

# Government Resource Planning (GRP) Interoperability Brief

## Situation

- Government implementations of Financial Management Information Systems (FMIS) and financial subsystems covering assets, custom, debt, human resources, procurement, and tax administration systems are rarely well-integrated
- Integration and interoperability have been identified as key limitations to support fiscal stewardship objectives

## Complication

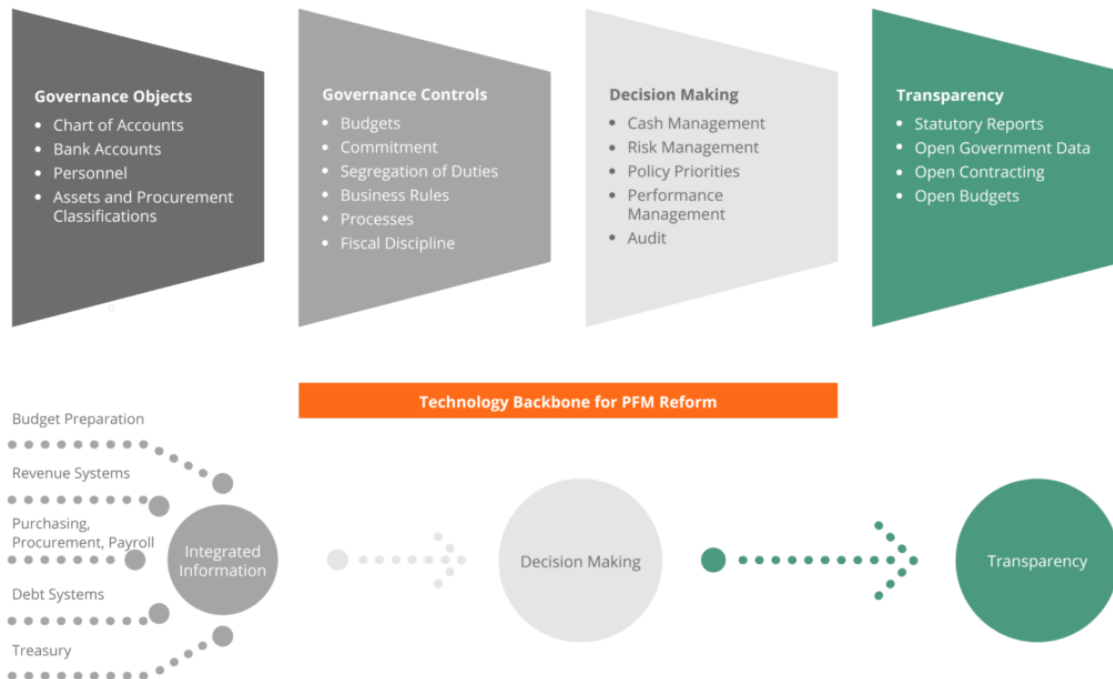
Governments often experience:

- poor quality, untimely, inconsistent data with different definitions that compromises decision-making
- limited capability to ensure budget and commitment controls across financial functions resulting in non-compliant spending that exceeds legal budgets and increases arrears
- limited ability to automate government fiscal transparency or to produce statutory reports on time
- limited integration within Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) product suites because of legacy technology usage and multiple technology platforms

## Question

- Can governments use COTS software that inherently interoperates, and supports integration with other financial systems?

# Solution



The FreeBalance Accountability Platform supports interoperability within the FreeBalance Accountability Suite, and with other financial systems in use by governments:

- **Governance Objects:** Components that are reused across all applications ensuring interoperability
- **Integrated Information:** Use of components as metadata targets for other financial systems, using built-in open integration
- **Governance Controls:** Budget and commitment controls across integrated applications
- **Decision Making:** Timely, accurate, and integrated data for dashboards, analytics, and reporting
- **Transparency:** Automated support of fiscal transparency portals through integration

## Appendix: Supporting Material

### Adapted FreeBalance blog entries

1. Interoperability in Public Financial Management Systems
2. The Importance of Interoperability in Government eProcurement