Planning implementation

Goals: develop information base and knowledge

Results: first municipal datasets; bottom up

Sample of 7 Western Balkan countries, with different capacities

Conditions of success:

a) data collection: *availability*?

b) comparability: *terms and definitions*?

c) database development: *mgmt capacity, basic IT*?

Information by municipalities for 2008-2011

I. **Available, detailed, computerized**
   - Albania: complete, 2002-
   - Croatia: 2001-; detailed on liabilities, guarantees
   - Montenegro: no functional classification

II. **Detailed, but transformation is needed**
   - Kosovo: provided by FreeBalance
   - Macedonia: raw data

III. **Partially available, not sufficiently detailed**:
   - BiH/RS: first time shared with ALVRS; not comparable
   - Serbia: Statistical Office grouping (available at MoF)

IV. **Survey**: BiH/FBiH (collected for MoF, as well!)

Data content

- Local legislation was followed: terms, codes
- Reclassification for comparison:
  - Own source revenues: revenue base, rate, reliefs are locally controlled
  - Capital revenues: one time (e.g. property related, sale)
  - Shared revenues: taxes, fees shared by origin
  - General grants: taxes shared by formula
- Capital expenditures: not available by sectors
- Debt stock: incomplete
- Supplementary data: population, employment salaries, classification of LGs

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From datasets to database

1. **Regular transfer of data:**
   - format, timing, contact point
   - procedures: free of charge, "favor", "pressure"
   - conditions : public use,
2. **Capacity to manage information:**
   - technical: cleaning, indicator design, reporting
   - IT: hardware, formatting, updates
   - financial sustainability
3. **Use of data and indicators:**
   - internal: analysis, negotiations, info to investors
   - public: transparency, benchmarking

LGAs: interests, capacities, cooperation?

NALAS: analysis, monitoring, negotiation with donors