

TI Contribution to EC Consultation on the ‘Green Paper on the Future of EU Budget Support to Third Countries’

Addendum

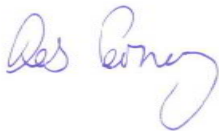
As an addendum to Transparency International’s submission to the EC consultation on the ‘Green Paper on the Future of EU Budget Support to Third Countries’, the TI movement conducted a survey among chapters recipient of EU budget support to find out their views on the issue. While the survey was not exhaustive and while we opted to allow recipients to respond with anonymity, there are useful conclusions to be drawn from our local offices, many of whom work directly on budget transparency in countries recipient of EU budget support. Please see the attached survey.

There are a number of caveats to the survey:

- The results do not indicate a formal position of TI vis-à-vis budget support, but merely reflect the views of the 12 chapters who responded to the survey.
- The methodology is deliberately general so as to solicit informal chapter perspectives on budget support as a whole rather than an empirical analysis on a case-by-case basis.
- There is no room to differentiate between EU budget support and budget support provided by other countries – the goal is to get to the crux of the issue itself, rather than any particular budget line.

If there are any further questions as to the findings of TI or as to further work conducted in the area, please feel free to contact me at your leisure.

With best wishes,


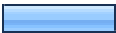







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1. To what degree has your chapter been engaged in initiatives funded through donors' budget support in your country? Mark all that apply:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Engaged in budget discussions		33.3%	4
Engaged in policy formulation		16.7%	2
Participated in training/capacity building		8.3%	1
Monitored programme results		25.0%	3
Have not participated in any initiative		8.3%	1
None of the above		33.3%	4
Other		16.7%	2
		answered question	12
		skipped question	0




2. From a development policy point of view, is budget support a better aid modality than project-based funding?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		41.7%	5
No		41.7%	5
Don't know		16.7%	2
		answered question	12
		skipped question	0


3. From the point of view of minimising corruption, does budget support present higher or lower risks than project-based funding?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Higher		83.3%	10
Lower		16.7%	2
Don't know		0.0%	0
answered question			12
skipped question			0




4. Considering the previous questions, should TI be in principle in favour of budget support?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		50.0%	6
No		41.7%	5
Don't know		8.3%	1
answered question			12
skipped question			0


5. If you are in principle in favour of budget support: Should minimum standards (e.g. having transparent and accountable management of public finances and public procurement) have to be met before a country receives budget support?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		100.0%	12
No		0.0%	0
Don't know		0.0%	0
answered question			12
skipped question			0





6. Could firm commitments to meet such 'minimum standards' (e.g. on transparent and accountable management of public finances and public procurement) be considered sufficient for a country to receive budget support?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		50.0%	6
No		33.3%	4
Don't know		16.7%	2
answered question			12
skipped question			0


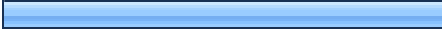

7. Do you expect that at least a 'beginning of evidence of progress' on the commitments by a government to reach minimum standards (e.g. on transparent and accountable management of public finances and public procurement) should be required?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		100.0%	12
No		0.0%	0
Don't know		0.0%	0
answered question			12
skipped question			0

8. As compared to sectoral budget support, general budget support has corruption risks that are:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Higher		58.3%	7
Lower		8.3%	1
Same		16.7%	2
Don't know		16.7%	2
answered question			12
skipped question			0

9. Which form of budget support would you recommend?

		Response Percent	Response Count
General Budget Support		16.7%	2
Sectoral Budget Support		66.7%	8
Neither		16.7%	2
		answered question	12
		skipped question	0