

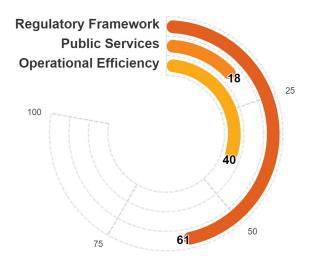
ECONOMY

Central African Republic

REGIONSub-Saharan Africa

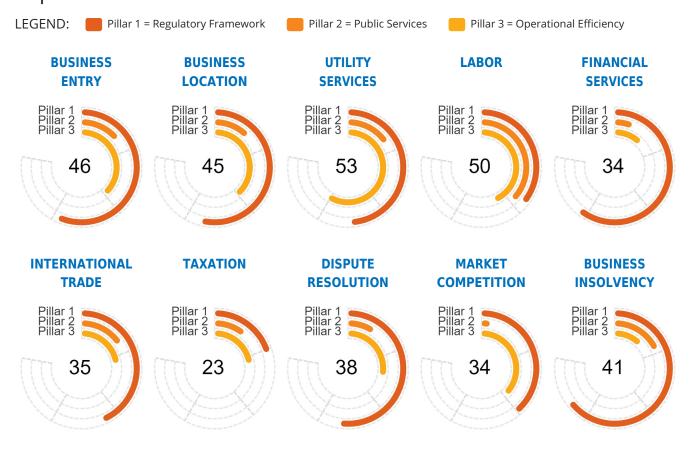
INCOME GROUP

Low income



- The Central African Republic scores highest in Utility Services, Labor, and Business Entry. Within these areas, the economy provides regulations on safety of water connections, implements good practices in its labor dispute resolution mechanism, and allows for risk-based assessment for operating business licenses and environmental licenses.
- The Central African Republic scores lowest in Taxation, Market Competition, and Financial Services. Within these
 areas, the economy falls behind on the transparency of changes in tax regulations, does not have any electronic
 platform for public procurement, and its collateral registry lacks modern features.





Business Entry



The Business Entry topic measures the process of registration and start of operations of new limited liability companies (LLCs) across three different dimensions, here referred to as pillars. The first pillar assesses the quality of regulations for business entry, covering de jure features of a regulatory framework that are necessary for the adoption of good practices for business start—ups. The second pillar measures the availability of digital public services and transparency of information for business entry. The third pillar measures the time and cost required to register new domestic and foreign firms.

Each pillar is divided into categories—defined by common features that inform the grouping into a particular category—and each category is further divided into subcategories. Each subcategory has several indicators, each of which may, in turn, have several components. Relevant points are assigned to each indicator and subsequently aggregated to obtain the number of points for each subcategory, category, and pillar.

Detailed methodology is available in the Methodology Handbook.



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PILLAR I - REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

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CA	ATEGORY: INFORMATION AND PROCEDURAL STANDARDS			36.85	/50.00
	Sub-Cate	gory: Company Information Filing Requirements		13.93	/15.00
		Mandatory to Verify and to Have the Company Name Approved	Θ	1.07	2.14
		Mandatory to Verify the Identity of Entrepreneurs	~	2.14	2.14
		Mandatory to Register Shareholders' Information	~	2.14	2.14
		Mandatory to File Annual Returns/Financial Statements	~	2.14	2.14
		Mandatory to Register Changes to the Company Name	~	2.14	2.14
		Mandatory to Register Changes to the Shareholders' Details	~	2.14	2.14
		Mandatory to Register Changes in the Articles of Association	~	2.14	2.14
	Sub-Cate	gory: Beneficial Ownership Filing Requirements		6.25	/15.00
		Mandatory to Register Beneficial Owners' Information	Θ	1.25	2.50
		Mandatory Type of Information Required for Beneficial Owners	Θ	1.25	2.50

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		Mandatory Time Limit to Register Beneficial Owners' Information	×	0.00	2.50
		Nominee Shareholders and Directors	Θ	1.25	2.50
		Mandatory to Verify Beneficial Owners' Identity	Θ	1.25	2.50
		Mandatory to Register Changes to the Beneficial Ownership Information	Θ	1.25	2.50
	Sub-Cate	gory: Availability of Simplified Registration		6.67	/10.00
		Simple Registration Form without the Use of Intermediaries	~	3.33	3.33
		Simple Registration Form for All Entrepreneurs	~	3.33	3.33
		Changes without the Use of Intermediaries	×	0.00	3.33
	•	gory: Risk-Based Assessment for Operating Business and ental Licenses		10.00	/10.00
		Risk-Based Regulations for Business Licensing	~	5.00	5.00
		Risk-Based Regulations for Environmental Permitting	~	5.00	5.00
CA	TEGORY: F	RESTRICTIONS ON REGISTERING A BUSINESS		35.94	/50.00
	Sub-Cate	gory: Domestic Firms		17.19	/25.00
		Paid-In Minimum Capital Requirements	×	0.00	2.50
		Minimum Education or Training	~	2.50	2.50
		Criminal History Records or Affidavits	×	0.00	2.50
		Approval of Business Plan, Feasibility Plan, or Financial Plan	~	2.50	2.50
		General Operating License	×	0.00	2.50
		Sociodemographic Restrictions for Domestic Entrepreneurs	~	5.00	5.00
		Sector-Specific Restrictions for Domestic Entrepreneurs Related to Service Industries	~	2.50	2.50
		Sector-Specific Restrictions for Domestic Entrepreneurs Related to Manufacturing and Infrastructure Industries	~	2.50	2.50
		Sector-Specific Restrictions for Domestic Entrepreneurs Related to Agriculture and Extractive Industries	Θ	2.19	2.50
	Sub-Cate	gory: Foreign Firms		18.75	/25.00
		Paid-in Minimum Capital Requirements	×	0.00	2.50
		Ownership and Participation Restrictions	~	2.50	2.50
		Screening and Approval	Θ	1.25	2.50
		Restrictions on the Nationality of Key Personnel and Directors	~	2.50	2.50

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		Restrictions on Employment of Foreign and Local Personnel	Θ	0.63	2.50
		Local Engagement Requirements	~	2.50	2.50
		Financial Restrictions	Θ	1.88	2.50
		Sector-Specific Restrictions for Foreign Entrepreneurs Related to Service Industries	~	2.50	2.50
		Sector-Specific Restrictions for Foreign Entrepreneurs Related to Manufacturing and Infrastructure Industries	~	2.50	2.50
		Sector-Specific Restrictions for Foreign Entrepreneurs Related to Agriculture and Extractive Industries	~	2.50	2.50
PILLA	R II - PUBLIC SI	ERVICES		17.50	/100.00
	CATEGORY: D	DIGITAL SERVICES		0.00	/40.00
	Sub-Cate	gory: Business Start-Up Process		0.00	/20.00
		Company Name Verification	×	0.00	3.33
		Entire Company Registration Process	×	0.00	3.33
		Update of Company Information	×	0.00	3.33
		Registration and Update of Beneficial Ownership Information	×	0.00	3.33
		Payment of Incorporation Fees	×	0.00	3.33
		Issuance of Company Incorporation Certificate	×	0.00	3.33
	Sub-Cate	gory: Storage of Company and Beneficial Ownership Information		0.00	/10.00
		Database on Company Information	×	0.00	3.33
		Company Information Records Digitally Stored	×	0.00	3.33
		Database on Beneficial Ownership	×	0.00	3.33
	Sub-Cate	gory: Identity Verification		0.00	/10.00
		Availability of Electronic Signature and Authentication	×	0.00	5.00
		Identity Document Verification Process	×	0.00	5.00
	CATEGORY: I	NTEROPERABILITY OF SERVICES		5.00	/20.00
	Sub-Cate	gory: Exchange of Company Information		0.00	/10.00
		Exchange of Information Among Public Sector Agencies	×	0.00	5.00
		Update of Company Information Fully Automated	×	0.00	5.00
	Sub-Cates	gory: Unique Business Identification		5.00	/10.00
		Unique Business Identification Number Existence	~	5.00	5.00
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INDICATORS AND COMPONENTS	VALUES
Total time to register a new domestic firm (days)	17
Total cost to register a new domestic firm (% of GNI per capita)	411
Total time to register a new foreign firm (days)	17
Total cost to register a new foreign firm (% of GNI per capita)	242

Business Location



The Business Location topic measures three different options purchasing, leasing, and building that are available to entrepreneurs to choose the adequate location to set up their company, across three different dimensions, here referred to as pillars. The first pillar assesses the quality of regulations pertaining to property transfer, building, and environmental permitting, covering de jure features of a regulatory framework that are necessary for immovable property lease, property ownership, urban planning, and environmental licenses. The second pillar assesses the quality of public services and transparency of information in the provision of property transfer, building, and environmental permitting. The third pillar measures the operational efficiency of establishing a business location in practice. The interaction between these three pillars ensures a comprehensive evaluation of business location, balancing regulatory quality, service transparency, and operational efficiency to create an optimal environment for business establishment. The three pillars consider both the firm's flexibility and the broader social benefits. They ensure a more balanced approach accounting for private sector needs while safeguarding public interests, such as environmental sustainability and public safety.

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		Legal Obligation to Register Sales Transactions	~	3.75	3.75
		Legal Provision on the Legality of Online Documents	×	0.00	3.75
	Sub-Cate	gory: Land Dispute Mechanisms		9.38	/15.00
		Legal Provisions for Arbitration as an Alternative Land Disputes Resolution Mechanism	~	3.75	3.75
		Legal Provisions for Conciliation and Mediation as Alternative Land Disputes Resolution Mechanisms	Θ	1.88	3.75
		Legal Provisions to Provide Out-of-Court Compensation for Losses due to Erroneous Information from the Land Registry	×	0.00	3.75
		Legal Provision for Protection of Property Title	~	3.75	3.75
	Sub-Cate	gory: Land Administration System		10.00	/10.00
		Disclosure of Land Registry Information	~	3.33	3.33
		Disclosure of Cadastral Information	~	3.33	3.33
		Infrastructure for Land Administration	~	3.33	3.33
	CATEGORY: I	BUILDING, ZONING AND LAND USE		21.03	/40.00
	Sub-Cate	gory: Building Standards		14.03	/15.00
		Building Codes/Standards Applicable to All Constructions	~	1.58	1.58
		Clear Provisions or Guidelines Regarding Safety Standards	Θ	0.71	0.79
		Regulation of Health Risk Related to Construction Materials	~	0.79	0.79
		List of Regulated Materials	Θ	0.69	0.79
		Responsibility for Compliance with Legal Requirements	~	1.58	1.58
		Type of Inspections Carried Out during Construction	~	1.58	1.58
		Requirement of Final Inspection by Law	~	1.58	1.58
		Materials Required to Be Inspected/Tested by Law	Θ	0.79	1.58
		Liability for Structural Flaws/Problems	~	1.58	1.58
		Qualifications to Conduct Technical Supervision/Inspections	~	1.58	1.58
		Ability to Dispute Building Permit Decisions	~	1.58	1.58
	Sub-Cate	gory: Building Energy Standards		0.00	/15.00
		Mandatory Minimum Energy Efficiency Performance Standards	×	0.00	3.75
		Pre-Condition to Provide Proof of Design Compliance with the Energy Efficiency Performance Standards	×	0.00	3.75
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LAR II	- PUBLIC SERVICES		15.98	/100.00
CA	TEGORY: AVAILABILITY AND RELIABILITY OF DIGITAL SERVICES		1.60	/40.00
	Sub-Category: Property Transfer – Digital Public Services		0.00	/8.00
	Online Platform Encumbrance Checking	×	0.00	1.33
	Single Online Platform for Encumbrance Checking	×	0.00	1.33
	Online Platform for Property Transfer	×	0.00	1.33
	Processes Available Online for Property Transfer	×	0.00	1.33
	Complaint Mechanisms for Immovable Property Registry	×	0.00	1.33
	Complaint Mechanisms for Cadaster	×	0.00	1.33
	Sub-Category: Property Transfer – Digital Land Management and Identification System		1.60	/8.00
	Electronic Database for Checking Encumbrances	×	0.00	1.60
	Format of Land Title Certificates	×	0.00	1.60
	Format of Cadastral Plans	×	0.00	1.60
	Method to Conduct Cadastral Surveying	~	1.60	1.60
	National Database for Checking Identification	×	0.00	1.60
	Sub-Category: Property Transfer – Coverage of the Land Registry and Mapping Agency		0.00	/8.00
	Property Registration Coverage at Main Business City Level	×	0.00	2.00
	Property Registration Coverage at National Level	×	0.00	2.00
	Cadastral Coverage at Main City Level	×	0.00	2.00
	Cadastral Coverage at National Level	×	0.00	2.00
	Sub-Category: Building Permits – Digital Public Services		0.00	/8.00
	Online Platform for Issuing Building Authorizations	×	0.00	2.00
	Online Permitting Systems with Several Functionalities	×	0.00	2.00
	Online Permitting Systems to Submit Building and Occupancy Permits	×	0.00	2.00
	File Dispute Online on Building Permits	×	0.00	2.00
	Sub-Category: Environmental Permits – Digital Public Services		0.00	/8.00
	Online Environmental Permitting Systems with Several Functionalities	×	0.00	4.00
	File Dispute Online on Environmental Licensing	×	0.00	4.00

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Statistics Tracking the Number of Issued Building Permits

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	Updated City Maste	r Plan/Zoning Plan	~	1.88	1.88
	Steps to Modify Zon	ing/Land Use Plan	×	0.00	1.88
	Adherence to Zonin	g Regulations	~	1.88	1.88
	Sub-Category: Environmental	Permits		0.00	/5.00
		bility of Environmental Licensing Ioderate-Risk Construction Project	×	0.00	2.50
	Applicable and Up-t Clearances	o-Date Fee Schedule for Environment	ral ×	0.00	2.50
PILLAR	III - OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY			49.63	/100.00
	CATEGORY: PROPERTY TRANSFER	AND LAND ADMINISTRATION		13.33	/40.00
	Sub-Category: Major Constrain	nts on Access to Land		0.13	/13.33
	Major Constraints o	n Access to Land	Θ	0.13	13.33
	Sub-Category: Time to Obtain	a Property Transfer		13.20	/13.33
	Time to Obtain a Pr	operty Transfer	Θ	13.20	13.33
	Sub-Category: Cost to Obtain a	a Property Transfer		0.00	/13.33
	Cost to Obtain a Pro	perty Transfer	×	0.00	13.33
	CATEGORY: CONSTRUCTION PERM	IITS		26.40	/40.00
	Sub-Category: Time to Obtain	Construction-Related Permits		13.33	/13.33
	Time to Obtain Con	struction-Related Permits	✓	13.33	13.33
	Sub-Category: Time to Obtain	a Building Permit		13.07	/13.33
	Time to Obtain a Bu	ilding Permit	Θ	13.07	13.33
	Sub-Category: Cost to Obtain	a Building Permit		0.00	/13.33
	Cost to Obtain a Bu	ilding Permit	×	0.00	13.33
	CATEGORY: ENVIRONMENTAL PER	RMIT		9.90	/20.00
	Sub-Category: Time to Obtain	an Environmental Permit		9.90	/10.00
	Time to Obtain an E	nvironmental Permit	Θ	9.90	10.00
	Sub-Category: Cost to Obtain a	an Environmental Permit		0.00	/10.00
	Cost to Obtain anEr	vironmental Permit	×	0.00	10.00

INDICATORS AND COMPONENTS	VALUES
Time to obtain a construction-related permit (days)	1
Perceptions index of access to land as a constraint	50
Time to obtain a building permit (days)	60
Cost to obtain a building permit (% of GNI per capita)	1878
Time to obtain a property (days)	9
Cost to obtain a property (% of GNI per capita)	1254
Time to obtain environmental permits (days)	75
Cost to obtain environmental permits (% of GNI per capita)	9392

Utility Services



The Utility Services topic measures the effectiveness of regulatory frameworks, and the quality of governance and transparency of service delivery mechanisms, as well as the operational efficiency of providing electricity, water, and internet services. Under the first pillar the Utility Services topic assesses the effectiveness of regulation pertaining to electricity, water, and internet services, covering de jure features of a regulatory framework that are necessary for the efficient deployment of connections, reliable service, safety, and environmental sustainability of provision and use of utility services. The second pillar of the topic measures the quality of governance and transparency in the provision of utility services, thus assessing the de facto provision of utility services. The third pillar measures the time required to obtain electricity, water, and internet connections, as well as the reliability of utility service supply.

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PILLAR I - REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

CATEGORY: ELECTRICITY

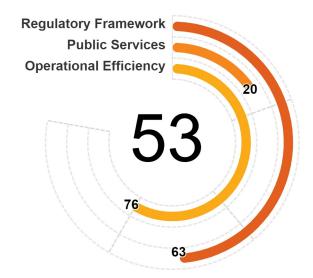


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Sub-Category: Regulatory Monitoring of Tariffs and Service Monitoring of Tariffs Monitoring of Service Quality Sub-Category: Utility Infrastructure Sharing and Quality Ass Mechanisms Joint Planning and Construction Mechanisms on Service Quality Assurance 4.17 4.17

Sub-Category: Safety of Utility Connections CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Professional Certifications

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Joint Planning and Construction

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	Rights of Wa	ау	~	3.33	3.33
	Open Infras	tructure	Θ	2.50	3.33
	Mechanisms	s on Service Quality Assurance	×	0.00	3.33
	Sub-Category: Safety o	f Utility Connections		4.17	/8.33
	Liability Reg	imes	~	2.78	2.78
	Cybersecuri	ty Coordination	×	0.00	2.78
	Cybersecuri	ty Safeguards	Θ	1.39	2.78
	Sub-Category: Environ	mental Sustainability		0.00	/3.33
		tal Reporting or Disclosure Standards for Digital Infrastructure	×	0.00	1.67
	Emissions a	nd Energy Efficiency of Infrastructure	×	0.00	1.67
PILLAR	II - PUBLIC SERVICES			20.11	/100.00
	CATEGORY: ELECTRICITY			10.53	/33.33
	Sub-Category: Digital S	Services and Interoperability		1.04	/8.33
	Electronic A	pplication	×	0.00	2.08
	Electronic P	ayment	×	0.00	2.08
	Information	on Existing Infrastructure and Planned Works	Θ	1.04	2.08
	Coordinatio	n Mechanisms for Excavation Permits	×	0.00	2.08
	Sub-Category: Availabi	lity of Information and Transparency		3.03	/8.33
	Connection	Requirements	Θ	0.76	1.52
	Tariffs and 1	Fariff Settings	Θ	0.76	1.52
	Planned Ou	tages	~	1.52	1.52
			×	1.52 0.00	1.52 1.52
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	Planned Our Complaint N Service Qua	Mechanisms	×	0.00	1.52
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	gory: Enforcement of Safety Regulation Mechanisms	ons and	Consumer		3.13	/8.33
	Implementation of Inspections for E	Electricit	y Connections	Θ	3.13	4.17
	Independent Complaint Mechanism	า		×	0.00	4.17
CATEGORY:	WATER				8.33	/33.33
Sub-Cate	gory: Digital Services and Interoperal	bility			2.08	/8.33
	Electronic Application			×	0.00	2.08
	Electronic Payment			×	0.00	2.08
	Information on Existing Infrastructu	ire and I	Planned Works	Θ	1.04	2.08
	Coordination Mechanisms for Excav	vation P	ermits	Θ	1.04	2.08
Sub-Cate	gory: Availability of Information and	Transpa	rency		0.00	/8.33
	Connection Requirements			×	0.00	1.52
	Tariffs and Tariff Settings			×	0.00	1.52
	Planned Outages			×	0.00	1.52
	Complaint Mechanisms			×	0.00	1.52
	Service Quality Indicators			×	0.00	1.52
	Sustainability Indicators			×	0.00	0.76
Sub-Cate environn	gory: Monitoring of Service Supply (ir nent)	ncludes	gender and		4.17	/8.33
	Reliability and Quality of Water Sup	ply		~	3.33	3.33
	Sustainability of Water Supply			Θ	0.83	1.67
	Access to Water for Women Entrep	reneurs		×	0.00	3.33
	gory: Enforcement of Safety Regulation on Mechanisms	ons and	Consumer		2.08	/8.33
	Implementation of Inspections for \	Water Co	onnections	Θ	2.08	4.17
	Independent Complaint Mechanism	า		×	0.00	4.17
CATEGORY:	INTERNET				1.25	/33.33
Sub-Cate	gory: Digital Services and Interoperal	bility			0.00	/8.33
	Electronic Application			×	0.00	2.08
	Electronic Payment			×	0.00	2.08
	Information on Existing Infrastructu	ire and I	Planned Works	×	0.00	2.08

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·	Coordination Mechanisms for Excavation Permits	×	0.00	2.08
	Sub-Category: Availability of Information and Transparency		1.25	/8.33
	Connection Requirements			1.67
	Tariffs and Tariff Settings	×	0.00	1.67
	Planned Outages	×	0.00	1.67
	Complaint Mechanisms	Θ	1.25	1.67
	Service Quality Indicators	×	0.00	1.67
	Sub-Category: Monitoring of Service Supply (includes gender and environment)		0.00	/8.33
	Reliability and Quality of Internet Supply	×	0.00	4.17
	Access to Internet for Women Entrepreneurs	×	0.00	4.17
	Sub-Category: Enforcement of Safety Regulations and Consumer Protection Mechanisms		0.00	/8.33
	Cybersecurity Protocols	×	0.00	4.17
	Independent Complaint Mechanism	×	0.00	4.17
PILLAR	III - OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY		75.54	/100.00
	CATEGORY: ELECTRICITY		16.71	/33.33
	Sub-Category: Time to Obtain a Connection		16.50	/16.67
	Time to Obtain an Electricity Connection (from the moment the client submits the connection request until the service is received)	Θ	16.50	16.67
	Sub-Category: Reliability of Supply		0.21	/16.67
	Reliability of Electricity Supply	Θ	0.21	16.67
	CATEGORY: WATER		33.33	/33.33
	Sub-Category: Time to Obtain a Connection		33.33	/33.33
	Time to Obtain a Water Connection (from the moment the client submits the connection request until the service is received)	~	33.33	33.33
	CATEGORY: INTERNET		25.50	/33.33
	Sub-Category: Time to Obtain a Connection		15.33	/16.67
	Time to Obtain Internet Connection (from the moment the client submits the connection request until the service is received)	Θ	15.33	16.67
	Sub-Category: Reliability of Supply		10.17	/16.67
CENTRAL AF	Reliability of Internet Supply RICAN REPUBLIC - UTILITY SERVICES	Θ	10.17	16.67

	INDICATORS AND COMPONENTS	VALUES
	Time to obtain an electrical connection upon application (days)	8
PILLAR II	Persent of firms that own or share generator (%)	50
	Number of electrical outages in a typical month (count)	28
	Average duration of electricity outages in a typical month (hours)	7
	Losses due to electrical outages (% of annual sales)	9
	Time to obtain internet connection (days)	3
	Percent of firms not experiencing internet disruptions (%)	66
	Time to obtain a water connection upon application (days)	1
	Percent of firms not experiencing water insufficiencies (%)	N/A

Labor

The Labor topic measures good practices in employment regulations and public services from the perspective of both enterprises and employees across three different dimensions, here referred to as pillars. The first pillar assesses the quality of labor regulations pertaining to workers' conditions and employment restrictions and costs, covering de jure features of the regulatory framework that are necessary for the functioning of the labor market and to provide employers and employees with their obligations and relevant safeguards. The second pillar measures the adequacy of public services for labor, assessing the de facto provision of social protection and the institutional framework on which the labor market and the enforcement of labor regulations depend. The third pillar measures the operational efficiency of labor regulations and public services in practice, assessing employment restrictions and cost, as well as public services.

Each pillar is divided into categories—defined by common features that inform the grouping into a particular category—and each category is further divided into subcategories. Each subcategory has several indicators, each of which may, in turn, have several components. Relevant points are assigned to each indicator and subsequently aggregated to obtain the number of points for each subcategory, category, and pillar.

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PILLAR I - REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

CA	CATEGORY: WORKERS' CONDITIONS			28.90	/50.00
	Sub-Category: Labor Rights			13.62	/16.67
		Equal Remuneration for Work of Equal Value	~	1.28	1.28
		Prohibition of Discrimination	Θ	0.96	1.28
		Freedom of Association and Assembly	~	1.28	1.28
		Right to Collective Bargaining	~	1.28	1.28
		Prohibition of Forced Labor	~	1.28	1.28
		Minimum Legal Age for Employment	Θ	0.64	1.28

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	Sub-Category: Minimum Wage Rate		1.17	/16.67
	Minimum Wage Rate	Θ	1.17	16.67
	Sub-Category: Termination of Employment		9.17	/16.67
	Lenght of Notice Period	Θ	0.83	4.17
	Amount of Severance Payment	~	4.17	4.17
	No Third-Party Approval Requirement for Individual Dismissal	~	4.17	4.17
	No Third-Party Approval Requirement for Collective Dismissal	×	0.00	4.17
PILLAF	R II - PUBLIC SERVICES		47.62	/100.00
	CATEGORY: SOCIAL PROTECTION		8.33	/50.00
	Sub-Category: Unemployment Insurance		0.00	/16.67
	Availability of Government-Provided Unemployment Insurance	×	0.00	8.33
	Funding for Unemployment Insurance from General Tax Revenues	×	0.00	8.33
	Sub-Category: Health Care Coverage		4.17	/16.67
	Availability of Universal Health Care	Θ	4.17	8.33
	Funding for Health Care from General Tax Revenues	×	0.00	8.33
	Sub-Category: Retirement Pension		4.17	/16.67
	Availability of Government-Provided Retirement Pension Scheme	Θ	4.17	8.33
	Funding for Non-Contributory Retirement Pension from General Tax Revenues	×	0.00	8.33
	CATEGORY: EMPLOYMENT SERVICES		39.29	/50.00
	Sub-Category: Employment Centers and Training		14.29	/16.67
	Existence of a National Employment Service Center	~	4.76	4.76
	No Legal Mandate for Firms to Pay for Employment Service Center Services	×	0.00	2.38
	Legal Mandate for Vocational Guidance and Training for Unemployed and Job Seekers	~	4.76	4.76
	Existence of Public Training Programs for Unemployed and Job Seekers	~	4.76	4.76
	Sub-Category: Labor Dispute Resolution Mechanisms		16.67	/16.67
	Existence of a Functioning, Specialized, and Independent Mechanism for Resolution of a Labor Dispute	~	8.33	8.33

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	Existence of Alternati Dispute	ve Dispute Resolution	Process for a Labo	or 🗸	8.33	8.33
	Sub-Category: Labor Inspectora	tes			8.33	/16.67
	Existence of a Centra	Labor Inspectorate		~	4.17	4.17
	Best Practice Initiatio	n of Labor Inspections		~	4.17	4.17
	Existence of Data on Labor Violations	Reported Number of C	Cases/Complaints f	or ×	0.00	8.33
PILLAR	III - OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY				56.33	/100.00
	CATEGORY: EMPLOYMENT RESTRIC	TIONS AND COSTS			21.17	/50.00
	Sub-Category: Social Contribution	on			0.00	/16.67
	Ratio of Social Contri	oution		×	0.00	16.67
	Sub-Category: Obstacles to Hiri	ng			4.50	/16.67
	Percent of Firms Iden	tifying Labor Regulatio	ons as a Constraint	·	4.50	16.67
	Sub-Category: Dismissal Time a	nd Cost			16.67	/16.67
	Weeks to Dismiss Ful	l-Time Permanent Wo	rker	~	8.33	8.33
	Weeks Paid in Severa	nce		~	8.33	8.33
	CATEGORY: EMPLOYMENT SERVICE	S			35.17	/50.00
	Sub-Category: On-the-Job Train	ng			14.33	/16.67
	Percent of Firms with Permanent, Full-Time	Formal Training Progr Workers	rams for its	Θ	14.33	16.67
	Sub-Category: Prevalence and C	perational Efficiency	of Labor Disputes		8.25	/16.67
	Percent of Firms Invo	lved in Labor Dispute	over Last 3 Years	×	0.00	8.33
	Months to Resolve La	bor Dispute		Θ	8.25	8.33
	Sub-Category: Health and Safet	y Inspection			12.58	/16.67
	Percent of Firms Visit Safety	ed or Inspected for Wo	orkplace Health an	d \varTheta	6.00	8.33
	Percent of Firms with Workplace Health an	a Report Issued by Ins d Safety	spectorate for	Θ	6.58	8.33

INDICATORS AND COMPONENTS	VALUES
Time to dismiss full-time permanent worker (weeks)	1
Weeks paid in severance	N/A
Percent of firms involved in labor dispute over last 3 years (%)	30
Time to resolve labor dispute (months)	1
Percent of firms visited or inspected for health and safety (%)	40
Percent of firms with a report issued for health and safety inspection (%)	71
Labor taxes as percentage of all taxes paid in the last fiscal year (%)	34
Perceptions index of labor regulations as a constraint	69
Percent of firms offering formal training programs to their permanent, full-time employees (%)	38

Financial Services



The Financial Services topic measures four areas— Commercial Lending; Secured Transactions; e—Payments; Credit Information—across three different dimensions, here referred to as pillars. The first pillar assesses the effectiveness of regulation pertaining to commercial lending, secured transactions, and epayments, covering the de jure features of regulatory frameworks. The second pillar measures the accessibility of information in credit infrastructure by evaluating the operation of credit bureaus and registries and the operation of collateral registries. Thus, the second pillar assesses de facto and some de jure aspects of financial services. The third pillar measures the operational efficiency of (i) obtaining a loan; (ii) registering a security interest as well as the timeliness of credit information sharing; and (iii) e—payments usage and their efficiency.

Each pillar is divided into categories—defined by common features that inform the grouping into a particular category—and each category is further divided into subcategories. Each subcategory has several indicators, each of which may, in turn, have several components. Relevant points are assigned to each indicator and subsequently aggregated to obtain the number of points for each subcategory, category, and pillar.

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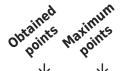


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PILLAR I	- REGULATORY FRAMEWORK	× = no points		77.85	/100.00
C	ATEGORY: COMMERCIAL LENDING			20.00	/20.00
	Sub-Category: Customer Due Diligence (CDD) and Risk Fact	ors		10.00	/10.00
	Requirement to Conduct CDD and Risk Factors		~	10.00	10.00
	Sub-Category: Record Keeping of Customer Information			5.00	/5.00
	CDD for Existing Customers and Record Keeping		~	5.00	5.00
	Sub-Category: Availability of Enhanced and Simplified CDD	Measures		5.00	/5.00
	Simplified CDD		~	3.33	3.33
	Enhanced CDD		~	1.67	1.67

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ATEGORY	ATEGORY: SECURED TRANSACTIONS		20.00	/40.00
Sub-Cat	tegory: Integrated Legal Framework for Secured Transactions		10.00	/10.00
	Integrated Legal Framework for Secured Transactions	~	10.00	10.00
Sub-Cat Secured	tegory: Types of Movable Assets, Debts, and Obligations That can be		2.50	/20.00
	Security Interest in a Single Category of Movable Assets	×	0.00	5.00
	Security Interest in Combined Category of Movable Assets	×	0.00	5.00
	Security Interest over Future Assets	×	0.00	5.00
	Debts and Obligations	Θ	2.50	5.00
Sub-Cat	tegory: Priority/Enforcement of Security Interests		7.50	/10.00
	Priority of Claims Outside of Insolvency or Bankruptcy	Θ	2.50	5.00
	Enforcement of Security Interests	~	5.00	5.00
ATEGORY	ATEGORY: E-PAYMENTS		37.85	/40.00
Sub-Cat	Sub-Category: Risk Management		10.00	/10.00
	External Review and Internal Control	~	3.33	3.33
	Cybersecurity and Operational Risk	~	3.33	3.33
	Liquidity Risk	~	3.33	3.33
Sub-Cat	tegory: Consumer Protection		17.85	/20.00
	Obligations of User and Payment Service Provider (PSP)	~	3.33	3.33
	Cancellation of Erroneous Transactions, Protection of Funds Held by Non-Bank PSPs and Liability of Unauthorized Payments	Θ	3.13	3.33
	Disclosure of Fees and Notification of Fee Changes	~	3.33	3.33
	Disclosure of Liability, Use of Data, and Dispute Mechanisms	Θ	2.50	3.33
	Disputing a Transaction	Θ	2.22	3.33
	Availability of Dispute Mechanisms	~	3.33	3.33
Sub-Cat Compet	tegory: Interoperability of Payment Systems and Promotion of tition		10.00	/10.00
	Interoperability of Payment Systems	~	3.33	3.33
	Fair Competition	~	3.33	3.33
	Equal Access and Treatment of Different PSPs	~	3.33	3.33

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PILLAR II	I - PUBLIC SERVICES		8.33	/100.00
C	ATEGORY: OPERATION OF CREDIT BUREAUS AND REGISTRIES		8.33	/50.00
	Sub-Category: Data Coverage		6.67	/16.67
	Data Coverage	Θ	6.67	16.67
	Sub-Category: Types of Data Collected and Shared		0.00	/16.67
	Types of Data Collected and Shared	×	0.00	16.67
	Sub-Category: Additional Services and Borrower's Access to Information		1.67	/16.67
	Additional Services and Borrower's Access to Information	Θ	1.67	16.67
C	ATEGORY: OPERATION OF COLLATERAL REGISTRIES		0.00	/50.00
	Sub-Category: Existence of a Centralized and Publicly Available Registry		0.00	/16.67
	Existence of a Centralized and Publicly Available Registry	×	0.00	16.67
	Sub-Category: Notice-Based Registry Updates		0.00	/16.67
	Notice-Based Registry Updates	×	0.00	16.67
	Sub-Category: Autonomy of Secured Creditors to Access and Update the Registry		0.00	/16.67
	Autonomy of Secured Creditors to Access and Update the Registry	×	0.00	16.67
PILLAR I	II - OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY		15.77	/100.00
C	ATEGORY: LOANS		5.17	/50.00
	Sub-Category: Obtaining a Loan		4.50	/40.00
	Time to Obtain a Loan	Θ	4.40	20.00
	Obstacles to Obtaining a Loan	Θ	0.10	20.00
	Sub-Category: Operational Efficiency of Security Interest and Credit Data Update		0.67	/10.00
	Operational Efficiency of Security Interest and Credit Data Upo	date 😝	0.67	10.00
C	ATEGORY: E-PAYMENTS		10.60	/50.00
	Sub-Category: Cost of e-Payments		0.00	/20.00
	Cost to Receive e-Payments	×	0.00	10.00
	Cost to Make e-Payments	×	0.00	10.00
	Sub-Category: Time to Receive e-Payments		9.70	/10.00
	Time to Receive e-Payments	Θ	9.70	10.00



PILLAR III (continued)...

Sub-Category: Usage Level of e-Payments		0.90	/20.00
Usage Level in Receiving e-Payments	Θ	0.60	10.00
Usage Level in Making e-Payments	Θ	0.30	10.00

INDICATORS AND COMPONENTS	VALUES
Time to receive a decision on loan application (days)	32
Percent of firms reporting unfavorable rates, collateral, or procedures as main reason for not applying for loans	67
Perceptions index of access to finance as a constraint	43
Proportion of payments received using e-payments (%)	28
Time to receive the main type of e-payment (days)	1
Cost to receive main type of e-payment (% of transaction)	14
Proportion of payments made using e-payments (%)	19
Cost to make main type of e-payment (% of transaction)	15
Time to register new security interests in the collateral registry (weeks)	N/A
Cost to register security interests in the collateral registry (% of GNI per capita)	N/A
Time to reflect new credit report information from submission (days)	30

International Trade



The International Trade topic measures different aspects of international trade—trade in goods, trade in services, and digital trade—across three different dimensions, here referred to as pillars. The first pillar assesses the quality of regulations pertaining to international trade, covering de jure features of a regulatory framework that are necessary to establish a nondiscriminatory, transparent, predictable, and safe environment to harness the potential of international trade. The second pillar assesses infrastructure digital and physical concerning international trade and the quality management, thus assessing de facto provision of public services for international trade facilitation. The third pillar measures the time and cost to comply with export and import requirements, participation in cross—border digital trade, as well as the perceived major obstacles for international trade.

Each pillar is divided into categories—defined by common features that inform the grouping into a particular category—and each category is further divided into subcategories. Each subcategory has several indicators, each of which may, in turn, have several components. Relevant points are assigned to each indicator and subsequently aggregated to obtain the number of points for each subcategory, category, and pillar.

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PILLAR I - REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

CA	CATEGORY: PRACTICES SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL TRADE			22.50	/50.00
	Sub-Cate	gory: International Trade in Goods and Services		13.06	/16.67
		Establishment of Maritime Single Window	×	0.00	0.00
		Temporary Admission of Goods	~	1.39	1.39
R		Rules on Liability of Carriers	×	0.00	0.00
		Simplified Visa Regime – Foreign Crew Members and Service Providers	~	1.39	1.39
		Reasons for License Rejection, Suspension and Cancellation (Freight Transport)	~	1.39	1.39

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	Reasons for License Rejection, Suspension and Cancellation (Logistics Services)	~	1.39	1.39
	Right to Appeal (Goods) - Administrative	Θ	0.69	1.39
	Right to Appeal (Goods) - Judicial	~	1.39	1.39
	Right to Appeal (Services) – Administrative (Freight Transport)	Θ	0.69	1.39
	Right to Appeal (Services) – Administrative (Logistics Services)	~	1.39	1.39
	Right to Appeal (Services) – Judicial (Freight Transport)	~	1.39	1.39
	Right to Appeal (Services) – Judicial (Logistics Services)	~	1.39	1.39
	De Minimis Value	Θ	0.56	1.39
	Legal Requirements for the Imposition of Non-Tariff Measures	×	0.00	1.39
Sub-Cate environm	gory: Digital and Sustainable Trade (includes gender and nent)		2.96	/16.67
	Electronic Contracts	×	0.00	1.85
	Electronic Signatures	×	0.00	1.85
	Technology Neutrality	×	0.00	1.85
	Cross-Border Data Flows	×	0.00	1.85
	Cross-Border Carbon Pricing Instruments	×	0.00	0.93
	Tariffs on Environmental Goods	Θ	0.65	1.85
	Endangered Species	Θ	0.46	0.93
	Oil, Chemical, Sewage and Air Pollution	×	0.00	0.93
	Hazardous Chemicals or Pesticides	×	0.00	0.93
	Freedom of Association and Right to Collective Bargaining	~	0.93	0.93
	Gender Equality in Trade Agreements	×	0.00	0.93
	Women's Participation in Economic and Development Activity	Θ	0.93	1.85
Sub-Cate	gory: International Trade Cooperation		6.48	/16.67
	Absence of Non-Notified PTAs	×	0.00	1.85
	Duty Free Trade	Θ	1.85	2.08
	Digital Trade	Θ	0.93	1.85
	Investment and Movement of Capital	Θ	1.85	2.08
	Trade in Services	×	0.00	2.08
	Harmonization of Regulation on Non-Tariff Measures	Θ	1.85	2.08
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		Freight Transport Services Sector	×	0.00	2.08
		Logistics Services Sector	×	0.00	1.85
		Competent Authorities to Oversee the Implementation of PTAs	×	0.00	2.08
	CATEGORY: F	REGULATORY RESTRICTIONS ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE		33.24	/50.00
	Sub-Cate	gory: International Trade in Goods (includes gender)		11.32	/20.00
		Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	~	0.53	0.53
		Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (National Treatment)	~	1.05	1.05
		Technical Barriers to Trade	~	0.53	0.53
		Technical Barriers to Trade (National Treatment)	~	1.05	1.05
		Absence of Pre-Shipment Inspections	×	0.00	1.05
		Absence of Contingent Trade-Protective Measures	~	1.05	1.05
		Absence of Quantity Control Measures	Θ	0.53	1.05
		Absence of Price Control Measures	Θ	0.53	1.05
		Absence of Finance Measures	~	1.05	1.05
		Absence of Export Restrictions	~	1.05	1.05
		Absence of Caps on the Number of Operating Licenses (Freight Transport)	~	1.05	1.05
		Absence of Price Floors and Price Guidelines (Freight Transport)	×	0.00	1.05
		Absence of Mandatory Use of Certified Operators (Freight Transport)	×	0.00	1.05
		Absence of Caps on the Number of Operating Licenses (Logistics)	~	1.05	1.05
		Absence of Price Floors and Price Guidelines (Logistics)	×	0.00	1.05
		Absence of Mandatory Use of Certified Operators (Logistics)	×	0.00	1.05
		Safety Regulations – Certification for Operators (Freight Transport)	Θ	0.26	0.53
		Safety Regulations – Equipment (Freight Transport)	~	0.53	0.53
		Safety Regulations – Maximum Hours (Freight Transport)	×	0.00	0.53
		Safety Regulations – Certification for Operators (Logistics)	×	0.00	0.53
		Safety Regulations – Equipment (Logistics)	×	0.00	0.53
		Safety Regulations – Maximum Hours (Logistics)	×	0.00	0.53
		Absence of Additional Restrictions for Female Service Providers	~	1.05	1.05

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Sub-Category: International Trade In Services		18.42	/20.00
Absence of Restrictions on Foreign Registration of Vessels Under National Flags (Maritime Freight Only)	×	0.00	0.00
Absence of Restrictions on Cabotage/Access Rights (Maritime Freight Only)	×	0.00	0.00
Absence of Restrictions on the Use of Local Port Services (Maritime Freight Only)	×	0.00	0.00
Absence of Restrictions on Quotas (Freight Transport)	~	1.05	1.05
Absence of Restrictions Subject to an Economic Needs Test (Freight Transport)	~	1.05	1.05
Absence of Restrictions on Acquisition and Use of Land and Real Estate (Freight Transport)	~	1.05	1.05
Absence of Restrictions on Quotas (Logistics)	~	1.05	1.05
Absence of Restrictions Subject to an Economic Needs Test (Logistics)	~	1.05	1.05
Absence of Restrictions on Acquisition and Use of Land and Real Estate (Logistics)	~	1.05	1.05
Absence of Restrictions on Quotas (Financial Services)	~	1.05	1.05
Absence of Restrictions Subject to an Economic Needs Test (Financial Services)	~	1.05	1.05
Absence of Restrictions on Acquisition and Use of Land and Real Estate (Financial Services)	~	1.05	1.05
Absence of Additional Restrictions on Licensing or Authorization Requirements (Freight Transport)	Θ	0.53	1.05
Absence of Additional Quotas for Foreign Contractual and Independent Service Providers (Freight Transport)	~	1.05	1.05
Absence of Labor Market Tests for Foreign Contractual and Independent Service Providers (Freight Transport)	~	1.05	1.05
Absence of Additional Restrictions on Licensing or Authorization Requirements (Logistics)	~	1.05	1.05
Absence of Additional Quotas for Foreign Contractual and Independent Service Providers (Logistics)	~	1.05	1.05
Absence of Labor Market Tests for Foreign Contractual And Independent Service Providers (Logistics)	~	1.05	1.05
Absence of Additional Restrictions on Licensing or Authorization Requirements (Financial Services)	~	1.05	1.05
Absence of Additional Quotas for Foreign Contractual and Independent Service Providers (Financial Services)	~	1.05	1.05

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	Absence of Labor Market Tests for Foreign Contractual and Independent Service Providers (Financial Services)	~	1.05	1.05
	Absence of Procedural Hurdles for Visa for Business Purposes (Freight Transport)	×	0.00	1.05
Su	b-Category: Digital Trade		3.50	/10.00
	Absence of Additional Government Licenses	~	1.00	1.00
	Absence of Online Selling Bans	✓	1.00	1.00
	No Breach of Tax Neutrality Principle	~	1.00	1.00
	Absence of Charges on Incoming Cross-Border E-Payments	Θ	0.50	1.00
	Absence of Charges on Outgoing Cross-Border E-Payments	×	0.00	1.00
	Absence of Limits on Cross-Border E-Payments	×	0.00	1.00
	Limitations to Cross-Border Data Flows	×	0.00	0.50
	Disclosure of Relevant Information	×	0.00	0.50
	Consumer Rights – Limits on Advertising	×	0.00	0.50
	Consumer Rights to Cancel Online Purchases	×	0.00	0.50
	Consumer Rights to Receive Refunds	×	0.00	0.50
	Penalties for Non-Compliance with Online Consumer Protection Provisions	×	0.00	0.50
	Online Dispute Resolution Mechanism	×	0.00	0.50
	Online Dispute Resolution Mechanism (Free of Charge Filing)		0.00	0.50
	Online Dispute Resolution Mechanism (Free of Charge Filing)	×	0.00	0.50
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ATEC	BLIC SERVICES GORY: DIGITAL AND PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE b-Category: Electronic Systems and Interoperability of Services Availability of an Advanced Electronic System for International		5.83 1.67	/100.0 /50.0 /16.6
CATEC	BLIC SERVICES GORY: DIGITAL AND PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE b-Category: Electronic Systems and Interoperability of Services Availability of an Advanced Electronic System for International Trade Agency Integration into the Advanced Electronic System for		20.125.831.671.67	/100.0 /50.0 /16.6 1.67
CATEC	BLIC SERVICES GORY: DIGITAL AND PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE b-Category: Electronic Systems and Interoperability of Services Availability of an Advanced Electronic System for International Trade Agency Integration into the Advanced Electronic System for International Trade Stakeholder Integration into the Advanced Electronic System for	** ** **	20.12 5.83 1.67 1.67 0.00	/100.0 /50.0 /16.6

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	Sub-Category: Total Cost to Comply with Export Requirements		0.00	/20.00
	Total Cost to Comply with Export Requirements	×	0.00	20.00
CA	TEGORY: COMPLIANCE WITH IMPORT REQUIREMENTS		18.60	/40.00
	Sub-Category: Total Time to Comply with Import Requirements		18.60	/20.00
	Total Time to Comply with Import Requirements	Θ	18.60	20.00
	Sub-Category: Total Cost to Comply with Import Requirements		0.00	/20.00
	Total Cost to Comply with Import Requirements	×	0.00	20.00
CA	TEGORY: PARTICIPATION IN CROSS-BORDER DIGITAL TRADE		10.00	/10.00
	Sub-Category: Share of Trading Firms Exporting Digitally Ordered Goods		10.00	/10.00
	Share of Trading Firms Exporting Digitally Ordered Goods	~	10.00	10.00
	TEGORY: PERCEIVED MAJOR OBSTACLES: BUSINESS TRANSPORTATION, STOMS AND TRADE REGULATIONS		0.00	/10.00
	Sub-Category: Share of Firms Identifying Customs and Trade Regulations as Major or Severe Constraints		0.00	/5.00
	Share of Firms Identifying Customs and Trade Regulations as Major or Severe Constraints	×	0.00	5.00
	Sub-Category: Share of Firms Identifying Transportation as Major or Severe Constraints		0.00	/5.00
	Share of Firms Identifying Transportation as Major or Severe Constraints	×	0.00	5.00

INDICATORS AND COMPONENTS	VALUES
Time or exported goods to clear all border control agencies (days)	30
FCA costs to comply with all export requirements (% of value of goods exported)	38
Time for imported goods to clear all border control agencies (days)	7
DAP costs to comply with all import requirements (% of value of goods imported)	34
Perceptions index of transportation as a constraint	41
Perceptions index of customs and trade regulations as a constraint	53
Percent of firms with exports shipped by main parcel (%)	75

Taxation

The Taxation topic measures the quality of regulation, administration, and practical implementation of tax systems across the three different dimensions, referred to as pillars. The first pillar assesses the quality of regulation related to taxation, encompassing both the legal framework (de jure) and the implementation (de facto) of the legal requirements. The second pillar measures the quality of tax administration by assessing the public services related to tax matters. The third pillar evaluates the practical effectiveness of the implemented tax regulations and public services.

Each pillar is divided into categories—defined by common features that inform the grouping into a particular category—and each category is further divided into subcategories. Each subcategory has several indicators, each of which may, in turn, have several components. Relevant points are assigned to each indicator and subsequently aggregated to obtain the number of points for each subcategory, category, and pillar.

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(CATEGORY: CLARITY AND TRANSPARENCY		4.00	/40.00
	Sub-Category: Clarity of Tax Regulations		4.00	/20.00
	Tax Guides and Their Delivery Channels	×	0.00	10.00
	Binding Rulings and Post-Compliance Procedures	Θ	4.00	10.00
	Sub-Category: Transparency of Changes in Tax Regulations		0.00	/20.00
	Obtaining Feedback and Broad Public Consultation	×	0.00	10.00
	Practice on Preparing and Publishing Future Tax Plans	×	0.00	10.00
(CATEGORY: ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES		22.00	/40.00
	Sub-Category: Simplified Tax Record Keeping and Reporting		2.00	/10.00
	Simplified Record Keeping and Reporting	Θ	2.00	10.00
	Sub-Category: General Tax Registration		5.00	/10.00
	Transparency in the Tax Registration Process	Θ	5.00	10.00

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	Sub-Category: VAT Registration				10.00	/10.00
	VAT Registration Threshold			~	10.00	10.00
	Sub-Category: VAT Refund				5.00	/10.00
	VAT Refund			Θ	5.00	10.00
C	ATEGORY: ENVIRONMENTAL TAXES				0.00	/20.00
	Sub-Category: Existence of Environmen	ntal Fiscal Instru	ments		0.00	/4.00
	Presence of Environmental F	iscal Instrumen	ts	×	0.00	4.00
	Sub-Category: Availability of Public Con	sultations			0.00	/8.00
	Availability of Public Consulta	ations		×	0.00	8.00
	Sub-Category: Transition Periods				0.00	/8.00
	Transition Periods			×	0.00	8.00
PILLAR	I - PUBLIC SERVICES				14.38	/100.00
C	ATEGORY: DIGITAL SERVICES FOR TAXPAY	'ERS			0.00	/25.00
	Sub-Category: Online Service Taxpayer	Portal			0.00	/6.25
	Online Service Taxpayer Port	tal		×	0.00	6.25
	Sub-Category: Electronic Filing of Taxes	;			0.00	/6.25
	Electronic Filing			×	0.00	6.25
	Sub-Category: Pre-Filled Tax Declaratio	ns			0.00	/6.25
	Pre-Filled Declarations			×	0.00	6.25
	Sub-Category: Electronic Payment of Ta	axes			0.00	/6.25
	Electronic Payment			×	0.00	6.25
	CATEGORY: DATA MANAGEMENT AND SYS	TEM INTEGRATI	ON IN TAX		3.13	/25.00
	Sub-Category: Tax Registration				0.00	/6.25
	Tax Registration Process			×	0.00	6.25
	Sub-Category: Taxpayer Database and	Tax Identificatio	on Number (TIN)		3.13	/6.25
	Taxpayer Database and TIN			Θ	3.13	6.25
	Sub-Category: Tax Deregistration				0.00	/6.25
	Tax Deregistration			×	0.00	6.25

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	Sub-Category: Data Exchange and U	sage (includes gender)		0.00	/6.25
	Information Cross-Checkin	ng on Tax Portal	×	0.00	2.08
	Data Cross-Checking to Ve	erify Tax Declarations	×	0.00	2.08
	Availability of Sex-Disaggr	egated Data and Their Analysis	×	0.00	2.08
	CATEGORY: TRANSPARENCY			2.50	/25.00
	Sub-Category: Annual Performance and Administration	and Gender Diversity in Tax		0.00	/12.50
	Annual Performance		×	0.00	4.17
	Gender Composition of th	e Staff In Tax Administration	×	0.00	8.33
	Sub-Category: Public Accountability			2.50	/12.50
	Public Accountability		Θ	2.50	12.50
	CATEGORY: TAX AUDITS AND RELATED I	DISPUTES		8.75	/25.00
	Sub-Category: Tax Audits			2.50	/12.50
	Existence of Annual Natio	nal Tax Audit Plan	×	0.00	5.00
	Existence of Different Typ	es of Audits	Θ	2.50	5.00
	The Monitoring of Taxpay	er Audits	×	0.00	2.50
	Sub-Category: Dispute of Tax Audit F	Results		6.25	/12.50
	First-Level Review Mechar	nism	×	0.00	6.25
	Second-Level Review Mec	hanism	~	6.25	6.25
PILLA	R III - OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY			29.45	/100.00
	CATEGORY: TIME AND FUNCTIONALITY	OF PROCESSES		29.20	/50.00
	Sub-Category: Time to File and Pay T	axes		9.70	/10.00
	Total Time for Preparation	n, Filing, Payment	Θ	9.70	10.00
	Sub-Category: Use of Electronic Syst	ems to File and Pay Taxes		0.00	/10.00
	The percentage of Firms F	iling and Paying Taxes Electron	ically x	0.00	10.00
	Sub-Category: Duration of a Generic	Tax Audit		10.00	/10.00
	Total Time Needed to Con	nplete the Audit	~	10.00	10.00
	Sub-Category: Duration of a Tax Disp	oute		9.50	/10.00
	Time to Review a Tax Disp	ute	Θ	9.50	10.00

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	Obtaining a VAT Refund in Practice	×	0.00	10.00
CA	TEGORY: FINANCIAL BURDEN ON FIRMS		0.25	/50.00
	Sub-Category: Effective Tax Rate (ETR) for Profit Taxes		0.25	/25.00
	Effective Tax Rate (ETR) for Profit Taxes	Θ	0.25	25.00
	Sub-Category: Effective Tax Rate (ETR) for Employment Taxes and Social Contributions		0.00	/25.00
	Effective Tax Rate (ETR) for Employment Taxes and Social Contributions	×	0.00	25.00

INDICATORS AND COMPONENTS	VALUES
Time to prepare, file, and pay taxes (hours)	36
Percentage of respondent firms that used electronic systems to file taxes (%)	7
Percentage of respondent firms that used electronic systems to pay taxes (%)	7
Total time between the first interaction with auditors and receipt of final audit report (weeks)	1
Time between the moment a taxpayer files a claim until the moment the	90
decision is issued (days)	90
Percentage of firms who did not apply for a VAT refund due to processes being	86
too burdensome (%)	80
Time to receive a VAT refund adjusted by the number of firms reporting issues	N/A
with VAT refunds (weeks)	IV/A
Effective tax rate of income-based taxes (%)	24
Effective tax rate of labor taxes and social contributions	34

Dispute Resolution



The Dispute Resolution topic measures efficiency and quality of the resolution of commercial disputes—those arising in the business context between firms—across three different dimensions, referred to as pillars. The first pillar assesses the adequacy of legislation pertaining to both court processes and alternative dispute resolution (ADR), covering de jure features that are necessary for the efficient processing of cases, facilitated resolution of cross —border claims, creating alternative venues for settling disputes, and ensuring trust in relevant institutions. The second pillar focuses on judicial organizational structure, courts' digitization and transparency, as well as ADRrelated services, thus capturing the de facto provision of public services. The third pillar measures the reliability of dispute resolution, the time and cost required to resolve a dispute, as well as the time and cost associated with the recognition and enforcement of decisions.

Each pillar is divided into categories—defined by common features that inform the grouping into a particular category—and each category is further divided into subcategories. Each subcategory has several indicators, each of which may, in turn, have several components. Relevant points are assigned to each indicator and subsequently aggregated to obtain the number of points for each subcategory, category, and pillar.

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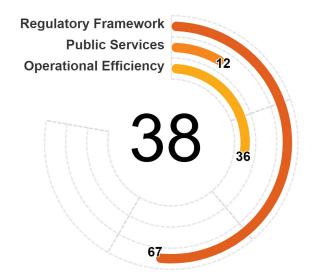


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PILLAR I - REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

CA	ATEGORY: COURT LITIGATION		42.12	/66.67
	Sub-Category: Procedural Certainty (includes environment)		20.78	/40.00
	Time Standards	Θ	1.18	4.71
	Deadline to Consider a Request for Interim Measures	×	0.00	4.71
	Time Limit on Suggesting Evidence	~	4.71	4.71
	Maximum Number of Adjournments	×	0.00	4.71
	Holding a Pre-Trial Conference	×	0.00	4.71
	Availability of a Default Judgment	~	4.71	4.71
	Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments	~	4.71	4.71

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Special Review Mechanisms to Support Judicial Integrity

Sub-Category: Digitalization of Court Processes

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		Electronic Initiation of a Case	×	0.00	2.78
		Electronic Flow of Documents during the Proceedings	×	0.00	2.78
		Issuing an Electronic Judgment	×	0.00	2.78
		Electronic Communication with Courts and Enforcement Agents	×	0.00	2.78
		Admissibility of Digital Evidence	×	0.00	2.78
		Virtual Hearings	×	0.00	2.78
		Auxiliary Electronic Services	×	0.00	2.78
		Online Auctions	×	0.00	2.78
	Sub-Cate	gory: Transparency of Courts (includes gender)		3.17	/22.22
		Public Database for Acts of Legislation	×	0.00	3.17
		Public Access to Court Hearings Held in Person	~	3.17	3.17
		Public Access to Court Hearings Held Online	×	0.00	3.17
		Publication of Judgments of Higher Courts	×	0.00	3.17
		Publication of Judgments of First Instance Courts	×	0.00	3.17
		Publication of Information on Court's Composition	×	0.00	3.17
		Publication of Information on Performance of Courts and Enforcement Agents	×	0.00	3.17
	CATEGORY: A	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)		0.00	/33.33
	Sub-Cate	gory: Public Services for Arbitration (includes gender)		0.00	/16.67
		Availability of Commercial Arbitration Services	×	0.00	4.17
		Setting Up a Roster of Arbitrators	×	0.00	4.17
		Digitalization of Arbitration	×	0.00	4.17
		Transparency of Arbitration	×	0.00	4.17
	Sub-Cate	gory: Public Services for Mediation (includes gender)		0.00	/16.67
		Availability of Commercial Mediation Services	×	0.00	3.33
		Setting Up a Roster of Mediators	×	0.00	3.33
		Financial Incentives to Use Mediation	×	0.00	3.33
		Digitalization of Mediation	×	0.00	3.33
		Transparency of Mediation	×	0.00	3.33
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ATEGORY:	COURT LITIGATION		30.82	/66.67
Sub-Cat	egory: Reliability of Courts		10.13	/26.67
	In Resolving Commercial Cases, Courts are Independent and Impartial	Θ	10.00	13.33
	Courts are Not an Obstacle to Business Operations	Θ	0.13	13.33
Sub-Cat	egory: Operational Efficiency of Court Processes		20.68	/40.00
	Time for Court Litigation	~	11.67	11.67
	Cost for Court Litigation	Θ	0.58	11.67
	Time to Recognize a Foreign Judgment	~	1.67	1.67
	Cost to Recognize a Foreign Judgment	Θ	0.10	1.67
	Time to Enforce a Final Judgment	Θ	6.53	6.67
	Cost to Enforce a Final Judgment	Θ	0.13	6.67
TEGORY:	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)		5.00	/33.33
Sub-Cat	egory: Reliability of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)		0.00	/13.33
	Arbitration is Reliable for Resolving Commercial Cases	×	0.00	6.67
	Mediation is Reliable for Resolving Commercial Cases	×	0.00	6.67
Sub-Cat	egory: Operational Efficiency of Arbitration Processes		5.00	/20.00
	Time for Arbitration	×	0.00	5.00
	Cost for Arbitration	×	0.00	5.00
	Time to Recognize a Foreign Arbitral Award	~	5.00	5.00
	Cost to Recognize a Foreign Arbitral Award	×	0.00	5.00

INDICATORS AND COMPONENTS	VALUES
Perceptions of courts being independent and impartial in resolving commercial	74
disputes	, ,
Perceptions index of courts as a constraint	59
Time for court litigation (days)	105
Cost for court litigation (% of claim value)	35
Time to recognize a foreign judgment (days)	30
Cost to recognize a foreign judgment (% of claim value)	14

INDICATORS AND COMPONENTS	VALUES
Time to enforce a final judgment (days)	30
Cost to enforce a final judgment (% of claim value)	10
Perceptions of arbitration being a reliable alternative to courts for resolving commercial disputes	N/A
Perceptions of mediation being a reliable alternative to courts for resolving commercial disputes	N/A
Time for arbitration (days)	N/A
Cost for arbitration (% of claim value)	N/A
Time to recognize a foreign arbitral award (days)	30
Cost to recognize a foreign arbitral award (% of claim value)	17

Market Competition



The Market Competition topic measures good practices related to the enforcement of competition policy, intellectual property rights and innovation policy, and regulations that focus on improving competition and innovation in markets where the government is a purchaser of services or goods across the three different pillars. The first pillar assesses the quality of regulations that promote market competition, covering de jure features of a regulatory framework that enable firms to participate in fair market conditions and innovate, and where firms can participate in open and competitive government markets. The second pillar measures the adequacy of public services that promote market competition, thus assessing the de facto provision of services that create an equal level playing field in markets, and that foster and promote innovation. The third pillar the operational efficiency measures implementation of key services promoting market competition (reflecting both the ease of compliance with the regulatory framework and the effective provision of public services directly relevant to firms that contribute in practice to the promotion of market competition).

Each pillar is divided into categories—defined by common features that inform the grouping into a particular category—and each category is further divided into subcategories. Each subcategory has several indicators, each of which may, in turn, have several components. Relevant points are assigned to each indicator and subsequently aggregated to obtain the number of points for each subcategory, category, and pillar.

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		Requirement to Justify Creation of SOEs Based on Economic, Social, and/or Sustainability Criteria and Requirement to Subject the Creation of an SOE to a Review by the Competition Authority	×	0.00	1.67
		Competition Law Applies to All SOEs and Sectors of the Economy	~	1.67	1.67
		Requirement to Carry Out an Impact Evaluation Assessment to Justify SOE Commercial Activities	×	0.00	1.67
		Existence of Procedure to Exclude or Exempt Certain Firms or Sectors from the Application of Competition Law and Merger Control is Based on Economic, Social or Sustainability Criteria	Θ	1.25	1.67
	Sub-Cate	gory: Enforcement of Competition Regulations		5.24	/6.67
		Procedural and Fairness Guarantees during Investigation	~	0.95	0.95
		Legal Framework Defines What Constitutes Confidential Information	~	0.95	0.95
		Adequate Powers and Resources to Investigate and to Enforce and Impose Sanctions are Conferred to Competition Authority	~	0.95	0.95
		Competition Authorities have the Powers to Collect Monetary Sanctions and to Enforce Non-Monetary Sanctions	~	0.95	0.95
		Competition Authority can Investigate a Failure to Notify Transactions and Impose Sanctions Based on the Firm's Turnover	Θ	0.48	0.95
		Decisions of the Competition Authority are Binding and/or Self- Enforceable and Designation of an Independent Body to Review Decisions of the Competition Authority, and Action for Damages is Allowed	×	0.00	0.95
		An Overall Cap on Fines is Provided in the Regulatory Framework	~	0.95	0.95
CA	ATEGORY: I	NNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER		16.00	/33.33
	Sub-Categ	gory: Strength of Intellectual Property Rights Protection		7.39	/8.33
		Provisions for Establishment of Collective Management Organizations	~	0.76	0.76
		Patentability Requirements (Novelty, Inventive Step, Industrial Applicability) for Inventions and Experimental Use Exception or Research Exemption for Patents	~	0.76	0.76
		Patent Protection Reaching Back to the Filing Date	~	0.76	0.76
		Duration of Patent and Trademark Protection	~	0.76	0.76
		Opposition Mechanisms for Patents and Trademarks	Θ	0.57	0.76
		Provisions for Information Submission System for Patents	×	0.00	0.76
		Public Disclosure of Patent	~	0.76	0.76
		Trademark use Obligation, Related Grace Period	~	0.76	0.76

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	Procurement Procedures for Framework Agreements are Established	Θ	0.83	1.67
	Promoting Gender Equality in Public Procurement	Θ	0.83	1.67
	Tender and Contractual Mechanisms to Promote SME Participation	Θ	0.42	1.67
Sub-Cate	gory: Best Value for Money (includes gender and environment)		3.86	/11.67
	Criteria for Identifying Abnormally Low Bids are Established	~	1.46	1.46
	Designation of Specialized Tendering Methods for Innovation Procurement	×	0.00	1.46
	Incorporation of Sustainability Clauses in Standard Bidding Documents	×	0.00	1.46
	Incentives to Include Environmental Considerations in Tenders	Θ	0.73	1.46
	Mechanisms to Introduce Gender-Responsive Public Procurement	Θ	0.58	1.46
	Market-Based Tools to Estimate Contract Value	Θ	0.73	1.46
	Total Cost of Ownership and Life Cycle Cost Considerations are Used in Bid Evaluation	Θ	0.36	1.46
	Most Economically Advantageous Tender is the Preferred Evaluation Criteria	×	0.00	1.46
Sub-Cate	gory: Fairness of the Procurement Process		3.33	/5.00
	Standstill Period between Contract Award Notice and Contract Signing to Allow Aggrieved Bidders to Challenge the Decision	~	0.83	0.83
	Minimum Duration between Publication of Tender Notice and Submission Deadline Is Clearly Defined	~	0.83	0.83
	Prohibition of Dividing Contracts to Circumvent Open Tendering Thresholds	Θ	0.42	0.83
	Obligation to Notify Firms of Procurement Decisions and Legal Framework Establishes how Clarification Requests from Potential Bidders should be Addressed	Θ	0.42	0.83
	Availability of Specialized and Independent Procurement Tribunals and the Right to Appeal its Decisions	Θ	0.42	0.83
	Time Limits to Resolve Appeals and Legal Recourses Granted to Firms When there are Delays in Resolving Appeals	Θ	0.42	0.83
Sub-Cate	gory: Transparency of Key Procurement Documents		3.13	/5.00
	Publication of Procurement Plans, Notices, Tender Documents, and Award Decisions	~	2.50	2.50
	Publication of Contracts and Contract Amendments	Θ	0.63	2.50

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ATEGORY: COMPETITION AUTHORITY		3.70	/33.33
Sub-Category: Institutional Framework		3.70	/16.67
Competition Authority is Operationally Independent	×	0.00	1.85
Competition Authority has a Clear and Non-Overlapping Mandate	~	1.85	1.85
Establishment of Procedure for Selection and Dismissal of Board Members	×	0.00	1.85
Term Limits for Board Members of the Competition Authority	Θ	0.93	1.85
Mechanisms are Established for Competition Authorities to Cooperate with Foreign Competition Authorities	×	0.00	1.85
Cooling off Periods after Term Limits for Board Members of Competition Authority for Private Sector Jobs in Previously Investigated Companies	×	0.00	1.85
Conflict of Interest Rules are Applied to Employees of the Competition Authority	×	0.00	1.85
Competition Authority Issues Opinions on Policies and Regulations	Θ	0.93	1.85
Competition Authority's Opinions are Binding	×	0.00	1.85
Sub-Category: Advocacy and Transparency		0.00	/16.67
Issuance of Guidance Documents on Horizontal and Vertical Agreements	×	0.00	1.67
Issuance of Guidance Documents on Abuse of Dominance	×	0.00	1.67
Issuance of Guidance Documents on Leniency Programs	×	0.00	1.67
Issuance of Guidance on Market Definition	×	0.00	1.67
Issuance of Guidance Documents on Competition-Related Issues in Digital Platforms	×	0.00	1.67
Issuance of Guidance on Merger Control	×	0.00	1.67
Issuance of Analytical Reports on Competition	×	0.00	1.67
Organization of Workshops to Disseminate Competition Policy	×	0.00	1.67
Online Publication of all Antitrust and Merger Control Decisions and Exemptions	×	0.00	1.67
Electronic Notification of Transaction for Merger Control	×	0.00	1.67
ATEGORY: INNOVATION IN FIRMS		0.00	/33.33
Sub-Category: Institutional Framework to Support Innovation		0.00	/11.11

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		Pro-Bono or Low-Cost Legal Assistance Offered by IPO to IP Licensees	×	0.00	2.78
		Availability of Information Submission System in Practice	×	0.00	2.78
		Public Consultations on IP Laws and Regulations	×	0.00	2.78
		Public Body Responsible for Participation of Firms in Development of Technical Standards	×	0.00	2.78
	Sub-Cate	gory: Digitalization of Intellectual Property Services		0.00	/11.11
		Availability of License of Rights Database	×	0.00	2.78
		Availability of Electronic Database on Locally Registered IPR	×	0.00	2.78
		Availability of Online Platform for IP Holders to Manage IPR Electronically and Scope of its Features	×	0.00	2.78
		Online Publication of List of Qualified IP Professionals by the IPO	×	0.00	2.78
	Sub-Cates	gory: Innovation Systems (includes gender)		0.00	/11.11
		Availability of Technology Transfer Offices	×	0.00	1.23
		Type of Regulatory Approaches to Enable Technology Generation	×	0.00	1.23
		Availability of Innovation Incubators	×	0.00	1.23
		Availability of Innovation Accelerators	×	0.00	1.23
		Government Financial Assistance to Private Incubators/Accelerators	×	0.00	1.23
		Public Research Organizations Technical Assistance to Private Incubators/Accelerators	×	0.00	1.23
		Availability of Incubators/Accelerators that Target Women Entrepreneurs	×	0.00	1.23
		Availability of Science and Technology Parks	×	0.00	1.23
		Availability of Innovation Clusters	×	0.00	1.23
	CATEGORY: I	E-PROCUREMENT		0.00	/33.33
	Sub-Cates environm	gory: Digitalization of Procurement Procedures (includes ent)		0.00	/22.22
		Availability of Central E-Procurement Portal	×	0.00	1.48
		Registering as a Vendor	×	0.00	1.48
		Asking the Procuring Entity for Clarifications and Notification of Decisions Electronically	×	0.00	1.48
		Submitting Tenders Electronically	×	0.00	1.48
		Open Bids Electronically and Virtual Workspace to Manage the Tender Procedure	×	0.00	1.48

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		Submitting Bid Security Electronically and Performance Guarantee with Electronic Validation	×	0.00	1.48
		Contract Signing Electronically	×	0.00	1.48
		E-Contract Management and Implementation Module	×	0.00	1.48
		Submitting Invoices to the Procuring Entity	×	0.00	1.48
		Receiving Payments from the Procuring Entity Electronically	×	0.00	1.48
		Module for Framework Agreement Management	×	0.00	1.48
		E-Reverse Auction Module	×	0.00	1.48
		E-Catalogue of Approved Suppliers	×	0.00	1.48
		Electronic Green Catalogues	×	0.00	1.48
		Applying for Vendor Eco-Certifications or Eco-Labels Electronically	×	0.00	1.48
	Sub-Categ	gory: Transparency of Key Procurement Documents (includes		0.00	/11.11
		Accessing Notices on Procurement Opportunities Electronically	×	0.00	1.59
		Accessing Bidding Documents Electronically	×	0.00	1.59
		Accessing Award Decisions (Including Their Rationale) Electronically	×	0.00	1.59
		Accessing Contracts and Contract Amendments Electronically	×	0.00	1.59
		Access to Specifications, Standards, or Criteria for Eco-Labels and Environmentally Preferable Goods and Services Electronically	×	0.00	1.59
		Publication of Open Data in Machine Readable Format on Suppliers Contracts and Tenders	×	0.00	1.59
		Gender - Publication of Open Data on Tenders and Contracts Disaggregated by Sex	×	0.00	1.59
PILLAR II	I - OPERATI	IONAL EFFICIENCY		47.99	/100.00
CA	TEGORY: (COMPETITION		12.58	/33.33
	Sub-Cate	gory: Simplified Merger Review		0.00	/6.67
		Time to File and Clear a Simplified Merger Review	×	0.00	6.67
	Sub-Cate	gory: Market Dynamism and Competitive Behaviors		12.58	/26.67
		Market Structure (Number of Firms that Compete in the Market)	Θ	4.40	4.44
		Market Concentration (Market Share of Largest Competitor)	Θ	0.04	4.44
		Changes in the Level of Competition	Θ	0.31	4.44
		Pricing Power (Ability to Change Prices without Losing Customers)	Θ	4.27	4.44
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	Easiness to Switching Internet	Providers	Θ	3.24	4.44
	Government Intervention in Pr	rices	Θ	0.31	4.44
C	CATEGORY: INNOVATION			16.67	/33.33
	Sub-Category: Proportion of Highly Innov	ative Firms		16.67	/16.67
	Percentage of Firms that Have Products, Processes, and have		~	16.67	16.67
	Sub-Category: Use of International Quality	ty Certifications		0.00	/16.67
	Percentage of Firms with Inter	national Quality Certifications	×	0.00	16.67
C	CATEGORY: PUBLIC PROCUREMENT			18.75	/33.33
	Sub-Category: Time to Award Public Conf	tracts		4.83	/8.33
		lic Procurement Procedures (Open Service Contract), Reverse Auction, equalifications	Θ	4.83	8.33
	Sub-Category: Time to Receive a Paymen	t from a Government Contract		2.92	/8.33
	Time to Receive Payment from	a Government Contract	Θ	2.92	8.33
	Sub-Category: Firms' Perceptions on the	Ease of Bidding		2.67	/8.33
	Degree of Easiness in Meeting to Participate in Tenders	the Administrative Requirements	Θ	2.67	8.33
	Sub-Category: Gender Gap in Governmen	nt Suppliers		8.33	/8.33
	Gender Gap in Government Su	ippliers	~	8.33	8.33

INDICATORS AND COMPONENTS	VALUES
Time to comply with documentary requirements and file a notification to the	No practice
Competition Authority (days)	No practice
Time needed for the Competition Authority to review and clear a transaction	No practice
(days)	Tro processes
Market share of the largest competitor, excluding firms whose main market is	64
international	
Index of change of level of competition over last year	67
Percent of firms that cannot increase prices more than competitors without	86
losing customers	00
Index of difficulty to switch internet providers	72

INDICATORS AND COMPONENTS	VALUES
Percent of firms reporting less than two competitors on their main product's	1
main market (%)	•
Percent of firms reporting between two and five (inclusive) competitors on their	5
main product's main market (%)	3
Percent of firms reporting more than five competitors on their main product's	94
main market (%)	
Percent of firms reporting their price to be regulated (%)	25
Time to complete a procurement of a works contract in an open procedure	30
(days)	30
Time to complete the procurement of a services contract in a restricted	30
procedure with limited competition (days)	30
Time to complete the prequalification of supplier (days)	30
Time to complete an electronic auction (days)	No practice
Time to complete a Framework agreement with a competitive second stage	No practice
(days)	No practice
Time to receive payment under govt contract (days)	77
Perceptions of the degree of difficulty to comply with government contract	44
tender requirements	44
Percent of firms owned or managed by women among those that held a	79
government contract in last 3 years (%)	73
Percent of firms that introduced a new product/service and process over last 3	14
years, and spent on R&D over last fiscal year (excluding small firms) (%)	14
Percent of firms with internationally recognized quality certification (%)	0

Business Insolvency



The Business Insolvency topic measures key features of insolvency systems on a regulatory level. It also assesses the institutional and operational infrastructure associated with insolvency proceedings (judicial services), as well as the operational efficiency of insolvency proceedings across three different dimensions, here referred to as pillars. The first pillar assesses the quality of regulation pertaining to judicial insolvency proceedings — liquidation and reorganization, covering de jure features of a regulatory framework that are necessary for structured debt resolution processes and effective creditor and debtor regimes. The second pillar measures the quality of institutional and operational infrastructure for judicial insolvency proceedings, thus assessing the de facto aspects of insolvency resolution mechanisms and the infrastructure required to implement the legal framework on insolvency. The third pillar measures the time and cost to resolve in—court liquidation reorganization proceedings.

Each pillar is divided into categories—defined by common features that inform the grouping into a particular category—and each category is further divided into subcategories. Each subcategory has several indicators, each of which may, in turn, have several components. Relevant points are assigned to each indicator and subsequently aggregated to obtain the number of points for each subcategory, category, and pillar.

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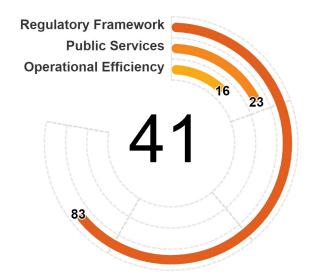


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PILLAR I - REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

CATEGORY: LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL STANDARDS IN INSOLVENCY 24.00 /30.00 **PROCEEDINGS** Sub-Category: Pre-Commencement and Commencement Standards in 15.00 /15.00 Liquidation and Reorganization Obligations of the Company's Management during Pre-Insolvency 3.00 3.00 **Out-of-Court Restructuring Mechanisms** 3.00 3.00 Commencement of Formal Liquidation Proceedings 3.00 3.00 Commencement of Formal Reorganization Proceedings 3.00 3.00 Basis for Commencement of Formal Insolvency Proceedings CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC - BUSINESS INSOLVENCY 3.00 3.00

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Sub-Category: Post-Commencement Standards in Liquidation and Reorganization		9.00	/15.00
Creditors Notification Requiring to Submit Claims		3.00	3.00
How the Reorganization Plan Is Voted	×	0.00	3.00
Means of Voting the Reorganization Plan	×	0.00	3.00
Protection of Dissenting Creditors in Reorganization	~	3.00	3.00
Conversion from Reorganization to Liquidation	~	3.00	3.00
TEGORY: DEBTOR'S ASSETS AND CREDITOR'S PARTICIPATION IN SOLVENCY PROCEEDINGS		40.78	/50.00
Sub-Category: Treatment and Protection of Debtor's Assets during Liquidation and Reorganization (includes environment)		13.00	/20.00
Automatic Stay of Proceedings	~	2.00	2.00
Exceptions and Relief to Automatic Stay of Proceedings	×	0.00	4.00
Continuation of Existing Essential Contracts	~	4.00	4.00
Rejection of Existing Burdensome Contracts and Assets	Θ	1.00	2.00
Voidance of Preferential and Undervalued Transactions	~	4.00	4.00
Post-Commencement Credit Availability and Priority	Θ	2.00	4.00
Sub-Category: Creditor's Rights in Liquidation and Reorganization (includes environment)		17.78	/20.00
Creditor Representation	~	4.44	4.44
Request of Information by Creditors	~	4.44	4.44
Priority of Secured Claims	~	4.44	4.44
Priority of Labor and Environmental Claims	Θ	2.22	4.44
Special Regime for Labor Claims	~	2.22	2.22
Sub-Category: Selection and Dismissal of the Insolvency Administrator		10.00	/10.00
Insolvency Administrators Qualification Requirements in the Law	~	3.33	3.33
Conditions for Disqualification	~	3.33	3.33
Mechanism for Selection and Dismissal	~	3.33	3.33
TEGORY: SPECIALIZED INSOLVENCY PROCEEDINGS AND FERNATIONAL INSOLVENCY		18.33	/20.00
Sub-Category: Specialized Insolvency Proceedings for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs)		8.33	/10.00

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	Availability and Eligib	bility	Θ	1.67	3.33
	Conversion of Procee	edings	~	3.33	3.33
	Debt Discharge		~	3.33	3.33
	Sub-Category: Cross-Border Ins	solvency		10.00	/10.00
	Existence of Framew Proceedings	ork and Recognition of Foreign Insolvency	~	5.00	5.00
	Legal Framework for Representatives	Cooperation with Foreign Courts and	~	5.00	5.00
PILLA	R II - PUBLIC SERVICES			23.33	/100.00
	CATEGORY: DIGITAL SERVICES (E-C	COURTS) IN INSOLVENCY PROCEEDINGS		0.00	/40.00
	Sub-Category: Electronic Service	es in Liquidation and Reorganization		0.00	/20.00
	Electronic Filing		×	0.00	5.00
	Electronic Payment o	of Court Fees	×	0.00	5.00
	Electronic Auction		×	0.00	5.00
	Virtual Hearing		×	0.00	5.00
	Sub-Category: Electronic Case N Reorganization	Management Systems in Liquidation and		0.00	/20.00
	Electronic Case Mana	agement for Judges and Lawyers	×	0.00	6.67
	Electronic Case Mana	agement for Insolvency Administrators	×	0.00	6.67
	Electronic Monitoring	g of the Status of Insolvency Proceedings	×	0.00	6.67
	CATEGORY: INTEROPERABILITY IN	INSOLVENCY PROCEEDINGS		0.00	/20.00
	Sub-Category: Digital Services C Liquidation and Reorganization	Connectivity with External Systems in		0.00	/10.00
	Interoperability with	External Systems	×	0.00	10.00
	Sub-Category: Interconnection e-Filing Systems in Liquidation	Between e-Case Management System and and Reorganization		0.00	/10.00
	Interconnection Betv Systems	veen Case Management System and e-Filing	×	0.00	10.00
	CATEGORY: PUBLIC INFORMATION REGISTRY OF INSOLVENCY PRACTIC	I ON INSOLVENCY PROCEEDINGS AND TIONERS		3.33	/20.00
	Sub-Category: Public Information Liquidation and Reorganization	on on the Number and Length of n, and Insolvency Judgements		3.33	/10.00
	Publication of Judgm	ents in Insolvency Procedures		3.33	3.33

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Publication of Data on the Number and Type of Insolvency X 0.00 3.33 Procedures Publication of Data on the Average Length of Insolvency 0.00 3.33 X Procedures Sub-Category: Availability of a Public Registry of Insolvency Practitioners 0.00 /10.00 Availability of a Register of Insolvency Practitioners X 0.00 5.00 Publication of Register of Insolvency Practitioners 0.00 5.00 X **CATEGORY: PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND INSOLVENCY ADMINISTRATOR** 20.00 /20.00 Sub-Category: Specialization of Courts with Jurisdiction on Reorganization 10.00 /10.00 and Liquidation Proceedings Specialized Bankruptcy Courts 5.00 5.00 Operability of Bankruptcy Courts 5.00 5.00 Sub-Category: Insolvency Administrator's Expertise in Practice 10.00 /10.00 Insolvency Administrator Qualification Requirements in Practice 10.00 10.00 PILLAR III - OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY 16.00 /100.00 **CATEGORY: LIQUIDATION PROCEEDINGS** 12.50 /50.00 Sub-Category: Time to Resolve a Liquidation Proceeding 12.50 /25.00 Time to Resolve an In-Court Liquidation Proceeding 12.50 25.00 Θ Sub-Category: Cost to Resolve a Liquidation Proceeding 0.00 /25.00 Cost to Resolve an In-Court Liquidation Proceeding 0.00 25.00 X **CATEGORY: REORGANIZATION PROCEEDINGS** 3.50 /50.00 Sub-Category: Time to Resolve a Reorganization Proceeding 3.50 /25.00 Time to Resolve an In-Court Reorganization Proceeding 3.50 25.00 Θ Sub-Category: Cost to Resolve a Reorganization Proceeding 0.00 /25.00 Cost to Resolve an In-Court Reorganization Proceeding 0.00 25.00 ×

INDICATORS AND COMPONENTS	VALUES
Time to resolve a liquidation proceeding (months)	30
Cost to resolve a liquidation proceeding (% of the market value of the company)	55
Time to resolve a reorganization proceeding (months)	30

INDICATORS AND COMPONENTS	VALUES
Cost to resolve a reorganization proceeding (% of the market value of the	40
company)	40