

Albania's Open Government Partnership Action Plan 2020-2022:

Anti-Corruption

Stakeholder Consultation
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What is the Open Government Partnership (OGP)?

- Began in 2011 as a unique partnership between government leaders and civil society advocates
- International agreement that combines the powerful forces of both government and civil society to make **governments more open, effective, and accountable to serve and empower their citizens**
- Seventy-eight countries and a growing number of local governments—representing more than two billion people—along with thousands of civil society organizations are members of the OGP

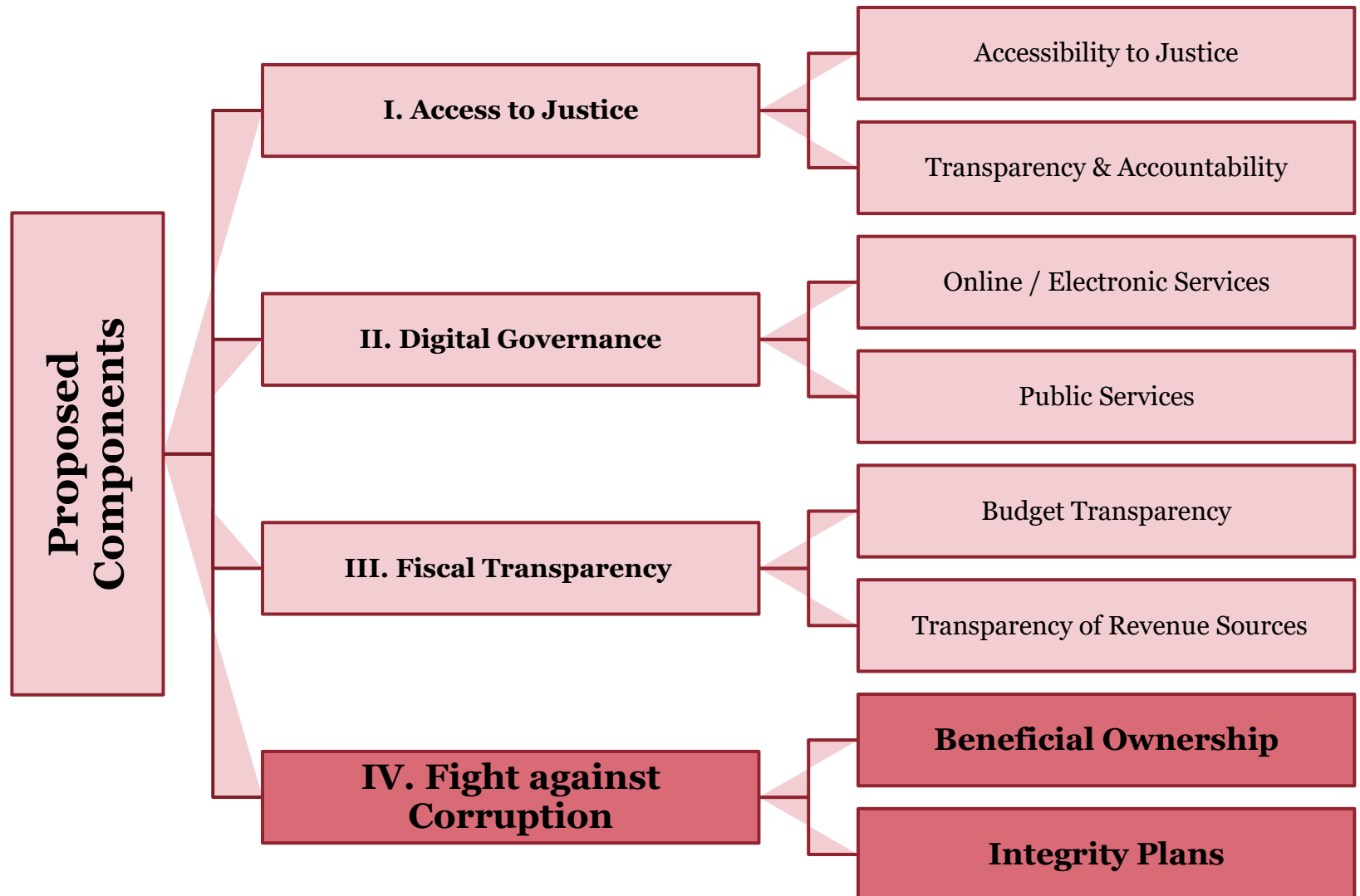
OGP National Action Plans

- **Action plans are at the core of participation in OGP**
- Participating countries develop two-year National Action Plans without gaps between the end of the last action plan and the beginning of the new one
- **Participating governments work in collaboration with civil society and stakeholders to co-create action plans for government reforms to promote the OGP's values of civic participation, transparency and public accountability.**
- **Action plans are independently monitored by the OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism** to ensure accountability and transparency and promote meaningful collaboration with civil society towards meaningful reform strategies
- **Each participating government is obliged to co-ordinate and collaborate with civil society to jointly develop commitments on selected areas of focus for government reform across a range of issues.**

What are the principles of OGP?

Transparency	Accountability	Public Participation	Technology & Innovation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Publication of all government-held information (as opposed to only information on government activities);• Proactive or reactive releases of information;• Mechanisms to strengthen the right to information;• Open access to government information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are rules, regulations, and mechanisms in place that call upon government actors to justify their actions and to act upon criticisms or requirements made of them;• Governments must accept responsibility for failure to perform with respect to laws or commitments;• Outward-facing component (i.e., they are not solely accountable to internal systems, but also involve the public).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Governments seek to engage citizens in a dialogue on public policies or programs;• Governments request their input, feedback, and contributions, which lead to more responsive, innovative, and effective governance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Governments embrace the importance of providing citizens with open access to technology;• Governments embrace the role of new technologies in driving innovation, and the many benefits of increasing its capacity;• Technology and innovation cannot be a stand-alone principle but must support/advance the previous three principles.

Proposed Policy Goals



Stages of drafting the Action Plan 2020-2022

• **Process Mobilization with Component Leaders**

- Finalization of the methodological package
- Sending the methodological package to the leaders of each component
- Meeting with the Technical Secretariats

• **Online consultation of the early phase of priority measures**

- All 4 components / secretariats will consult the public online through innovative methods (eg. surveys), which will be coordinated by the National Agency for Information Society

July-August

September-October

• **Preparation of the Action Plan 2020-2022 for each component in coordination with civil society and stakeholders**

- Coordinated consultative working meetings with civil society on consolidation of priority measures

• **Finalization of the consultation and approval of the GMIP Action Plan 2020 - 2022**

- Department of Development and Good Governance for the:
- Consolidation of the Action Plan 2020-2022
- Consultation on the OGP site
- Finalization of the draft and submission for discussion / approval to the GMIP (coordinated with civil society actors)

November-December

Stakeholder Participation

- **Consultation meetings**
 - Opportunities to suggest ideas / discuss / brainstorm / select ideas
- **Information / briefs on OGP and Access to Justice**
 - Background information
 - Criteria for including ideas into the action plan
 - Other country examples
- **Feedback tools for contributing ideas**
 - Word and online formats

Stakeholder Input 1: Key Issues

Identifying Key Issues for Anti-Corruption:

What do you think are the most important issues the Albanian Government should prioritize to address corruption and why?

1.

2.

3.

Stakeholder Input 2: Ideas

Ideas and Solutions to Support Anti-Corruption

*Please propose any ideas or solutions you may have to support Anti-Corruption efforts.
These suggestions can be simple*

Idea 1

1. Briefly describe the overall idea

2. What is the problem the idea will address?

3. Main objective of idea

Stakeholder Input: Solutions to Support Anti-Corruption

When thinking of ideas keep in mind the following:

- **Problem:**
 - What is the social, economic, political, or environmental problem addressed by this idea?
- **Objective:**
 - What are the objectives stated in the idea? How does the idea's objective contribute to solving or improving the problem?
- **Solution:**
 - What activities does the idea propose to achieve the objective? How would the activities contribute to the objective of the commitment?
- **Impact:**
 - If fully implemented as written, what potential effect would this approach have on the problem? What would each milestone achieve?

Stakeholder Input cont.

1. **Describe the overall idea**
2. **What is the problem the idea will address?**
3. **How will the idea help solve the problem?**
4. **Main objective of idea** / What would be the impact of the idea if implemented?
5. **Main beneficiaries** / Who benefits?
6. **Would the idea improve?:**
 - **Transparency & Access to Information?**
*Disclose more information? Improve the quality of information disclosed?
Improve public access to information? Enable the right to information?*
 - **Public & Civic Participation?**
*Create or improve opportunities, or capabilities for the public to inform or influence decisions?
Create or improve the enabling environment for civil society?*
 - **Government Accountability?**
Create or improve rules, regulations & mechanisms to publicly hold government officials answerable to their actions?
 - **Technology & Innovation for Transparency & Accountability**
Use new or innovative means to promote transparency & accountability in public policy?
7. **What are the main agencies who would implement the idea** (Ministries/NGOs/etc.)?

Criteria

1. Verifiability

- SMART: Specific, Measureable, Answerable, Relevant & Time-Bound

2. Relevance to OGP Principles

- Transparency and Access to Information
- Public and Civic Participation
- Public Accountability
- Technology & Innovation for Transparency and Accountability

3. Potential Impact

- Scale and ambition of change that can be enabled by the idea

4. Public Participation and Civil Society Engagement

- Engagement with Public and CSOs
- Diversity of participants / Opportunities for participation

5. Feasibility

- Technical, Financial & Political Feasibility

6. Alignment with Local, National and International Priorities and Strategies

7. Other aspects

- Other Advantages / Disadvantages / Main Challenges to Implementation & Potential Trade offs

Criteria	Specific Criteria	Details or Examples	Does it meet the criteria?	Score	Evidence, Examples or Explanation
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Verifiability

<i>Specific</i>	Are the objectives and actions proposed clear and allow for objective verified through an assessment process?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The social, economic, political, or environmental problem addressed by the idea • Specific activities/actions • Expected outcomes 			
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<i>Measurable</i>	It is possible to verify the fulfilment of the commitment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the indicators clearly defined and explain what is being measured? (e.g. 'Number of...'; 'Percentage of ...'; 'Status of....') • Data to measure progress is available at reasonable cost & on a regular basis 			
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<i>Answerable</i>	Clearly specifies the agencies responsible and relevant for implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main agency responsible for implementation; • Coordinating or supporting agencies where relevant; • Other civil society, multilateral, or private sector partners 			
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<i>Time-bound</i>	Clearly states the date when it will be completed, dates for milestones, benchmarks, and other potential deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details on milestones & benchmark dates 			
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Accountability and answerability

Responsibility

- Which, if any, **primary institution** was designated as responsible for the commitment?
- Which, if any, **supporting institutions** were designated as responsible for the commitment?
 - *Note: In some circumstances, these may not be limited to national government agencies. They may be subnational governments, private companies, or civil society organizations.*

Milestones

- Did the government designate a **start date and end date** for implementing this commitment?
- Did the government establish appropriate milestones /**deliverables that support achieving the commitment/objective during the two year period?**

Results/Inclusion into Action Plan

Based on the assessments according to the criteria established idea proposals will be categorised into one of four groups:

Accepted	Accepted with Changes	Recommended for Future	Not Accepted
Proposals to be incorporated in the 2020-2022 Action Plan	Proposals to be admitted to the 2020-2022 Action Plan with changes	Proposals to be incorporated in future Action Plans	Inadmissible proposals

Principles of OGP

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Planet e Integritetit

Masa Prioritare

1. Dokumenti Plan Integriteti i hartuar dhe i miratuar
2. Analizë gjithëpërfshirëse mbi zbatueshmërinë e PI në MD

OBJEKTIVI SPECIFIK 1: Planet e Integritetit

	Institucionet përgjegjëse	Institucione të tjera përgjegjëse	Afati i zbatimit		Kosto indikative (në mijë lekë) 2020-2022	Burimi i mbulimit	
			Afati Fillimit	Afati Mbarimit		Buxhet Shteti	Financim i Huaj

Masa Prioritare 1: Dokumenti Plan Integriteti i hartuar dhe i miratuar

Kryerja e vlerësimit të riskut të integritetit dhe PI	MD	OSHC	6M I 2020	6M I 2020	në proces		
Hartimi i një plani pune për vlerësimin e situatës/takime pune me stafin teknik të MD/Plani i Integritetit për MD i draftuar	MD	OSHC	6M I 2020	6M I 2020	në proces		
Konsultim i draftit me stafin teknik të MD; ekspertizë teknike e fushës	MD	Partnerë ndërkombëtarë / Ekspertë të huaj	6M I 2020	6M I 2020	në proces		
Miratimi dhe Publikimi i dokumentit PI të MD	MD		6M II 2020	6M II 2020	në proces		
Tryezë informimi/prezantimi të PI të MD me institucionet publike dhe OSHC/Akademia/Grupet e interesit	MD	OSHC / GI / Akademia	6M II 2020	6M II 2020	në proces		
Miratimi dhe Publikimi I Metodologjisë së vlerësimit të riskut	MD				në proces		
Transparencë e shtuar për institucionet e administratës publike mbi PI (e-buletine)	MD		6M I 2021	6M I 2021	në proces		
Plan pune për vlerësimin e situatës/takime pune me stafin teknik të ML/Plani i Integritetit për ML i draftuar	MD/ML	MD	6 M I 2022	6M II 2022	në proces		

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Masa Prioritare 2: Analizë gjithëpërfshirëse mbi zbatueshmërinë e PI në MD

Hartimi i metodologjisë/ instrumentit metodologjik për kryerjen e raportit të monitorimit të zbatueshmërisë së PI të MD	MD	OSHC	6M I 2021	6M II 2020	Proces		
Grup pune për përgatitjen e raportit të monitorimit/ vlerësimit të zbatimit të PI të MD	MD		6M II 2021	6M II 2021	në proces		
Konsultimi i raportit të monitorimit të zbatimit të PI të MD me Grupet e Interesit/OSHC nëpërmjet takimeve informuese/tryeza pune/	MD	GI / OSHC	6M II 2021	6M I 2022	në proces		
Raport vlerësimi i kryer për zbatueshmërinë e PI të MD kryhet çdo 1 vit (2 raporte të brenshme/çdo 6 muaj) gjatë kohës së zbatimit të planit.	MD		6M II 2021	6M II 2022	në proces		
Përgatitja e rekomandimeve bazuar mbi gjetjet e vlerësimit të kryer	MD		6M II 2021	6M II 2022	në proces		
Konsultimi i rekomandimeve bazuar mbi gjetjet e vlerësimit të kryer të PI të MD me Grupet e Interesit/OSHC nëpërmjet takimeve informuese/tryeza pune/	MD	GI / OSHC	6M I 2022	6M II 2022	në proces		
Rishikimi I PI (në mbështetje të rekomandimeve të lëna)	MD	GI / OSHC / Akademia	6M I 2022	6M II 2022	në proces		
Mekanizma bashkëpunimi me OSHC/GI/Akademia për promovimin e zbatueshmërisë së PI në institucionet e administratës së qeverisjes qendrore (tryezë pune/seminar/newsletter)	MD	OSHC / GI / Akademia	6M II 2022	6M II 2022	në proces		

Stakeholder Comments/Suggestions/Ideas

- Creation of laws, codes of conduct and other bylaws and oversight mechanisms to address lack of ethical responsibility to control the corruption and opportunistic behaviour of public servants
- Increasing the percentage of audited budgets
- Recruitment of new public servants by examinations and other merit criteria
- Systems of financial accounting operating under a concept of institutional integrity management
- Transparency in the field of public procurement / PPP in public administration.
- Public administration reform aimed at improving public services and promoting ethics and transparency.

Stakeholder Suggestions/Ideas

Review of measures and activities

1. Conduct integrity and IP risk assessment;
2. Approval and Publication of the Risk Assessment Methodology;
3. Development of a methodology for the IP implementation monitoring report;
4. Approval and Publication of the MoI PI document;
5. Consultation meetings with Stakeholders / CSOs regarding the IP implementation monitoring report;
6. Consultation with Stakeholders / CSOs on the recommendations within the findings of the evaluation conducted;
7. I PI review

Discussion questions

- How can civil society be more involved in the proposed commitments?
- What issues do you see for these commitments?
- What other milestones would be helpful?
- Do you have additional ideas?

Faleminderit shumë