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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND GOOD GOVERNANCE
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Lead Institutions & linked strategies

I. Open Government for Access to Justice	II. Open Government for Digital Governance / Public Services	III. Open Government for Fiscal Transparency	IV. Open Government for the Fight against Corruption
Lead institutions: Ministry of Justice / Policy Directorate	Lead institutions: National Agency for the Information & Society (NAIS) Agency for the Delivery of Integrated Services (ADIS)	Lead institutions: Ministry of Finance & Economy / Directorate for Transparency of Public Finance	Lead institutions: Ministry of Justice / Ministry of Finance & Economy
Steering Committees & Thematic Groups: Steering Committee for Justice Reform + Governance Thematic Group + Thematic Services Group	Steering Committees & Thematic Groups: + Thematic Anti-Corruption Group + Thematic Services Group	Steering Committees & Thematic Groups: + Thematic Anti-Corruption Group	Steering Committees & Thematic Groups: + Public Financial Management Committee + Thematic Group / National Steering Committee
Linked Strategy: Justice Strategy and Action Plan 2021	Linked Strategy: Digital Access Strategy and the Long Term Policy Paper on Citizen Service	Linked Strategy: Public Financial Management and Strategy 2021	Linked Strategy: The Year Strategy against Corruption

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- Rationale for each sector reform identified.
- Consolidation of Methodological Package.
- Initiation of the New Action Plan (NAP) 2020-2022 with sharing of the consolidated methodological package and formal letter from the Deputy Prime Minister.
- Webinar workshop with local focal points (LFPs) towards guidance.
- Online Consultation: Identification of relevant COOs and preparation of survey instrument by the LFPs published on the OGP website.
- Pre-consultation packages and pre-consultation package templates shared with LFPs and feedback sought will be published on the OGP website.

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Preliminary Online Consultation Phase

Each LFP prepared their own survey instruments and identified list of civil society organisations to elicit feedback from.

Lead Focal Point (LFP)	Number of CSOs contacted
Ministry of Justice	211- Access to justice 34- Anti corruption
ADISA	44- Digital Governance
Ministry of Economy and Finance	50- Fiscal Transparency

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Pre-consultation and Prioritisation Package Templates

Pre-consultation template includes questions on:

- 1) Background
- 2) Methodology- Survey Design and Stakeholder Selection
- 3) Initial findings
- 4) Shortcomings identified
- 5) Preparations for Next Phase

Prioritisation template:

Name	Viability	Relevance to Potential Impact	Public Participation and Civil Society	Feasibility	Alignment with Other Agencies	Total Score	Additional Comments	Completion

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Co-Creation with Civil Society

- The methodological framework outlines that civil society will be involved from the beginning of the technical process.
- Involvement of civil society will be done through the Integrated Sectorial Approach and Integrated Policy Management, Thematic Groups but also Sectorial Steering Committees in accordance with the order of the Prime Minister which include government actors and other external actors, actors of institutions independent, civil society members and development and integration partners.
- As a first step a list of civil society institutions and representatives have been identified and published on the OGP website.
- The whole methodological package has been submitted to NAIS and then published on the OGP website.
- All the related documents/evidence will be published on the OGP website.

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Stages of drafting the Action Plan 2020-2022

July-August

- Process Mobilization with component leaders**
 - Finalization of the methodological package
 - Handing the methodological package to the leaders of each component
 - Meeting with the technical secretariats
- Public consultation of the early phases of the OGP package**
 - All components' representatives will consult the public online through interactive methods (e.g. surveys), which will be coordinated by the National Agency for Information Society

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 as consideration of priority measures

November-December

- Finalization of the consultation and approval of the OGP Action Plan 2020-2022**
 - Department of Development and Social Governance for the Consolidation of the Action Plan 2020-2022
 - Consultation on the OGP site
 - Finalization of the plan and submission for discussion / approval to the OGP (coordinated with civil society actors)

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FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM LFPs
Pre-Consultation Report from Ministry of Justice on Access to Justice:

General Objective: Build an open government that provides its citizens with access to justice, transparency and accountability.

Specific Objectives:

- 1) Access to justice is guaranteed and is in line with national laws as well as European standards and best practices.
- 2) The functioning and capacities of the Ministry of Justice have been strengthened in the areas of transparency and accountability.

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The Development of Albania's Open Government Partnership (OGP) Action Plan
Novelties for 2020-2022 Action Plan

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1. Consultation Reports

Consultation Guidance & Accompanying reports are provided to LFPs for the pre-consultation study and for each 4 consultative meetings

- Reports are to be delivered using structured template
- Focus on evidence/ emphasis on identifying areas for improvement regarding engagement and identification of areas where to improve engagement
- Each report will be published
- Provides means of on-going feedback and improvement as it relates to stakeholder engagement

Consultation Report Guidance

- The pre-consultation report is the first opportunity to demonstrate government engagement with stakeholders towards the 2020-2022 OGP Action Plan;
- Will identify which stakeholders are engaged in the process;
- Will identify gaps in stakeholder engagement and participation that can be addressed ahead of the next stages;
- Will identify preliminary areas for focus and priority for the action.

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Rationale for Consultation Reports

"The OGP's Articles of Governance establishes participation and co-creation requirements a country must meet in their action plan development and implementation. **Increasing the participation and civil society involvement and ensuring evidence of this engagement is a priority in the development of Albania's 2020-2022 OGP Action Plan.**"

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No consultation

- No consultation

Inform

- Government provides the public with balanced & objective information to assist in understanding the problem.
- Examples: fact sheets, white papers, info bulletins

Consult

- The public can provide inputs & feedback on analysis, alternatives &/or decisions
- Examples: online consultation, focus groups, surveys, public debate, public hearings

Involve

- Government works directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns & goals are understood & provides feedback on how public inputs were considered
- Examples: workshops, deliberative polling, expert advisory panel

Collaborate

- Iterative dialogue with the public and the public helps set the agenda & is involved in each stage of decision making
- Examples: citizen advisory board or assembly, consensus building, participatory decision-making

Empower

- Government hands decision-making power to members of the public
- Examples: citizen juries, ballots, referenda, delegated decision

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Requirements for Consultation Reports

To ensure each component meets the co-creation criteria of the IRM for each component pre-/consultation reports are required that assesses and report on the feedback from civil society. The report will identify potential topics of focus based on the feedback from civil society, as well as areas to improve stakeholder engagement

Report template provided to facilitate consistency, ease of use, accountability and reinforce importance of engagement at each stage

Sub-Heading	Prompt Questions
I. Introduction & Background	Overall objective of the component & sub-components Outline the past & current challenges to stakeholder engagement in the past on the component's topic What steps were taken to address these challenges?
II. Methodology	Objective of survey (for pre-consultation report) Questions included & why How & what stakeholders were contacted and why?
III. Initial Findings	Summary of feedback from stakeholder Main issues identified by stakeholders Main recommendations from stakeholders Areas recommended to focus on in next stages
IV. Shortcomings Identified	Limitations in responses/underrepresentation of stakeholders Discussion on non-responses Any biases of responses
V. Preparations for Next Phase	What will be done to improve engagement in the next stages? How will collaboration be ensured with the meetings? What steps will be taken to promote engagement by stakeholders
VI. Annexes	Evidence of stakeholder engagement Complete results data

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Stakeholders Engaged in Pre-Consultation Phase

Digital Governance	Access to Justice	Fiscal Transparency	Anti-Corruption
44 stakeholders	211 stakeholders	50 stakeholders	35 stakeholders

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Methodology: Digital Governance

Survey Design:

- Have you needed/received any public services at ADISA ISC's during the last 12 months?
- For which services and institutions have you experienced difficulties in obtaining the necessary information?
- If YES, please provide reasons or obstacles that have prevented (or made it difficult for you) to access (obtain) the requested information? (Many answers allowed)
- Have you visited any ADISA center in the last 12 months? If so, how do you assess the impact of the ADISA Center presence in your city?
- Have you visited any ADISA center in the last 12 months? If so, how do you assess the impact of the ADISA Center presence in your city?
- What do you think can be improved within the premises of the ADISA center, in addition to the existing infrastructure (PWD)?
- How do you evaluate that you can help increase the accessibility of public services?
- How ready are you in your commitment to improve / add information packages for public services?

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Initial Findings

Recommendations from Stakeholders:

Access to Justice (over 120 stakeholders contacted)

- Provide more complete and detailed information on the MoJ website ;
- Increase transparency, especially in terms of expenditures / budget by the institution and any other decision-making in fulfilling its role and function;
- Full digital functioning of electronic systems, mainly notaries, bailiffs but also other dependent institutions;
- Capacity building of the Directorate of Prisons, the Institute of Forensic Medicine and the Rehabilitation System;
- Full functioning of mediation for resolving legal issues;
- Increase cooperation with civil society and universities;
- Increase the efficiency in giving answers to the citizens and solving the problems that arise in their complaints, as a result of reducing the bureaucracy in the justice system;
- Accelerate and operate justice reform which will positively affect many aspects raised as concerns by stakeholders.

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Details of idea

Objective of idea

Main beneficiaries (who benefits)

Main implementing agencies

Proposed timeline

Main milestones

How does it improve fiscal transparency?

How does it improve or promote:

Potential challenges for implementing the idea successfully (e.g. lack of political will, lack of funds, challenge of coordinating agencies, challenge of engaging with public, etc.)

Any other relevant details or information on this idea / Any trade-offs.

Idea or Solution Submission Template

“Please outline any ideas or solutions you may have for improving fiscal transparency. Please include any and all information or details for this idea. When thinking of ideas keep in mind the following:”

- Problem:** What is the social, economic, political, or environmental problem addressed by this commitment?
- Objective:** What are the objectives stated in the commitment? How does the commitment’s objective contribute to solving or improving the problem?
- Solution:** What activities does the commitment 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?

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Criteria

Criteria	Example Scoring A	Example Scoring B
1 Verifiability	30	30
2 Relevance to OGP Principles	30	40
3 Potential Impact	30	40
4 Public Participation and Civil Society Engagement	30	35
5 Feasibility	30	25
6 Alignment with Local, National and International Priorities	30	20
7 Other Aspects	30	20
TOTAL	210	210

Prioritization Customization Guidance

Example A: Even distribution. All categories have the same importance.

Example B: Differing points for categories. Categories are assigned differing

For this example the details at the sub-category and attribute level have been removed to allow a clearer illustration

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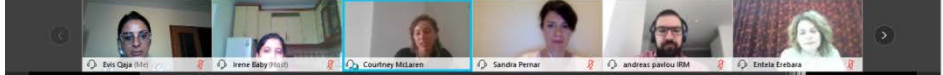
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Prioritization Customization Guidance

Example C: Even distribution. All sub-categories have the same importance and within each sub-category all attributes have the same importance.

Example D: Even distribution for sub-categories and rules for attributes. Even distribution for points for each sub-category, but within each sub-category there are thresholds to determine if the sub-category criteria has been met.

Example E: Rules/thresholds for each sub-category. The number of points for the category is determined by whether the idea meets specific thresholds within each sub-category.

Example F: Rules/thresholds for category as a whole. The category's criteria is considered fulfilled if the idea meets one or more of the sub-category's criteria.

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Criteria	Example Scoring C	Example Scoring D	Example Scoring E	Example Scoring F
2. Relevance to OGP Principles	40 possible	40 possible	40 possible: 10 points if 1 or more sub-categories are fulfilled; 20 points if 2 or more; 30 points if 3 or more; 40 points if none	40 possible: 10 points if 1 or more sub-categories are fulfilled; 20 points if 2 or more; 30 points if 3 or more; 40 points if none
2.1. Transparency and Access to Information	10	10		
2.1.1. Does the idea create or improve the quality of information disclosed to the public?	2.5			
2.1.2. Improve the quality of information disclosed to the public?	2.5	If two or more attributes apply 10 points; if more than two 0 points	Must meet 2/4 attributes to be considered fulfilled	Must meet 2/4 attributes to be considered fulfilled
2.1.3. Improve accessibility of information to the public?	2.5			
2.1.4. Enable the right to information?	2.5			
2.2. Public and Civic Participation	10	10		
2.2.1. Does the idea create or improve public participation or capabilities for the citizen?	5			
2.2.2. Does the idea create or improve the enabling environment for civil society?	5	If both apply 10 points; otherwise 0	All base line attributes must be considered fulfilled	All base line attributes must be considered fulfilled
2.3. Public Accountability	10	10		
2.3.1. Does the idea create or improve rules, regulations and mechanisms to publicly hold government officials accountable to their actions?	5	If both apply 10 points; otherwise 0	All base line attributes must be considered fulfilled	All base line attributes must be considered fulfilled
2.3.2. Does the idea make the government accountable to the public and civil society in internal systems?	5			
2.4. Technology & Innovation for Transparency & Accountability	10	10		
2.4.1. Will technological innovations be used to accompany with use of the internet. Does OGP values to advance either transparency or accountability?	10	10	Attribute must be met	Attribute must be met

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