



SEE Regional Decentralization Observatory

Towards the Regional Decentralization Observatory for South-East Europe

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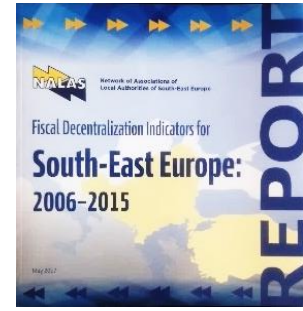
OBJECTIVES:

Background - Where do we start from?

Methodological approach – Main challenge?

Vision – Model

Process



Fiscal Decentralization Indicators (baseline 2006)

Where do we start from?



Benchmarking on Solid Waste Management



RDO Concept and Methodology



NALAS Strategic Plan 2018-2022

Concept and Methodology for SEE Decentralisation Observatory



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RDO Desk Research



Survey carried-out in six countries in 2016
ALB, BiH, KS, MAC, MNG, SER.

diverse picture ...both on
substance:

- Decentralization policies at national level,
- Regulatory impact assessment policies at national level,
- National policy for administrative reform, and
- Public service responsibilities and, respectively, expenditure assignments among levels of government.

and **procedures:**

- Intergovernmental policy dialog

RDO's Main Contents



- 1. SEE Regional Index on Decentralization** - ranking of countries on the basis of the country profiles
- 2. Country profiles** - comparative description with main Indicators
- 3. Sub-national country profiles** – description and indicators
- 4. Citizens' perceptions and input**

Strategic Objective 1:

Sustainable Communities

Local Governments in SEE have capacity to create sustainable communities based on smart and innovative growth through quality services and job creation.

Strategic Objective 3: Improved Services

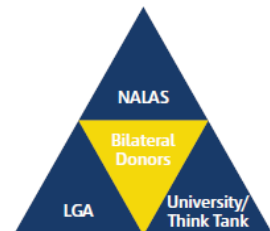
Re-Structuring

Resources:

1 or 2
Program Officers

Part of Knowledge
Management
(on demand or
project based)

Bilateral
Donors
"Triangular"
Partnerships

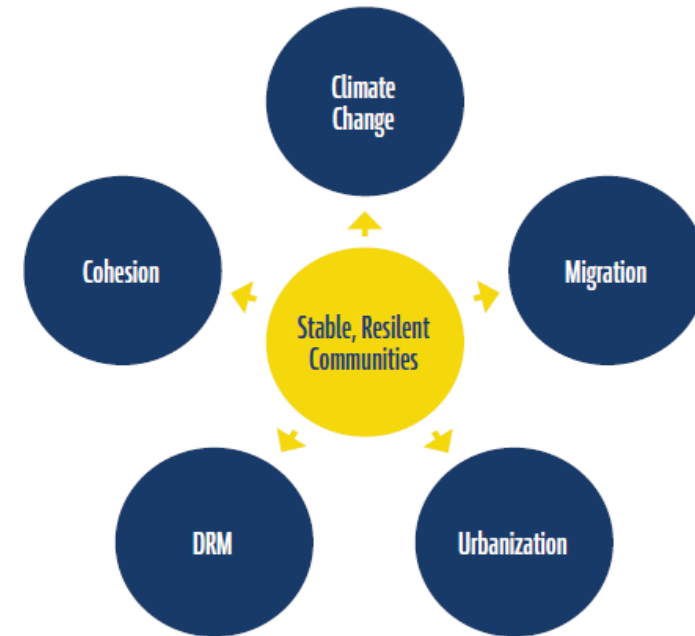


NALAS STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2022

Strategic Objective 2:

Stable and Resilient Communities

Decentralized cooperation contributes to stable, safe, inclusive and resilient SEE communities and regional cohesion.



Methodological Approach

“Recycling”

Producing

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- Credibility
- Simplicity

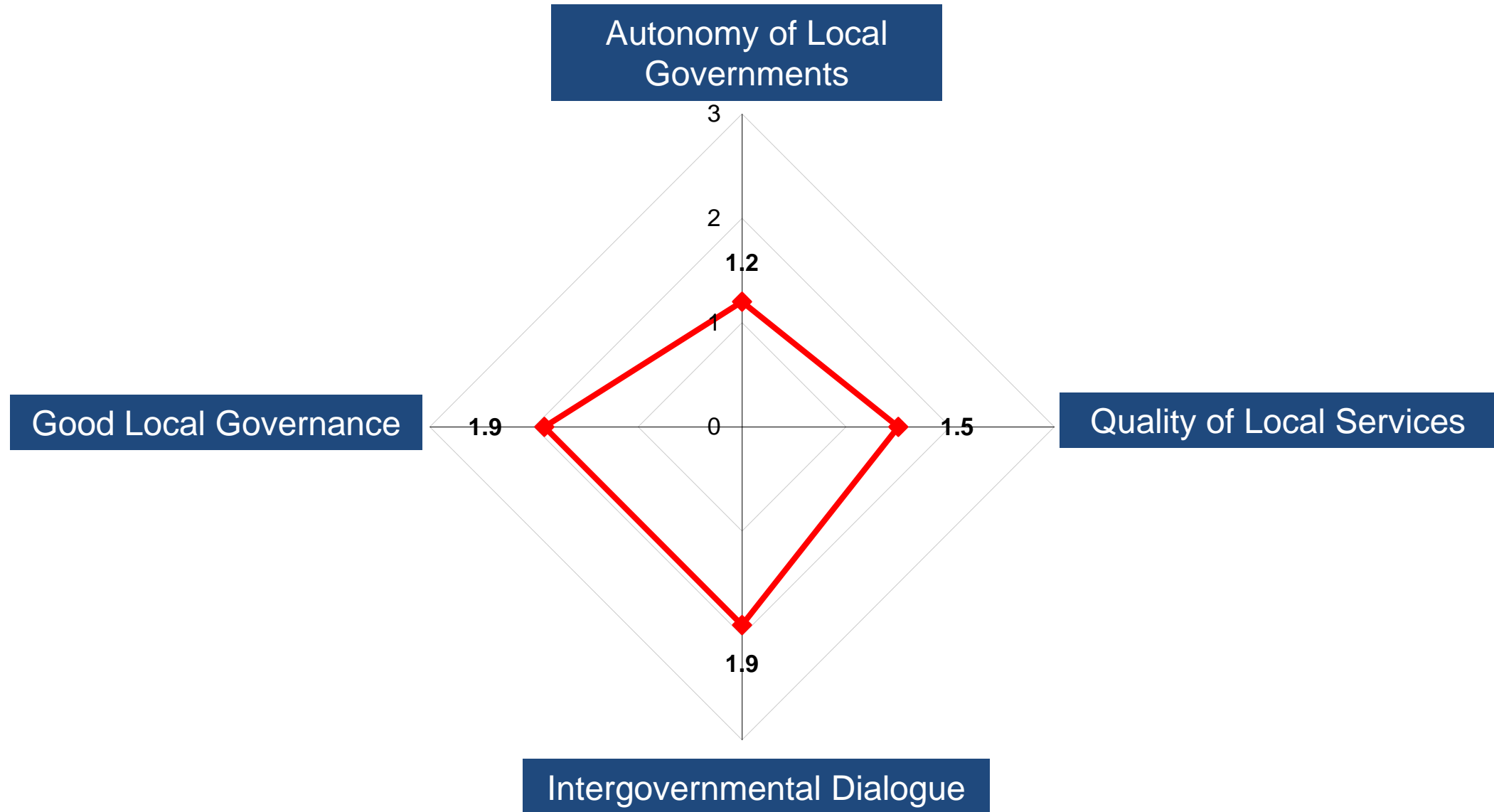
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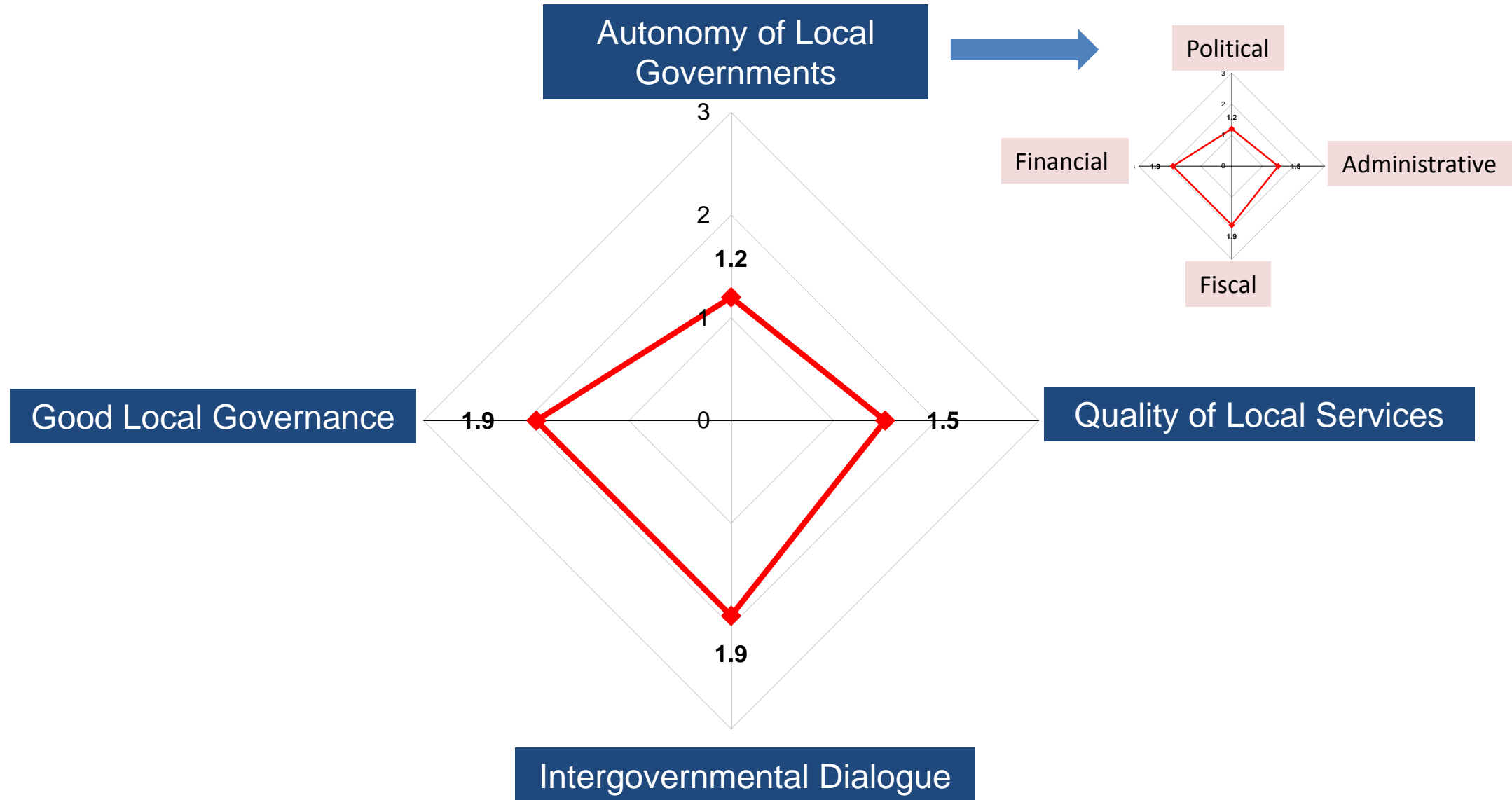
- Limitation
- Dependence

- Investment / Resources
- Build Credibility

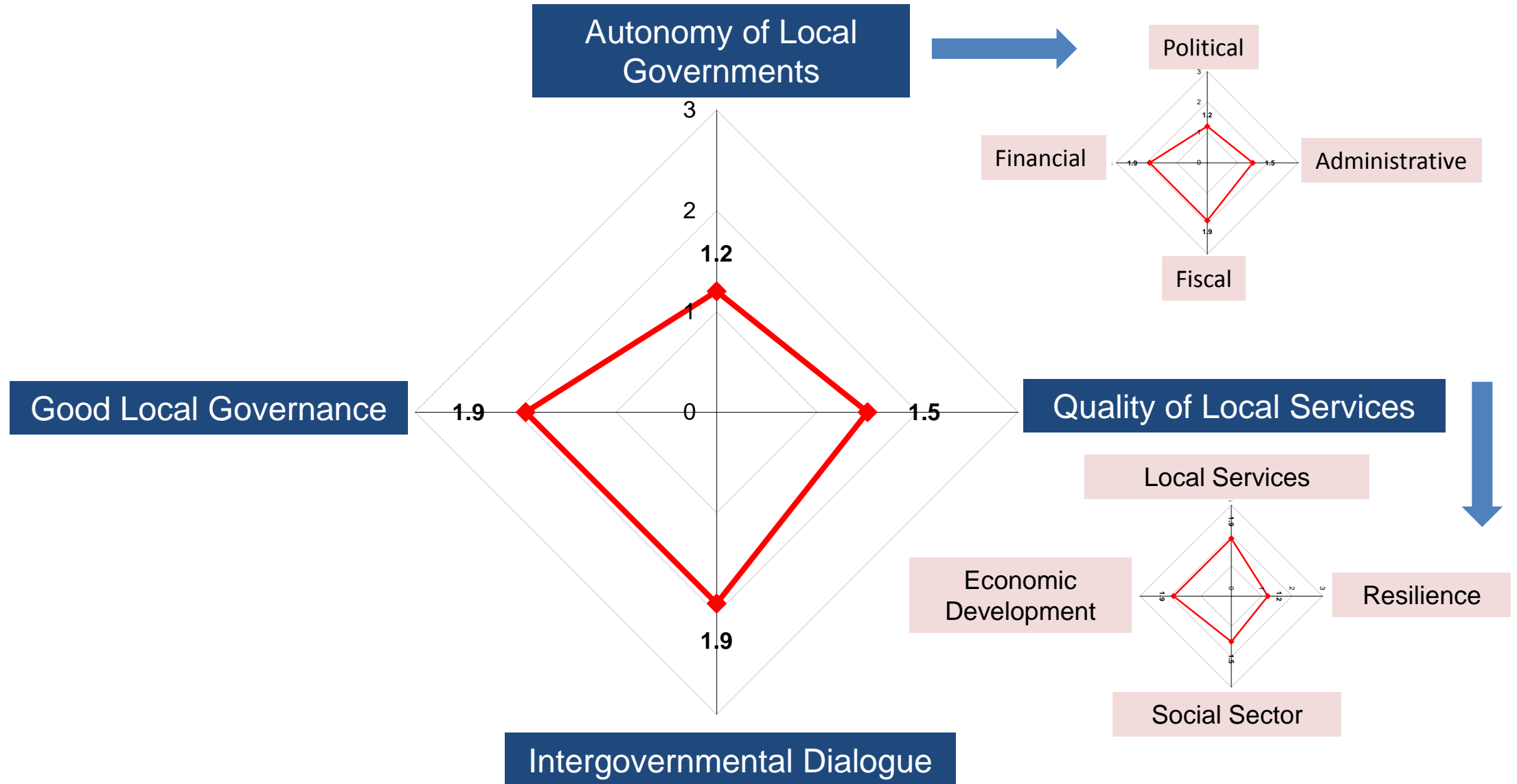
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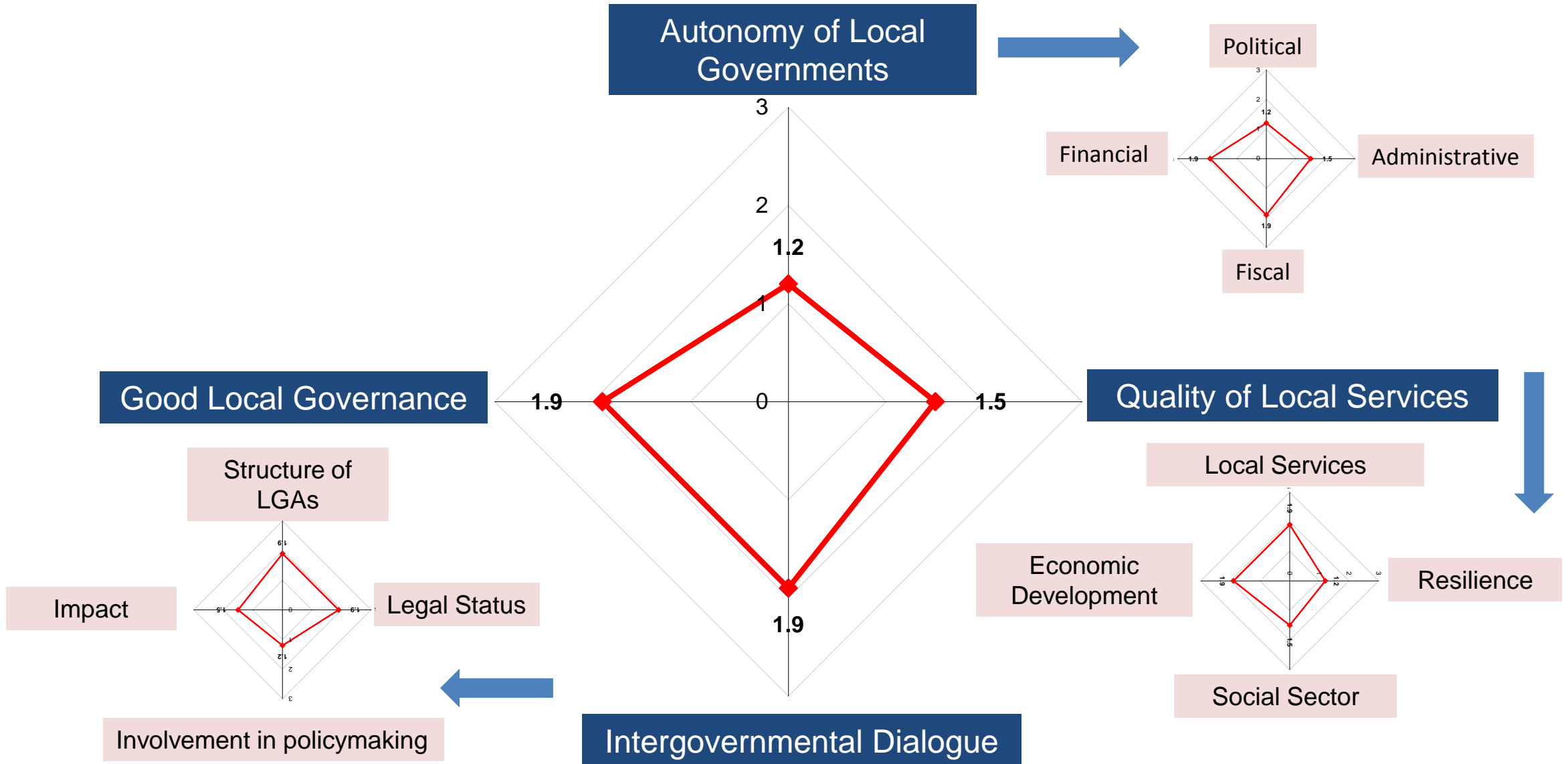
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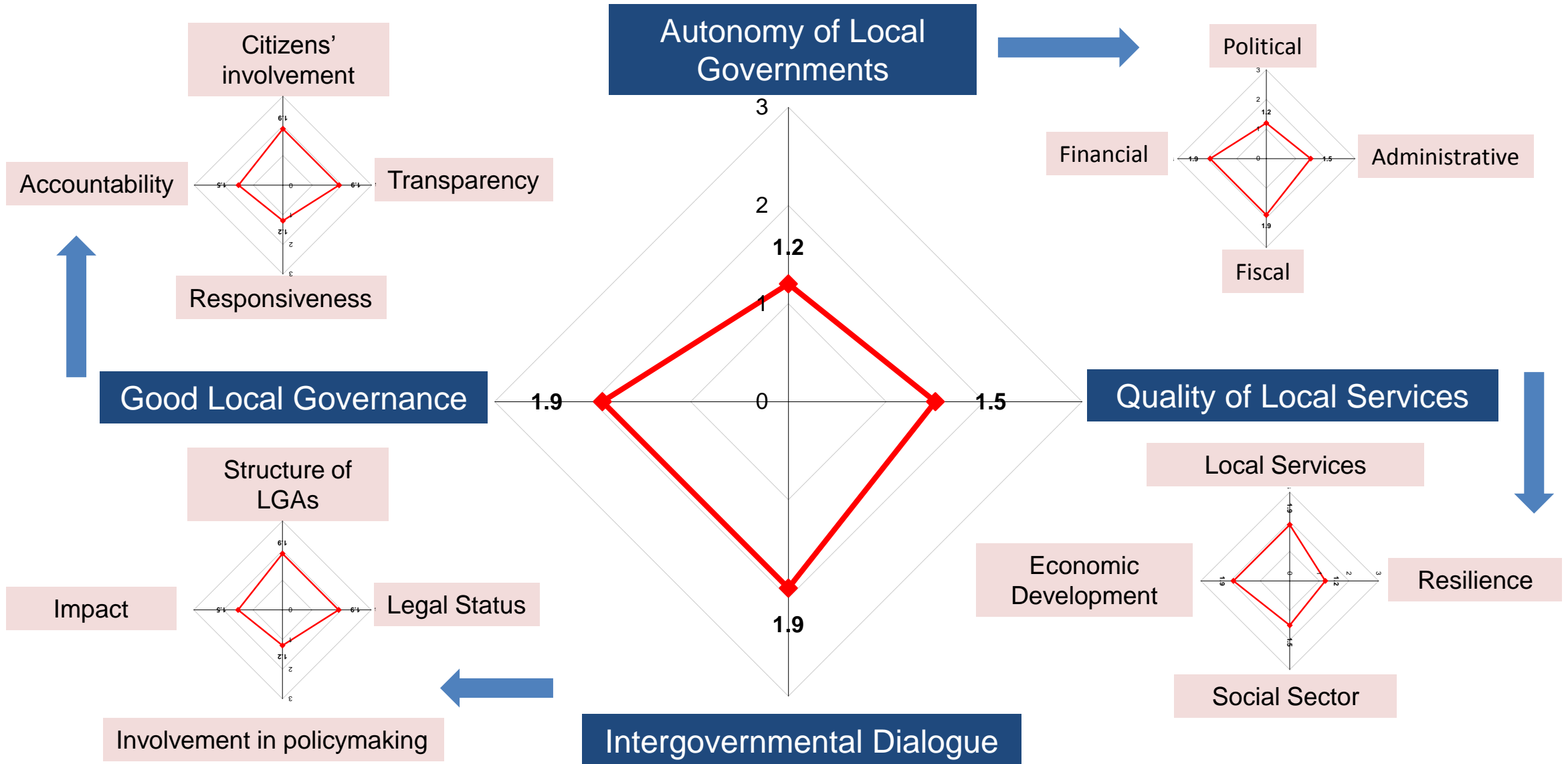
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SEE Index of Decentralization



Indicators

183+



Data types

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- Qualitative Assessment (QA)
- Opinion Survey (OS)
- Official Data (OD)
- Public Attitude Survey (PAS)

Local Autonomy

Political

- Legal set up
- Electoral system

Administrative

- Competences
- Responsibilities
- Capacities

Fiscal

- Tax powers
- Own Source Revenues
- Freely disp. Expend.

Financial

- Transfers
- Assets
- Borrowing
- Expenditures

Quality of Public Services

Communal Services

- Solid Waste
- Water & Sanitation
- Urban Mobility
- Energy Supply
- Road Maintenance

Social Sector Functions

- Education
- Health
- Social Welfare
- Housing
- Culture, Sports etc

Resilience

- Urban Planning
- Water Basins
- Environment
- DRM

Local Economic Development and Smart Cities

Participation and Accountability

Citizen Participation

- Processes to ensure participatory policymaking
- Input from stakeholders
- Participation of specific groups
- Referendum, petitions etc.

Transparency

- Open city council meetings
- Info published in open and accessible manner for budgets, spending, procurements, urban planning etc.

Accountability

- Oversight from external bodies
- Anticorruption; whistleblowers, lobbying etc.

Responsiveness

- Mechanisms for responding to citizens;

Intergovernmental Dialogue

Structure of LGAs

- No. & Types of LGAs
- Members of LGAs
- Membership base

Legal Status

- Established by..
- Role and responsibility
- Resources and Capacities

Involvement in policymaking

- Legislation requiring consultation with LGA
- Status/Practice of Involvement
- Cooperation with policymakers

Impact of LGAs in policymaking

- Role of LGAs in influencing policies
- LGA active in international bodies
- LGA mentioned in international reports, bodies...

Cooperation with OSCE



Three thematic workshops – to define RDO dimensions and indicators, develop guidelines for measuring indicators and produce RDO first products.

Ongoing negotiations with OSCE

Promotion of RDO

the promotion of the findings in the RDO would take place in 2018 along with follow up activities

Follow up activities (2018)

1. Peer review at policy level for the countries with the lowest decentralization index;
2. Inter - Ministerial Conference focusing on particular dimensions such as Finances;
3. Regional level meeting involving the Ministries of Local Governance and Local Government Associations to discuss on the findings of the RDO etc.