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"PARTNERSHIP FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT" 2020 - 2022 "

SECOND CONSULTATIVE MEETING

05.10.2020

**Component No. 3. "Access to Justice"
Drafting an Action Plan**



CONSULTATION 2

Consultation Details

Policy Goal Focus	Build an open government that ensures its citizens access to justice, transparency and accountability.
Lead Focal Point Institution	Directorate of Policies and Strategies in the Field of Justice.
Date	05 October 2020
Consultation Meeting Number	The second consultative meeting

I. Objective of Consultation Meeting

What was the aim of this consultation? Please answer for All That Apply	Details
(i) Introduce stakeholders to the Proposed policy goal	goal of the second consultative meeting with stakeholders was detajueshëm presentation of the Draft Plan of Action Component no. 3 “Access to Justice” part of the Open Government Partnership 2020-2022 as well as obtaining the opinions and suggestions of the participants regarding this Draft, in particular with the main policy of the Component and other specific objectives.
(ii) Introduce stakeholders to the OGP process	International expert Ms. Courtney McLaren made the presentation on the OGP process and what is specifically required by stakeholders to meet the requirements according to the standards set by the OGP. This process was combined with the specific component, access to justice, transparency and accountability, an exposition was made on all the previous stages up to this meeting and an introduction was made to the key OGP documents which were distributed to the participants.
(iii) Explain the feedback tools for stakeholders	During the meeting, concrete examples of the problems encountered were presented, in order to facilitate the contribution of the stakeholders in their opinions. Partëmarrësit expressed orally about their impressions of the process.
(iv) Brainstorm ideas with stakeholders	Partëmarrësit gave their concrete ideas on the draft action plan and which should focus on specific measures to achieve the objektikave. Due to the limited time some of the participants will send their thoughts / ideas by email.
(v) Develop further details (milestones, etc.) for ideas	ideas from the Academy (University of Tirana) they were very concrete. They covered 5-6 specific areas that will increase access to justice and transparency. Also, the opinions from the CRCA Society were very valuable regarding access to justice for vulnerable groups, such as juveniles, especially in criminal matters.
(vi) Gather feedback on proposed policy goals	Pjparticipants generally agreed with the main policy of Component 3. Attention was focused on concrete policy implementation measures.
(vii) Prioritize proposed policy goals	In the meeting, attention was paid to the discussion on the main policy, asking for suggestions from the parties present. Given that the main policy of access to justice aims at the right definition of specific objectives and the adoption of concrete and feasible measures, it was undoubtedly important that the prioritization of specific

	objectives be given importance to continue with concrete measures.
(viii) Other (provide details)	N / A
II. Methodology	
What was the format of the meeting? How were stakeholders able to participate?	Details
(i) Presentations The	meeting was held in the conference hall of the Ministry of Justice. 2 presentations were made: Ms. Elona Hoaxha and Suzana Frasheri from the Ministry of Justice presented in general visas on OGP. Expert Ms McLaren presented the process according to the standards required by the OGP specifically and focused on the expectations of the process and what is required of the stakeholders.
(ii) Discussion / Feedback from stakeholders	The second consultation meeting was positive. As a result of the physical presence of the participants the discussion was more effective and their involvement was very satisfactory.
(iii) Questions and answers Questions	were asked and concrete answers were received at certain points in the discussion where necessary.
(iv) Brainstorming	Ideas were given concretely and will also be provided via email to stakeholders who did not have the opportunity due to time constraints.
Stakeholder Selection	Details
(i) How were stakeholders selected?	The list of civil societies / interest groups that are directly or indirectly related to access to justice, transparency and accountability was used to carry out the process. A wide range of civil societies were involved in monitoring the activities of state institutions in order to seek accountability from the government, academics / professors from public and private universities who operate directly in the legal system.
(ii) How were stakeholders contacted?	Stakeholders were contacted via email at the beginning of the process, where they were informed of the OGP web address and the link to access the materials designed for component no.3. They were then notified electronically of the organization of the second consultation meeting and were called in advance for the meeting.
(iii) How many stakeholders were contacted?	In total about 25 interest groups were contacted by email and phone.
(iv) Was the consultation announced publicly? (via websites, social media, etc.)	Prior to the consultation, the announcement was not published on social networks. After its realization, the Ministry of Justice published the development of the event on its official website and Facebook.
(v) Were stakeholders reminded?	Reminder emails were being sent and some of them were received on the phone.
III. Results / Findings	
Stakeholder Contributions	Details
(i) How many stakeholders attended?	It was attended by 7 stakeholders. A considerable part of the representatives of the interest groups who had confirmed their participation were not present, probably due to the virus, consequently the number of attendees was not as expected, however the attendees were active and involved expressing suggestions and

	ideas. their concrete in relation to the process and measures cited in the draft action plan.
(ii) Did stakeholders contribute?	Attendees joined the discussion with opinions contributing through collaboration and their involvement in this process, which will help in the successful finalization of this component.
(iii) Main issues identified by stakeholders	The identified by stakeholders main problems are the lack of trust that citizens have in the institutions they face; increase cooperation with universities and civil society; increase efficiency in responding to the citizens; reducing bureaucracy in the justice system.
(iv) Main recommendations from stakeholders?	The participants involved in discussions stressed the needs of the groups in need of the Directorate of Free Legal Aid; the review of the legislation by placing focus on lawsuit, collective lawsuit for small amount; realization of training for R and administration staff presence of institutions such as the courts, the prosecutor etc.

IV. Shortcuts Identified & Preparations for Next Consultation

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(i) Limitations in stakeholder attendance	Some were not present, which could be due to the situation caused by Covid-19 and participants eliminate physical participation. For this reason other consultative meetings will take place online.
(ii) Limitations in stakeholder participation	Due to limited time not all participants discussed. Their thoughts will be emailed.
(iii) What can be done to improve attendance?	In order to have a more comprehensive and transparent process, high participation of stakeholders is needed, whose contributions will be valid to successfully finalize the draft action plan related to component no. 3. High participation will facilitate the process by taking concrete steps based on ideas, opinions and issues encountered by stakeholders. For this reason, in case of impossibility of participation, the delegation of the invitation to another representative of the institution was requested.
(iv) What can be done to improve participation in the next meeting?	Encourage them by talking directly to stakeholders about the importance of their participation and incorporating ideas and suggestions into concrete measures.

STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

Name:	Petrina Broka	Organization / Affiliation:	Faculty of Law	Position:	Representative of the Law Clinic at the Faculty of Law
Issues Raised	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No / <input type="checkbox"/> Yes				
Feedback	thanked for the opportunity to be part of this process and called for cooperation in more comprehensive consultation roundtables.				
Ideas Suggested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further strengthening and empowerment of the Law Clinic and consequently, of the groups in need, through the provision of legal service, increase of capacities and practical skills of the students of the Clinic in providing free legal aid, for the needy referring to specifically cooperation with the Directorate of Free Legal Aid. 				

- Organizing training courses for administrative staff of the courts and prosecutors, the outcome of which is aimed at improving the quality of services, the application of appropriate standards in the work are reminded in court and the prosecutor.
- Despite the achievement of the provision of lawsuits with small amounts, the legislation needs to be improved (Provisions 399 of the Code of Civil Procedure and onwards). He also paid attention to the approval of the draft law on collective lawsuits, which is very important for the citizens.
- Expressed interest in being part of the roundtables and greater cooperation for more effective public consultations regarding some draft laws which are being drafted, where he specifically emphasized the draft law on arbitration.

Other Comments

Name:	Jozef Shkambi	Organization / Affiliation:	CRCA	Position:	Jurist
Issues Raised	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No / <input type="checkbox"/> Yes				
Feedback	As a representative of CRCA, he appreciated the invitation and considered it a valuable opportunity to highlight and discuss closely the issues that citizens face.				
Ideas Suggested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasized the importance of increasing citizens' trust in access to justice • Attached importance to the part of the delay encountered in relation to the law drafting and implementation phase. • Suggested the creation of mechanisms to measure the implementation of legislation. • In certain districts, citizens face the impossibility of law enforcement due to lack of capacity or other problems. 				
Other Comments					

Name:	Julia Mulla	Organization / Affiliation:	Legal Aid Directory Free	Position:	Specialist
Issues Raised	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No / <input type="checkbox"/> Yes				
Feedback	expressed gratitude and appreciation for the cooperation and considered it as a good opportunity to have bridges between civil societies and result until the last step of the process.				
Ideas Suggested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently, there are 6 cooperation agreements with 6 clinics, where the Faculty of Law has been among the first to express interest. • Within this year, a meeting is planned with all clinics as a result of fuller cooperation. • 5 centers are active in providing services, where it is intended within this year to be functional and other centers, specifically near the cities of Pogradec, Gjirokastra, etc. 				
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Feedback

Ideas Suggested

Other Comments

STAKEHOLDER ATTENDANCE

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