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MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

"PARTNERSHIP FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT" 2020 - 2022 "

THIRD CONSULTATIVE MEETING

13.10.2020

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



CONSULTATION 3

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	13 October 2020
Consultation Meeting Number	Third 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	After the first and second consultative meeting with stakeholders, the purpose of which was to present the Draft Component Action Plan no. 3 "Access to Justice" part of the Open Government Partnership 2020-2022 and receiving opinions / suggestions from participants. In the third meeting, concrete steps were taken towards the ideas proposed by the stakeholders as well as discussions / analysis of the measures foreseen in the draft action plan.
(ii) Introduce stakeholders to the OGP process	International expert Ms. Courtney McLaren conducted a brief summary of the stages carried out from the previous two meetings and stressed the importance of the ideas proposed by stakeholders being as close as possible to meeting the requirements according to standards set by the OGP. Ms. McLaren stressed that the measures must be measurable, respond respectively to each objective, be verifiable and achievable within the required deadlines.
(iii) Explain the feedback tools for stakeholders	third meeting as an effect of the presence of added referred to two meetings conducted were engagement contribution and effective to the expression of proposals addressing specific issues.
(iv) Brainstorm ideas with stakeholders	The participants discussed and expressed their opinions about the draft action plan focusing on the analysis of measures intended to improve it.
(v) Develop further details (milestones, etc.) for ideas	<p>Mainly, the suggestions from Ms. Arianita Brahaj (Representative of the Albanian Institute of Sciences) were considered very detailed and valuable focusing on proposals that will increase access to justice and transparency.</p> <p>The proposals of Ms. Petrina Broka (Lecturer and Representative of the Law Clinic) which, referring to previous meetings, again placed emphasis on the inclusion and provision of opportunities for students to elaborate on important processes implemented by the Albanian government.</p> <p>Z. Jozef Shkambi representative of husband, civil CRCA rise was involved in discussions about the main activities to be undertaken DNJF and / or the Ministry of</p>

	Justice within the framework of the measure for the training and formation of legal services providers. Also, Znj.Xhulia Mulla was activated ins phresponsets tquestionsderived fromt t attendantswho addressed to the Directorate T Helpinstitution'sFree Legal.
(vi) Gather feedback on Proposed policy goals	Psrepresentatives on issues ofh-chairsof tgroupsh tinterest that wererepresent,MBshteten main policy which has phr aimed at building an open government that assures its citizens access to justice , transparency and accountability and then focused on paying attention to the suggestions given in the context of improving existing measures.
(vii) Prioritize proposed policy goals	Prioritization of specific objectives was given due importance referring to the two previous meetings, consequently in the third consultative meeting light was cast on 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 conducted online through the Webex platform. Ms. Elona Hoxha from the Ministry of Justice made a brief presentation of all the steps taken up to the current stage emphasizing the importance of ideas / proposals expressed by stakeholders to successfully finalize the process. Expert Ms McLaren during the presentation focused on meeting the standards and expectations set by the OGP.
(ii) Discussion / Feedback from stakeholders	In the third meeting held, the presence of stakeholders was increased, as a result of which the meeting was productive in achieving the intended goal.
(iii) Questions and answers	during the meeting they discussed specific questions primarily addressedDirectorate to AidofLegal t swhich were followed byresponses phrespectivehp from thehrfaqesues tothe institution.
(iv) Brainstorming	
Stakeholder Selection	Details
(i) How were stakeholders selected?	In remembrance of the previous two meetings, the list of stakeholders was used, which included civil society, academics / professors of state and private universities who exercise their activity with direct links to the legal system. A part of the groups that were present in the previous two meetings followed with interest the third consultative meeting, giving their contribution by discussing and analyzing the measures foreseen in the OGP action plan.
(ii) How were stakeholders contacted?	Stakeholders were informed of the OGP web address and the link to access the materials designed for component no.3. Contact for the organization of the third consultative meeting was maintained through e-mail contact.
(iii) How many stakeholders were contacted?	In total about 25 interest groups were contacted.
(iv) Was the consultation announced publicly? (via websites, social media, etc.)	Ministry ofstraightsishas published inits official website Facebook to developmeeting the firstconsultative Mafter ns nextEsi bethe secondmeeting and tothe third material ns pspectivehas tof each meeting

	arepublished inThe face of OGP, where interest groupsKan hadbeatasin of access.
(v) Were stakeholders reminded?	Reminder e-mails were sent to the participants and some of them who had promised their presence were contacted by phone.

III. Results / Findings

Stakeholder Contributions	Details
(i) How many stakeholders attended?	In the third consultative meeting there was an increased presence of stakeholders who have not participated in previous meetings andwere involved and expressed their comments on the process.
(ii) Did stakeholders contribute?	Participants discussed and expressed the continuation of their opinions based on the previous two meetings. New ideas and proposals were also put forward by representatives of interest groups which are intended to be concluded in concrete measures.
(iii) Main issues identified by stakeholders	Representatives of stakeholders mentioned some key issues identified, which were mainly related to the support of Law Clinics; moreconcretizationT detailedT plan;T action electronic service concept.
(iv) Main recommendations from stakeholders?	At issue was highlightedMBgroups in the United Needs of theDirectorate ss HelpsFree Legal associated with functional structures which will make possible the realization of this service; capacity building through training for service providers; proposing the establishments of ah sheministering p magistrate.ert

IV. Shortcuts Identified & Preparations for Next Consultation

	Details
(i) Limitations in stakeholder attendance	Stakeholders who had confirmed participation were present. The high turnout will facilitate the process by concrete steps based onideas,thoughts and problems encountered by stakeholders.
(ii) Limitations in stakeholder participation	Almost all participants express their opinions, however it was requested for any intervention and concrete opinion can be sent to the email address.
(iii) What can be done to improve attendance?	Highlyregarded IRndssishmdiscussion and analysis of the measures envisaged in the draft Plan thaction psr had a positive impact on elementthreekey t of the process, access,transparencyof andllogaridhnie.
(iv) What can be done to improve participation in the next meeting?	Krjjimi of abridge th phimportance of commonTbetween tstakeholders andministry s straightsisloves t affect nan dNien proposals and contributions thatsbeginning psupgradeSimior n conclusionconcrete measures.

STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

Name:	Petrina Broka	Organization / Affiliation:	Faculty of Law	Position:	Lecturer and Representative of the Law Clinic at the Faculty of Law
Issues Raised	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No / <input type="checkbox"/> Yes				

<i>Feedback</i>	Ms. Broka, following the previous consultative meetings, reiterated the importance of the opportunity given to stakeholders to express issues and speak under the voice of citizens, recalling the proposals discussed in the second consultative meeting.
<i>Ideas Suggested</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reaffirmed the importance of establishing dialogue and more frequent consultations between the Law Clinic and the Directorate of Free Legal Aid. • Ms. Broka's proposal remains to involve and provide opportunities to students regarding projects or initiatives undertaken by the Albanian government. • Referring to the online platform set up by the Directorate of Free Legal Aid, it was discussed about the selection of citizens who seek free legal aid.
<i>Other Comments</i>	

Name:	Jozef Shkambi	Organization / Affiliation:	Center for the Protection of Children's Rights in Albania	Position:	Jurist
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<i>Issues Raised</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No / <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<i>Feedback Mr.</i>	Shkambi, representative of CRCA, in the continuation of the two meetings held, decided again in the form of questions addressed to the Directorate of Free Legal Aid regarding the main activities that DNJF will undertake within the measure for training and formation of providers of free legal aid.
<i>Ideas Suggested</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested training of all employees at the Free Legal Aid service centers. • As part of the measure for training and formation of providers of free legal aid service, suggested focusing on training of non-profit organizations.
<i>Other Comments</i>	

Name:	Julia Mulla	Organization / Affiliation:	Directorate of Free Legal Aid, at the Ministry of Justice	Position:	Legal Specialist
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<i>Issues Raised</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No / <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<i>Feedback</i>	Ms. Mulla thanked the participants for their cooperation and proposals addressed to the Directorate of Free Legal Aid.
<i>Ideas Suggested</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newalizo i ane phSUMMARY stressing that the proposed measures to implement the priority measures are mainly related to three very important components for the functioning and administration of state guaranteed legal aid. • Reaffirmed the importance of capacity building and cooperation, mentioning here the current operation of the online platform as well as the continuity of work to create another electronic system which will be a data generator for all service providers by elaborating the mentioned suggestion. by Mrs. Brahaj. • Mentioned the training of all staff at the centers in cooperation with UNDP. Within this month will continue with the cooperation and concrete meeting with law clinics and then the focus will be on training of non-profit organizations.

Other Comments

Name:	Aranita Brahaj	Organization / Affiliation:	Representative of the Albanian Institute of Sciences	Position:	President of the Albanian Institute of Sciences
Issues Raised	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No / <input type="checkbox"/> Yes				
Feedback Mr.	Brahaj considered the valuable opportunity offered to stakeholders to be participants and to express the main problems encountered in carrying out their activities. Ms. Brahaj also proposed the creation of an electronic register for magistrates, judges and prosecutors as a measure of access to justice. Ms. Hoxha, after being aware of this proposal, explained that this register is the competence of the HJC and currently exists but not online, as it contains personal data for magistrates and thus violates the right to privacy of the person. However, it was agreed with the participants that this could be a very good measure of the new cross-cutting Justice Strategy, the work for which has started by the ministry staff. This is because the strategy will involve more institutions and will last a long time 5 years.				
Suggested Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Put emphasis on more detailed concretization of the plan to action by phrmendurplatformonlinen th created by the Directorate of Assistance Free Legals.• Putting into operation the electronic system of magistrates.				
Other Comments					

STAKEHOLDER ATTENDANCE

	Name	Organization / Affiliation (full name, not acronyms)	Position	Email
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5	Jozef Shkambi	Center for the Protection of the Rights of the Child in Albania	Lawyer	fla@crca.com
6	Xhulia Mulla	Directorate of Legal Aid Free	Legal Specialist	Julia.mulla@travel.gov.al
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