# PEMPAL - TCOP Plenary Meeting







# COVERAGE BY TREASURY TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

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#### Introductory

#### **Composition of Local Government**





#### 61 Municipalities by 12 Regions in Albania





#### **Legal Basis**



- Law No. 9936, dated June 26, 2008 "On the management of the **budget system** in the Republic of Albania", amended by Law No. 57, dated 02.06.2016, full version.
- Law No. 139, dated December 17, 2015 "On Local **Self-Government**"
- Law No. 68, dated April 27, 2017 "On the **finances** of local self-government", amended by Law No. 40/2023.
- Law No. 10296, dated July 08, 2010, as amended by Law No. 110/2015, dated October 15, 2015 "On Financial Management and **Control**".
- Law 48/2014 "On **late payments** of commercial and contractual obligations".
- Law No. 9869, dated February 04, 2008 "On Local Government **Borrowing**".

User **manual** of the local government management system, revised on March 04, 2024.

- Instruction No. 35, dated December 29, 2023 "Procedure for managing **financial difficulties** for general government units".
- Joint instruction between Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Interior No. 17, dated June 20, 2022 "On determining the minimum uniformity of procedural obligations or the **collection of local taxes and fees** obligations".
- Instruction No. 3, dated February 28, 2024 "For the preparation of the **medium-term local budget** program 2025-2027".
- Instruction No. 22, dated July 30, 2018 "On the standard procedures for **monitoring the budget** of local self-government units".
- Instruction No. 9, dated March 20, 2018 "On standard procedures for **the budget implementation".**
- Instruction No. 9/1, dated March 20, 2018 "On **budget execution** procedures for central and local government that use Government financial information system".
- Instruction No. 8, dated March 09, 2018 "On the procedures for the preparation, presentation and reporting of the annual **financial statements** in the general government units", amended by Instruction No. 5, dated February 21, 2022.
- Instruction No. 24, dated on August 29, 2019 "On **Web Portal** and **Electronic Archive** implementation by all general government units for sending and archiving the supportive documentation on financial transactions executed through AGFIS", amended by Instruction No.17, dated on July 06, 2021.

# Phases of local government's budget execution Through AGFIS





Requisition **Procurement** 

Pre-commitment (request to purchase) is recorded in AGFIS against multiyear budget:

Not

By TDOs for spending units offline

Only

Legal obligation is recorded in AGFIS:

By Spending Units online of to frozen funds

3 Municipalities have full access to AGFIS:

Tirana Durres

Elbasan

Liability

By TDOs for spending units offline against multiyear budget

And

By spending units online from releasing of pre-commitment

Commitment

Suppliers Invoice
Good or services are delivered

Financial obligation - Expenditures order is recorded in AGFIS: Account Payable/Accrual:

By TDOs for spending units offline from releasing of commitment

And

By spending units online from releasing of commitment

Liability

**Payment** 

Confirming of payments batches in AGFIS against monthly cash plans By TDOs for both: spending units offline and online (centralized payment system to TSA)

FIFO based on creation date in AGFIS

Law 48/2014 "On late payment of commercial and contractual relationship"
Definition: over 60 days (30 days spending units/30 days Treasury liquidity)
Reasons of arrears: There is not annual budget plan and/or monthly cash plans.
There are not realized own revenues/Central Government Transfers

Arrears

TDOs – Treasury Districts Office FIFO – First in, first out

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# HRMIS Integration with Oracle Treasury AGFIS for implementation of the Employees' Salary Payment Service Workflow in the process of execution for each transaction

Council of Ministers' Decision No. 833, dated 28.10.2020 "On detailed rules for the content, procedure and administration of personnel files and the central personnel register"

- -Creates and administers the CPR-Central Personnel Register (including Salary Module)
- -Creates and administers the cooperation platform "administrata.al" to manage the human resources of spending units
- -Approves instructions/regulations of operation, use, interaction and user manuals
- -Determines Personnel file's form/electronic elements

-Supervises the status of the spending order to ensure the successful completion of automatic checks, evaluation and

-Sends the necessary information for the realization of the

employees in the commercial banks, after the confirmation

by the SIFQ for the execution of the payment of the expenses

transfer of the salary to the individual account of the

- -Corrects and updates data related to the codification of the budget and accounting classification sourced in AGFIS
- -Provides assistance to spending units for completing the elements of the spending order (codification of the budget structure and references of the transitory bank account of salaries)

- -Creates, administers and reflects the data in CPR
- -Use the collaboration platform "administrata.al" for reporting and development/management of human resources processes
- -Maintains, completes, organizes and administers personnel files for each employee that affect the salary calculation
- -Prepares the payroll based on the processing of information in HRMIS and the attendance list

**HRMIS** 

approval by AGFIS

of the salaries of the employees.



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**Spending Unit** 

**Spending Unit** 

- Payroll Invoice Interface-AFMIS uploads the file sent by HRMIS
- -Payroll Invoice Interface Upload/Validate/Import
- -Creates a new batch for salary invoices "Code of Spending unit:1010001"
- -Payables Open Interface Import "1010001 DoPA Payroll 2023"
- -Invoices by the HRMIS system will appear in the batch "HRMIS"
- -Complete the missing elements in the liability account combination
- -Validates the invoice, creates the accounting and initiates approval.

AGFIS









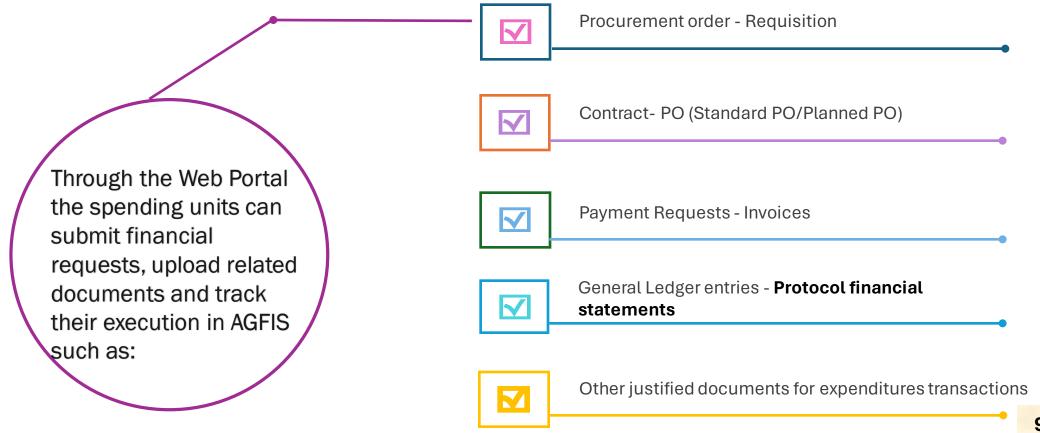
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Spending Unit TDO TDO GDT

#### Web Portal - Electronic Archive

There is an electronic archive of documentation fostering the internal financial control in budget execution process.

It has a wider base of access from spending units of local government as users of the electronic archive (as audit trail for justified documentation of payments data in AGFIS).



#### Information generated by AGFIS





#### **AGFIS Reporting (standard and financial)**

- Monitoring performance, products (outputs), expenditures and cash flows
- Providing tools to help analyzing local government data, such as:
  - (i) Indicator of the efficiency of the financial management that, through its own income and central budget transfers, finance more **investment expenses**, which have a direct impact on the lives of citizens;
  - (ii) The high ratio of **sectoral transfers** to total local income, which shows the fiscal impossibility that these units must exercise decentralized functions without budget support; the low ratio of the unconditional sectoral transfer to its own income is a challenge in small municipalities, in terms of promoting the growth of their own local income and the fiscal capacity that these units have in relation to the autonomy to exercise the functions they have based on legal provisions;
  - (iii) Stock of arrears against total liabilities, by categories (mainly investments);
  - (iv) Inherited funds from previous year, etc.
  - (v) Data for the **evaluation** of the fiscal capacity of the local government, the quality of the planning and realization of expenses, which have an important role in financial sustainability.
- Creating of consolidated data reports for the fiscal indicators and financial statements (cash and accrual basis);
- KPIs assessment.

*Objective:* Harmonization and unification of procedures for budget execution, reporting, monitoring performance of local self-government units in accordance with international standards.



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#### The benefits & challenges of

#### **Expanding coverage by Treasury to spending units**



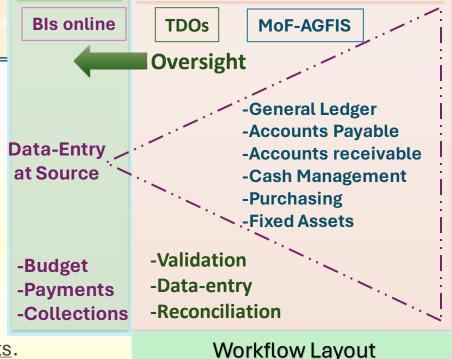


#### **Benefits**

- Public financial management's rules are technically translated into AGFIS
- Common Internal Financial Control Framework
- Transactions' execution/accounting can only be made in line with the applicable rules
- Transparency throughout budget execution (what, by whom, when).
- Accurate accounting of all transactions (electronic audit track),
- Real time information on budget execution / accounting is done in one single system.
- Municipalities online have direct access to consolidated financial reports.
- Monitoring and managing of the government liquidities/cash flows of TSA.
- Municipalities monitor in real-time the budget execution process of <u>subordinated units</u>.
- Possibility for unification and digitalization of business processes:

Aiming of strengthening / improving the work processes for budget execution, its monitoring and the increasing the quality of **decision-making**, AGFIS has already been integrated with several systems in public finance and beyond, specifically:

- The banking system,
- C@T's System "e-payments" of General Directorate of Taxes,
- HRMIS of Department of Public Administration (AFMIS),
- Public Procurement Agency's System.
- The documentation of expenditures transactions are scanned and electronically signed from authorizing / executive officers of spending units of local government, to be approved from responsible structure of TDOs into AGFIS.
- Time saved on financial consolidation process and financial reporting preparation (pre-build consolidation formulas and FSG reports in AGFIS).
- Centralization of processes across AGFIS provides better control for the consolidated financial position of local government as whole.



#### **IT System/Consolidated Reporting**

General Directorate of Treasury builds the control rules, features and processes

of reporting data

1-Clear definition of policies 4-Procedures (written procedures) Steering 2-Setting objectives (plans) controls 5-Appropriate training of staff etc. 3-Laws and regulations 1-Separation of duties 3-Existence of authorization and approval Preventive procedures 2-Check for arithmetic accuracy Controls 4-Access control in applications before payment 3-Checking returned payment errors from 1-Direct controls on the structures Detective the banks where it is performed Controls 4-Checking the differences between 2-Matching invoices with the bank cash-accrual data & budget-cash plan statements 1- Correction of incorrect accounting entries in AGFIS by monthly reconciliation Corrective Controls 2- Checking the unaccounted data of modules to General Ledger of AGFIS for accuracy



## Challenges





Delays on data exchange between systems



Human mistakes/errors



Coherences on data exchange between systems



Professional skills at the appropriate level to adapt to the capacity of digitization processes.



Lack of training of existing staff to adapt to new developments

Challenges ahead in line with Albanian PFM Strategy and evolution of the treasury system's role. AGFIS further extension to other local government units.













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#### **Auxiliary information**

#### **Authority/Devolution – GDT/TDO**



#### **Albanian Treasury System**

It consists in 36<sup>th</sup> Treasury Districts Offices (219 employees) and a General Directorate under Ministry of Finance and Economy, composed up as follows:

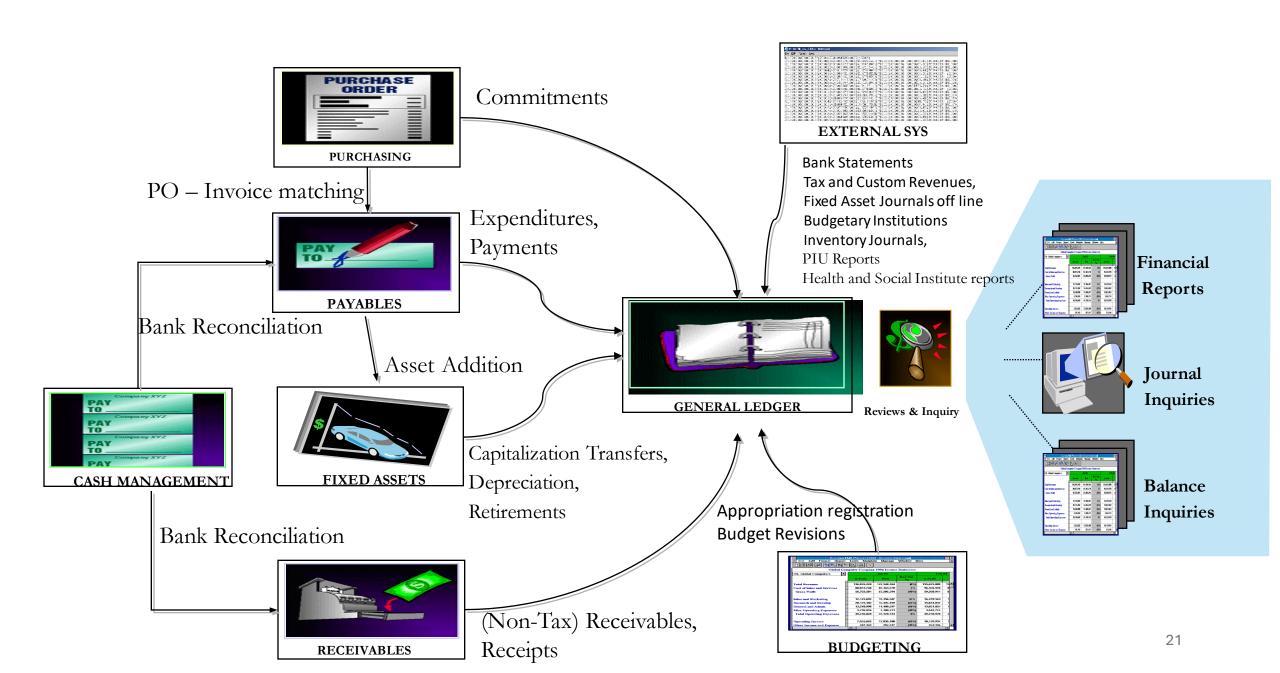
**Treasury Operations'** 

- 1. Treasury Operations' Department (15 employees),
- 2. Business Processing's Department (8 employees),
- 3. Department of Indemnity's Payments (8 employees), which communicate with 1,300 budgetary units (MDAs-line ministries, departments and agencies/local government units).

Separated General
Directorates of Debt/
Budget/Tax & Customs
Authority



#### **AGFIS SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE (Oracle)**



# Payment - Albanian Centralized Model

