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WeBER

Mind (y)our reform!



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Why was WeBER initiated?



- Public Administration Reform (PAR) as one of the fundamentals in EU accession
- “Principles of Public Administration” (2014):
 - Common denominator for PAR of WB countries
 - Guideline towards EU membership
- Strengthen civil society & media participation in PAR by educating and enabling them to:
 - monitor its progress
 - assess its quality
 - propose new solutions based on evidence and analysis

Why was WeBER initiated?

WeBER rationale

Only by empowering local non-governmental actors and strengthening participatory democracy at the national and local level, can the same pressure on the governments to continue implementing the often painful and inconvenient administrative reforms be maintained post-accession

WeBER Overall Goal

*Western Balkans Enabling Project for Civil Society
Monitoring of Public Administration Reform – WeBER –
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*Increase the relevance, participation and capacity of
civil society organisations and media in the Western
Balkans to advocate for and influence the design and
implementation of public administration reform*

WeBER Specific Objectives

SO1

Facilitate civil society monitoring of PAR based on evidence and analysis in the WB

SO2

Facilitate sustainable regional and national level government-CSO consultation platforms, policy dialogue and quality media reporting on PAR

SO3

Enable local watchdog and grassroots organisations and media to work on local PAR issues

SO4

Improve organisational and financial sustainability and transparency of the Think for Europe Network (TEN) and its member organisations

WeBER Methodology

Combination of activities aimed at improving the capacity of civil society organisations in the WB to participate in PAR including, but not limited to:

**WeBER
PAR
Platform**

**PAR
Monitor**

**Regional
PAR
Scoreboard**

**Local CSOs
participation
in PAR**

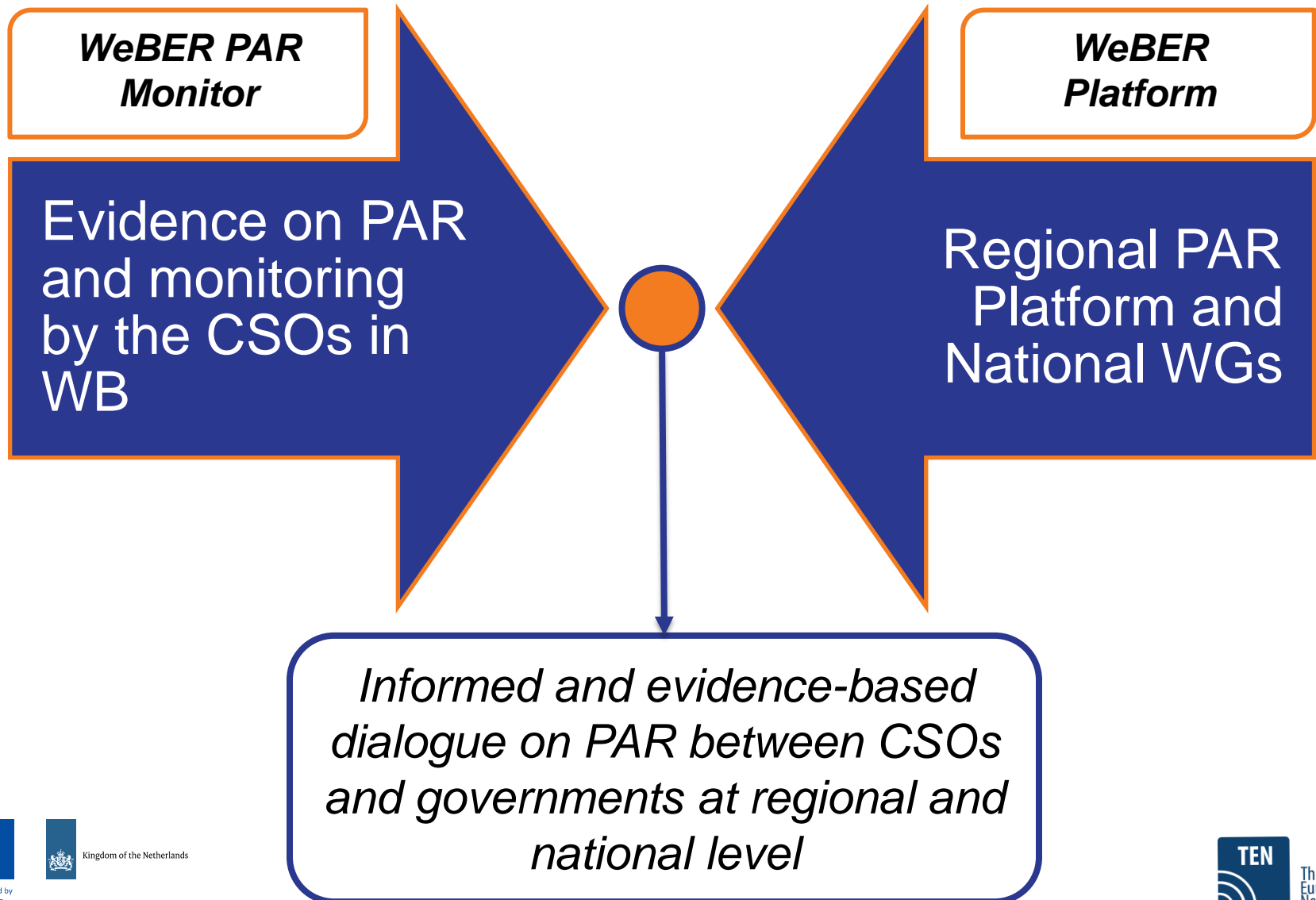
Venue
for dialogue
of CSOs and
government
s on PAR

Generating
evidence
for
meaningful
dialogue on
PAR

Regional
peer
pressure &
country
bench-
marking

Training
and
coaching of
local CSO;
grant
scheme

WeBER Methodology



- Development of monitoring methodology (ongoing)
 - Focus on (SIGMA) Principles of PA
 - Selection of principles most relevant to the public and civil society
- Monitoring selected principles at the local level, too
- Combination of quantitative and qualitative research
- Ensuring referencing and visibility for other CSOs' reports as part of PAR Monitor
- One regional summary report (2018)
- Six national monitoring reports (2018)



WeBER - PAR Monitor



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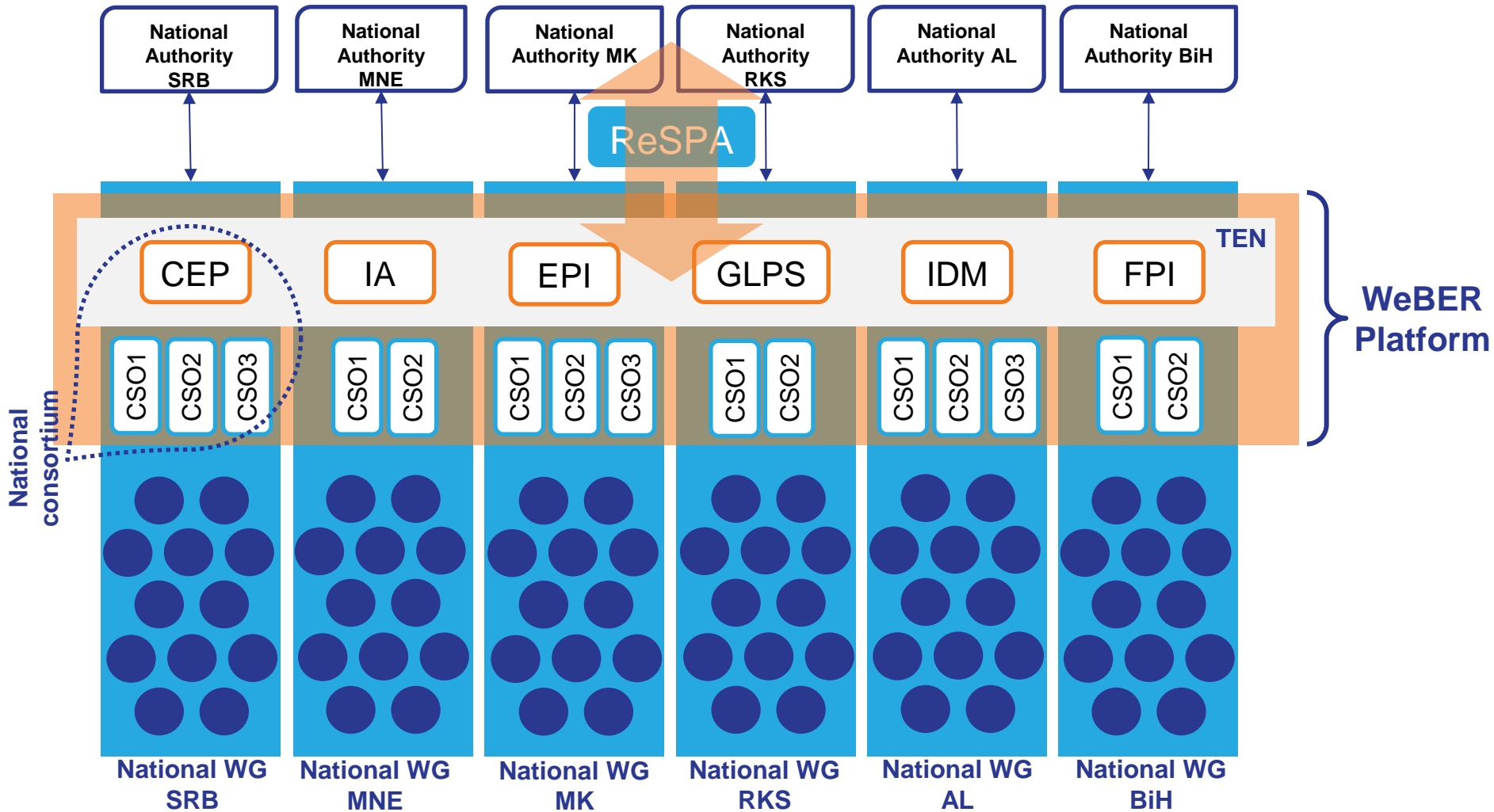
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WeBER Platform - Structure



WeBER Timeframe



M 1-6 (months)
Inception phase

M 19-30

Run PAR Monitor
Implement
regional platform
& CSO WGs
Support local
CSOs (grants)

Design/test PAR
Monitor
Set up regional
platform & CSO
WGs
Prepare grant
scheme
M 7-18

Stock taking,
monitoring cycle
& small grants
evaluation
Planning future
work
M 31-36



Who implements WeBER?



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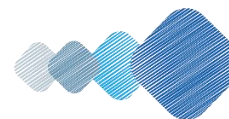
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WeBER is implemented by the Think for Europe Network (TEN) composed of EU policy oriented think tanks in the Western Balkans.

European Policy Centre (CEP) from Belgrade is the coordinator of the Project.



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Who do we cooperate with?

- PAR ministries and/or offices in each of the WB countries
- Regional School of Public Administration (ReSPA)
- Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)
- SIGMA OECD
- DG NEAR of the European Commission

The Project will establish strong cooperation and alliances with CSOs interested in or already working on PAR in all WB countries

Communication strategy for civil society engagement in PAR monitoring to facilitate a more coordinated and complementary approaches of CSOs in PAR

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Thank you for your attention.

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