

Aid Transparency Index 2020

Spain-AECD (57.8)

Spain, Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)



OVERVIEW

The Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) is the executive body for Spanish development cooperation. It works in over 30 countries around the world. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (MAEC) oversees Spain-AECID. Spain-AECID is not an IATI member but has published IATI data since November 2011.

2018	2016	2015	2014	2013
POOR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	VERY POOR

Organisational planning and commitments 9.8/15

Finance and budgets 16.1/25

Project attributes 15.2/20

Joining-up development data 16.7/20

Performance 0/20

ANALYSIS

Spain-AECID improved its scores for the 2020 Index. It had the fifth-largest score increase from the 2018 Index and moved from the 'poor' to the 'fair' category. It also started to publish to the IATI Registry on a monthly basis and published data for close to 70 percent of the indicators to the IATI Registry.

Spain-AECID made its greatest improvements to the **joining-up development data** component by publishing data on aid, financial and flow types, as well as tied aid status across 100 percent of its activities to the IATI Registry. However, it should publish more procurement and conditions data to the IATI Registry, as we found these were available in other formats online.

Spain-AECID also slightly improved its **project attributes** component by fully publishing data for eight of the ten indicators to the IATI Registry. Descriptions and titles passed our data quality checks, however, Spain-AECID published descriptions for less than 50 percent of its activities. We were unable to find sub-national locations and actual dates in other formats, which bought the score for this component down.

Spain-AECID scored on the majority of the **organisational planning** indicators but the annual reports and many of the country strategy documents that it published to the IATI Registry were out of date and unavailable elsewhere. It also lost points for the accessibility indicator because data on its aid portal were out of date.

Spain-AECID made a good effort to publish more **financial and budgets** indicators to the IATI Registry, with six of the seven data sets that we searched for in the 2020 Index available in the comparable format. However, it only published commitments and disbursements and expenditures consistently across all activities. Spain-AECID made project budgets available for less than 10 percent of activities, and only made one-year forward-looking total organisational and disaggregated budgets available. We found no project budget documents available in other formats.

As in 2018, we did not award Spain-AECID any points for the **performance** component because we did not find any performance-related documents in their IATI data or consistently available data in other formats.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Spain-AECID should publish regular and current organisational files, such as its annual report and country strategy documents, to the IATI Registry.
- Spain-AECID should keep its aid data portal up to date with project-level data.
- It should publish descriptions for all of its activities to the IATI Registry.
- Spain-AECID should ensure full project attributes data such as contracts, tenders, and conditions are available across all of its activities.
- It should start publishing data and documents on its performance, from objectives to results and evaluations.

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Organisational planning and commitments

Score: 9.8 / 15

ABOUT COMPONENT

This component looks at the overall aims and strategy of an organisation. We check for any public commitments to aid transparency. We also make sure audits are in place and if planning documents have been published, including by parent organisations (including national governments) where applicable. We make note of any Freedom of Information laws and critically, we make sure that organisations have tried to make their information easy to access and understand. You should not have to be an expert in open data to be able to find and use this information.

Quality of FOI legislation	Score: 1.25
Accessibility	Score: 0
Organisation strategy	Score: 1.88
Annual report	Score: 0
Allocation policy	Score: 1.88
Procurement policy	Score: 1.88
Strategy (country/sector) or Memorandu Understanding	m of Score: 1.07
Audit	Score: 1.88

Finance and budgets

Score: 16.1 / 25

ABOUT COMPONENT

This component is critical to allow you and anyone else to follow the money. We expect to find the total budget of the organisation being assessed, right down to individual transactions for each development activity. In particular, forward-looking budgets from donors are important for partner country governments to be able to plan their own future finances.

Disaggregated budget	Score: 2.77
Project budget	Score: 1.8
Project budget document	Score: 0
Commitments	Score: 3.33



Project attributes

Score: 15.2 / 20

ABOUT COMPONEN

This component refers to descriptive, non-financial data, including basics like the title and description of a project. Information like this is important as it is often the entry point for data users to quickly understand what a project is about. We also look for other information that helps to put a project in context, such as its sub-national location (rather than simply being pin pointed to a capital city or the centre of a country) or the sector that the project deals with, for example, education or agriculture.

Title	Score: 1
Description	Score: 0.73
Planned dates	Score: 1
Actual dates	Score: 0
Current status	Score: 1
Contact details	Score: 1
Sectors	Score: 3.49
Sub-national location	Score: 0
Implementer	Score: 3.5
Unique ID	Score: 3.5

Johning-up development data

Score: 16.7 / 20

ABOUT COMPONENT

This component looks at how well a donor's data is able to be linked and connected with other bits of information. There is a diverse nature of flows, activities and actors within the development sector. Aid and development finance data needs to be effectively linked and connected with the rest to provide a full picture for the user. This can be particularly important for partner country governments, who need to integrate information on aid with their own budgets and systems.

Aid type	Score: 3.33
Finance type	Score: 3.33
Tied aid status	Score: 3.33
Conditions	Score: 1.67
Project procurement	Score: 1.67

Performance

Score: 0 / 20

ABOUT COMPONENT

This component refers to the essential data and documents that assess whether a project is on track or has been achieved. This includes things like baseline surveys, progress against targets, mid-term reviews and end of project evaluations. This information is important to hold donors to account and also to share knowledge with others on what worked and what did not during a project.

Score: 0
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