

THE MAIN CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SEE GOOD GOVERNANCE REPORT


The SEE Good Governance Report shows that countries in the region face significant challenges to good governance, exacerbated by internal and external authoritarian threats.

In order to overcome these challenges, they must:

- » SEE and EU countries should closely monitor their obligations under the Rule of Law Mechanism, as well as the European Semester
- » The four EU member states need to overcome governance barriers
- » The countries of the Western Balkans should work unilaterally to implement the reforms needed in the EU negotiating chapters

**In every problem there is always
A WAY FORWARD**

Key policy recommendations for both - public procurement and management of energy state-owned enterprises sectors, can be outlined:

- » The EU and its partners from the EEA and the US need to continue providing technical assistance in mainstreaming public procurement good practices
 - » SEE governments should be safeguarding public procurement integrity through increased monitoring of procurement, increased institutional efficiency, reduced share of unopened procedures and improved contract award mechanisms
 - » National governments should withdraw the Covid-19 emergency procurement rules by reversing to the original procurement legislation
 - » The countries should adopt and implement the best international standards on corporate governance of state-owned enterprises in the energy sector like those developed by the OECD
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- » SEE parliaments and governments need to improve the independence of national energy and competition regulators by increasing their administrative and financial capacity and removing political appointments
 - » SEE governments should refrain from entering into large bilateral energy projects without adequate safeguards which could at a minimum include the involvement of international public financial institutions, such as the EIB, the EBRD or the World Bank
 - » SEE governments should cooperate with the European Commission, EU and EEA Member States and the United States by introducing better protection of their economies from illegal or corrosive funds associated with authoritarian countries
 - » SEE governments and their EU / EEA and US partners should build sustainable models of interaction with national and local civil society and investigative media through increasing monitoring of public procurement and energy state-owned enterprises

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