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Program Evaluation Learning Resources

Balkan Civil Society Development Network, Resources:

<http://www.balkancsd.net/publications/>

World Bank Official YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/WorldBank>

Food and agriculture data network, CountrySTAT (Food and agriculture organization of the United Nations, Statistics division):

<http://www.countrystat.org/>

FAO Food Price Index with dataset:

<http://www.fao.org/worldfoodsituation/foodpricesindex/en/>

Recommended News Articles and Blog Posts

[Maya Pilgrim on Seeing evaluation as social justice work](#)

[What is work worth? Taking a systematic approach to remuneration](#)

[Here's how the method of testing can change student scores](#)

[Cash transfers and psychosocial well-being: evidence from four African countries](#)

[How Social Protection Measures Impact on the Socioeconomy of Developing Countries, Interview with Benjamin Davis \(YouTube video\)](#)

[Economic Value of the Non-Profit Sector in the Western Balkans and Turkey, Infographic](#)

[Economic Value of the Non-Profit Sector in the Western Balkans and Turkey, Recommendations, Infographic](#)

[Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO Hunger Map 2015](#)

Upcoming Events

November 21

[SDGs – Making a Difference through Evaluation, Hanoi, Vietnam](#)

May 18

[Evaluation of Innovations and Innovations in Evaluations, Vilnius, Lithuania](#)

Useful Sites

<http://www.balkancsd.net/>

<http://www.fao.org/>

Examples of Evaluation Projects

[Gender Differences in Child Investment Behavior Among Agricultural Households, Evidence from the Lesotho Child Grants Programme, United Nations University Unu-Wider, October 2016](#)

[Child Labour Elimination Actions for Real Change \(CLEAR\) Project, Final Evaluation Report, IMPAQ International, March 2016](#)



Activities of the MEASURE-BiH Staff

Mr. Edis Brkic, Capacity Building Specialist, and Mr. Ye Zhang, Technical Director and Principal Investigator at the USAID/MEASURE-BiH, accompanied by Mrs. Elma Bukvic Jusic, Senior Development Assistance Specialist at USAID Mission in BiH, and Mr. Admir Suljagic, Director of the HJPC BiH Secretariat, attended the American Evaluation Association Conference 2016 which took place from October 24 to 29, 2016 in Atlanta, USA. During 2016 AEA Conference, the Judicial Effectiveness Index Bosnia and Herzegovina (JEI-BiH) was presented within thematic session: "Innovation and creativity in international evaluations: New tools explored – New tools for Evaluating Judicial Performance".

Relevant Publications

[Regional Economic Issues: Central, Eastern, and South Eastern Europe – Effective Government for Stronger Growth by International Monetary Fund \(IMF\)](#)

Economic growth remains solid in much of Central, Eastern, and Southeastern Europe (CESEE). Given mediocre prospects for potential growth and a cyclical rebound near completion outside the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), current growth may be difficult to sustain. While some risks to the outlook have diminished, downside risks still dominate. Policies need to strike the right balance between supporting near-term growth and rebuilding fiscal space. For the entire region, the defining challenge is to re-accelerate potential growth and convergence. The need to lift potential growth and rebuild fiscal buffers puts a premium on improving public investment management and tax administration in CESEE countries.

Based on an in-depth analysis of public investment management and tax administration in CESEE, this REI finds the following:

- Closing efficiency gaps in public investment and tax collection could bring sizable benefits.
- Further upgrades of public investment management should focus on improving allocation and implementation frameworks and procedures.
- Improvements in tax administration should aim at reducing compliance gaps.
- Successful reforms to raise government effectiveness require taking into account political economy factors.

Recommended Reading

[Cash transfers: what does the evidence say? – A rigorous review of programme impact and of the role of design and implementation features by Overseas Development Institute](#)

Cash transfers have been increasingly adopted by low- and middle-income countries as central elements of their poverty reduction and social protection strategies. There are some 130 low- and middle-income countries that have at least one non-contributory unconditional cash transfer (UCT) programme.

This review retrieves, assesses and synthesizes the evidence on the effects of cash transfers on individuals and households through a rigorous review of the literature of 15 years, from 2000 to 2015.

This is a rigorous literature review with 201 studies included in the annotated bibliography and 56 different cash transfer programmes.