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Characteristics of the Accounting System

- Mandatory use of budgetary accounting and financial reporting for budgets, budget users and extra-budgetary users,
- Use of mandatory budget Chart of Accounts and consistent implementation of binding rules for transactions and business operation records,
- Mandatory use of budget classification: organizational, economic, functional, locational and program, in the area of budget planning and execution, accounting and financial reporting,
- Foundations of budgetary accounting are based on International Accounting Standards for the public sector,
- Application of the modified accrual basis accounting,
- Consistent implementation of the internationally recognized and comparative analytical framework for financial and statistical reporting,
- Obligation of periodical and annual reporting, obligatory preparation of consolidated annual accounts of the budget of the Republic of Croatia.



Deficiencies of the Accounting System

 Accounting is the foundation for development of financial statements, as a basis for preparation of consolidated financial statements, therefore they share some common deficiencies:

Problem of human resources:

 Small number of employees in the accounting, who frequently perform other tasks, other than accounting ones, whereby data quality is questionable,

✓ Lack of education.

 Awareness of managers on the importance of accounting and financial affairs.



Lessons Learned

A good quality system established through laws and bylaws, provides a solid ground for reasonable accounting system and acceptable level of consolidated financial statements, in terms of fulfilling the requirements of fiscal transparency.

 The above primarily implies detailed definition of accounting methodology and financial reporting framework, along with a well-defined scope of consolidation

