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LTI 2026

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Important notes

- **LTI is the cross-section of the situation at the time of data collection (or verification)**
- **Poor scores in some categories do not necessarily mean corruption is widespread in the related areas. Similarly, good scores by no means guarantee that there is no corruption.** Transparency is just a mechanism for easier detection or prevention of corruption.

LTI 2026 – Key Findings

- The main conclusion of the LTI 2026 survey is that **transparency continues to stagnate** at a low level. It is necessary to establish sustainable mechanisms, primarily through the adoption of regulations that will precisely define procedures and obligations for maintaining transparency;
- Acts may be adopted by LSGs, but the incentive could also come from the republic level by:
 - introduction of legal obligations for LSGs at the republic level, provided that their implementation is monitored and violations are sanctioned
 - setting a good example from the republic level, which, at the moment, cannot boast of high transparency, respect for the law, monitoring of the implementation of regulations
- The rating was improved by 60, and 70 municipalities and cities failed. In 15 cases there is no change.
- Less and less LSGs achieve continuous multi-year growth or at least stagnation

LTI 2026 – Key Numbers

- **145 LSGs are ranked, 25 city municipalities are rated, but not ranked.**
- The average LTI score is same as in LTI 2025, 2024 and 2023.
- **30 od 145 LSGs have** LTI over 60, nine more than 70, five over 80, and three have LTI higher than 90.

score/year	2015	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
max	74	67	83	90	87	94	97	97	97
average	40	40	46	48	49	52	52	52	52
min	11	12	18	21	9	25	9	30	28

Top Rated LSGs

Municipality/City	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Novi Pazar	1/97	1/97	1/97	1/94	1/87
Veliko Gradište	1/97	2/94	2/88	3/82	7/76
Tutin	3/90	4/82	9/74	8/76	4/81
Kanjiža	4/84	3/86	3/87	4/81	5/79
Kragujevac	4/84	6/79	24/62	16/66	14/65

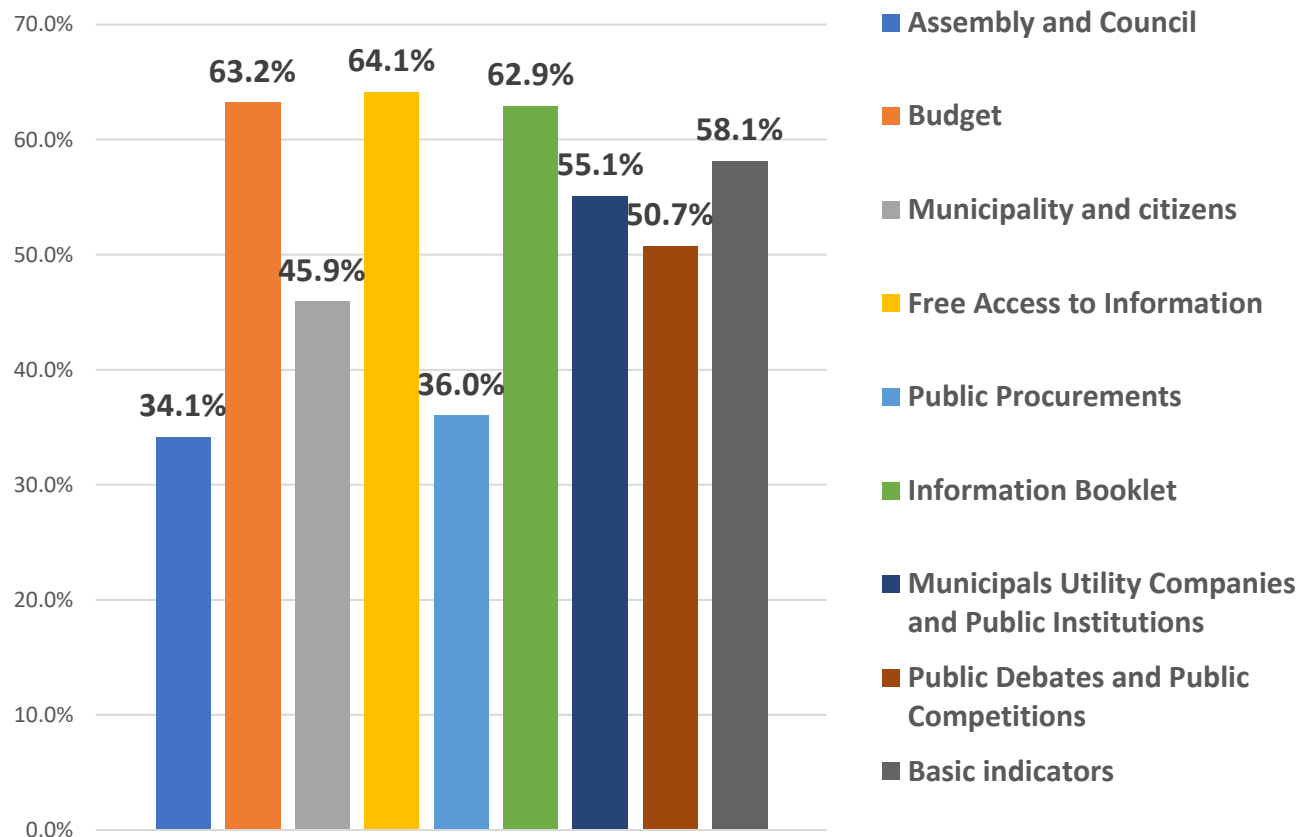
Surčin (76) and Sevojno (56) have excellent results among the city municipalities.

Worst Rated LSGs

Municipality/City	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Bosilegrad	33	43	38	48	39
Lučani	33	34	33	36	36
Alibunar	32	36	38	38	41
Bujanovac	31	39	29	32	28
Preševo	28	30	9	25	9

Specific results

- Percentage of successful performance of 145 LSGs per fields***



Categories by Year

	Skupština i veće	Budžet	JLS i građani	Slobodan pristup inf.	Javne nabavke	Informator	Javna preduzeća	Javne rasprave i konkursi	Osnovni indikator
LTI 2026	34.1%	63.2%	45.9%	64.1%	36.0%	62.9%	55.1%	50.7%	58.1%
LTI 2025	37.3%	63.5%	46.9%	66.6%	46.9%	53.3%	54.9%	53.7%	68.8%
LTI 2024	37.8%	59.9%	44.8%	62.8%	59.0%	73.6%	53.0%	54.0%	69.1%
LTI 2023	39.5%	63.2%	44.7%	58.9%	62.2%	73.3%	51.3%	52.5%	68.4%
LTI 2022	35.4%	56.7%	48.0%	60.3%	72.6%	41.7%	47.6%	54.7%	69.8%
LTI 2021	34.1%	55.0%	44.6%	63.4%	95.5%	51.9%	45.8%	44.3%	76.0%
LTI 2020	34.8%	59.2%	42.7%	62.8%	95.7%	33.6%	35.2%	51.6%	76.3%
LTI 2019	29.5%	48.4%	31.7%	61.7%	89.1%	40.2%	29.0%	43.8%	71.6%
LTI 2015	49.0% *	39.8%	31.1%	45.5%	83.1%	49.3%	31.3%	31.5%	49.2% *

Specific Findings

- Insufficient transparency in the area of “Assembly and Council” significantly affects citizens’ ability to understand what impact the decisions made by these bodies will have on their lives;
- Budgets of all cities and municipalities are published on their websites the first time ever;
- There is still insufficient information about the allocation of funds through public calls (for media, associations), and especially about the implementation of projects for which funds were granted: calls were published on 125/135 LSG websites, while allocation decisions were published on 85/97, and reports on project implementation on only 9 (media) and 10 (associations) websites.

Specific Findings

- **Public procurement** – fall continues due to the abolishment of legal obligations.
- Constant but very slow growth in the area of PEs and Pls. The score, however, remains low. A 12 years after publishing information on PE websites has become mandatory by the law, 13,1% PEs in the sample do not yet even have their own websites.

Comparison with LTI 2025

- Out of all 170 cities, municipalities and in-city municipalities, 10 of them recorded an increase of 10 or more points compared to the previous ranking (in 2025, 15 of them had such an increase), while five had a double-digit drop in rating (seven in LTI 2025).
- Growth: Šabac (13), Dimitrovgrad (12), Mionica and Požarevac (11), Prijepolje and Lebane (10) (Požarevac and Lebane after a big drop last year).
- Growth of in-city municipalities: Vranjska Banja (15), Rakovica and Medijana (11) and Vračar (10) (Vračar after a big decline the previous year).
- On the other hand, the biggest decline was in Zaječar (19), Sokobanja (14), Užice (12), Knjaževac (11) and Bosilegrad (10).

Women and men in top positions

- Data on gender representation in management positions in local self-governments are not directly related to transparency, nor are they part of the evaluation and ranking within the LTI survey.
- Out of 170 cities, municipalities and in-city municipalities, 36 mayors are female, while 134 are men.
- In administration – out of 155 LSGs, 87 women (56%) and 68 (44%) men.

Mayors		
170 JLS	m	f
2026	134	36
2025	138	32
2024	138	32
2023	147	23
36 female mayors:		
Cities: 5		
Municipalities: 26		
In-city municipalities: 5		

Heads of administration			
	m	f	No head appointed
2026	68	87	15
2025	71	91	8
2024	75	86	6
2023	77	84	9

The Most Important Recommendations

- LSGs' internal acts should prescribe procedures and specify responsibility for publishing and updating information and documents on the website. Acts should clearly regulate the scope of information that should be published on the municipal website, deadlines for updating this information, as well as duties and responsibilities within the administration;
- The most important information on the website (about the budget, decisions of the municipal assembly, council, about public enterprises, public tenders, public procurement, etc.) needs to be systematized. Special "subsites" (such as "skupstina.opština.ls.gov.rs" or "skupstina.opština.rs" or "budzet.opština.rs") are receptive to citizens and increase transparency;
- LSGs should establish budget portals, regularly maintain them and update the content. Until the establishment of the budget portal, the special "Budget" page on the LSG's website should contain not only the adopted budget, but also all information and documents related to the budget - periodic reports on execution (including monthly reports), final account (annual report), rebalances, civil budget, calls for public hearings on the budget and reports from public hearings, by year;

The Most Important Recommendations for Other Organs

- The scope of information that LSGs must publish on their websites should be expanded by supplementing the relevant government's regulation; A legal obligation for LSGs to regulate by their act all matters of importance in connection with the publication of information and documents on websites should be introduced;
- Action plan for the implementation of the National Strategy for the fight against corruption should be supplemented with activities and measures related to strengthening the transparency of local self-government;
- In the regulations related to the allocation of funds to associations, obligation to publish the reports submitted by the users of the funds should be introduced, as well as obligation to create and publish an evaluation on the fulfillment of the activities foreseen by the project. With regard to media allocations, the scope of information published on the Unified Information System of the ministry should be expanded. In both cases, effective supervision over the fulfillment of obligations should be ensured