

## **R u tracking YOUR money?**

Transparency and accountability, as two basic principles of good governance, are crucial in providing information and insight to the public on how public money, our money, is collected, allocated and spent. Additionally, transparency and accountability are necessary to show the determination and the intention of the public institutions, as well as to inform and to share this information with the public. But where a citizen as a fresh public finance starter can start to look at? What documents he or she should ask and/or look for? But then again, why to ask for it when the information on how hers money are spend should be available on spot anyway? Anyone, taxpayer or citizen, should be able to track how its own money are spent by the government.

It may look simple to track availability and timeliness of the 8 budget documents but this tracking can be an important instrument for us at CEA to promote that transparency and accountability to the general public.

That is why we at CEA have joined a global effort to implement a new tracking tool. On Sept. 12, 2104, the US-based International Budget Partnership (IBP) launched a new tracking tool, the [Open Budget Survey Tracker](#) to provide real-time information on the availability to the citizens of eight essential budget documents. By international good practice in budget transparency, these eight must be published in a timely manner.

**So, u can start tracking your money at: <http://www.obstracker.org/>**

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