Question 127. During the budget formulation stage, which of the following key topics does the executive's engagement with citizens cover?**

For the purpose of this question, key topics are considered to be:

1. Macroeconomic issues
2. Revenue forecasts, policies, and administration
3. Social spending policies
4. Deficit and debt levels
5. Public investment projects
6. Public services

Possible responses:

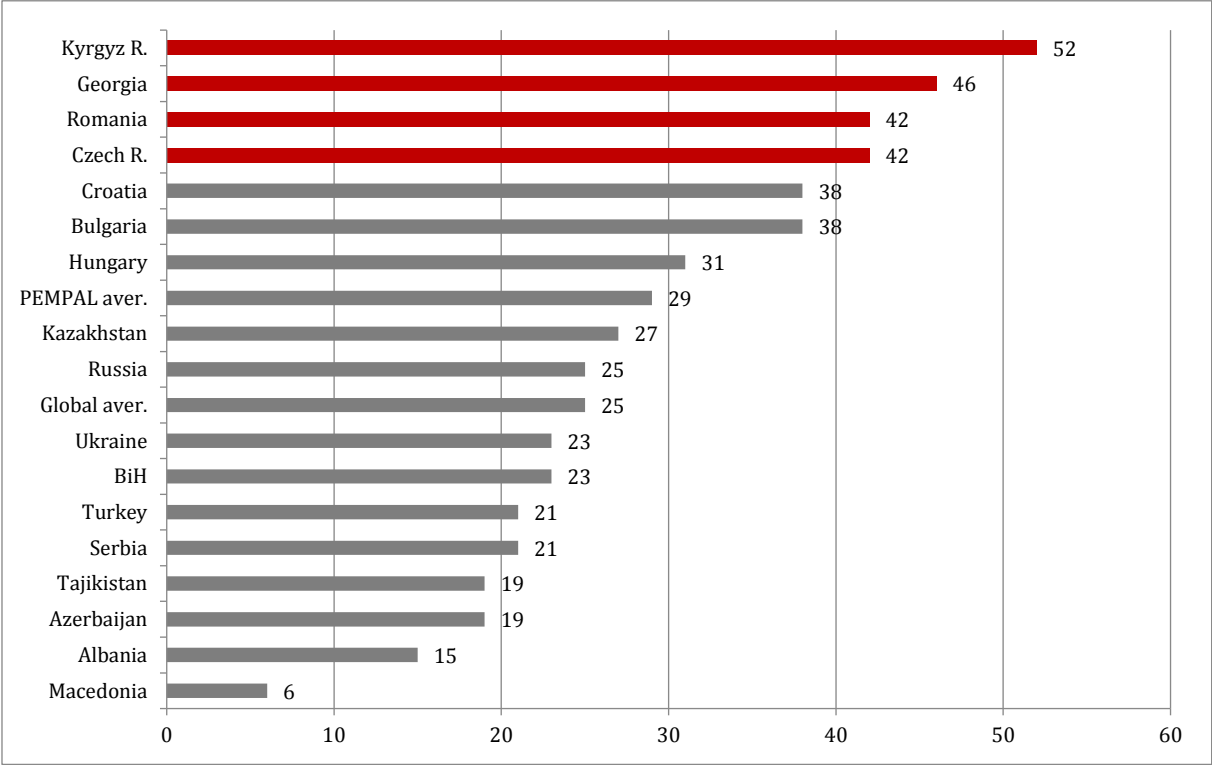
- a. The executive's engagement with citizens covers all six topics
- b. The executive's engagement with citizens covers at least three (but less than six) of the above-mentioned topics
- c. The executive's engagement with citizens covers at least one (but less than three) of the above-mentioned topics
- d. The requirements for a "c" response or above are not met.
- e. Not applicable (please comment).

**Question 67. Are “citizens” versions of budget documents published throughout the budget process?**

Possible responses:

- a. A citizens version of budget documents is published for each of the four stages of the budget process (budget formulation, enactment, execution, and audit).
- b. A citizens version of budget documents is published for at least two of the four stages of the budget process.
- c. A citizens version of budget documents is published for at least one stage of the budget process.
- d. No citizens version of budget documents is published.
- e. Not applicable/other (please comment).

**Graph 1: OBS 2015 Public participation scores for PEMPAL countries\***



\*weak (0-40), limited (41-60), adequate (61-100)

Source: [OBS Results by Country](#)

## Graph 2: Availability of citizens budgets in PEMPAL countries

Country	2015	2016
Albania	●	●
Azerbaijan	●	●
Bosnia and Herzegovina	●	●
Bulgaria	●	●
Croatia	●	●
Czech Republic	●	●
Georgia	●	●
Hungary	●	●
Kazakhstan	●	●
Kyrgyz Republic	●	●
Macedonia	●	●
Moldova*	N/A	●
Romania	●	●
Russia	●	●
Serbia	●	●
Tajikistan	●	●
Turkey	●	●
Ukraine	●	●

● Available to the public online

● Published late, or not published online, or produced for internal use only

● Not produced

\*Moldova was not covered by the OBS 2015.

Source: [OBS Document Availability Tracker: December 2016 Update](#)