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**OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP
NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR ALBANIA
2020 – 2022**



Explanatory Note

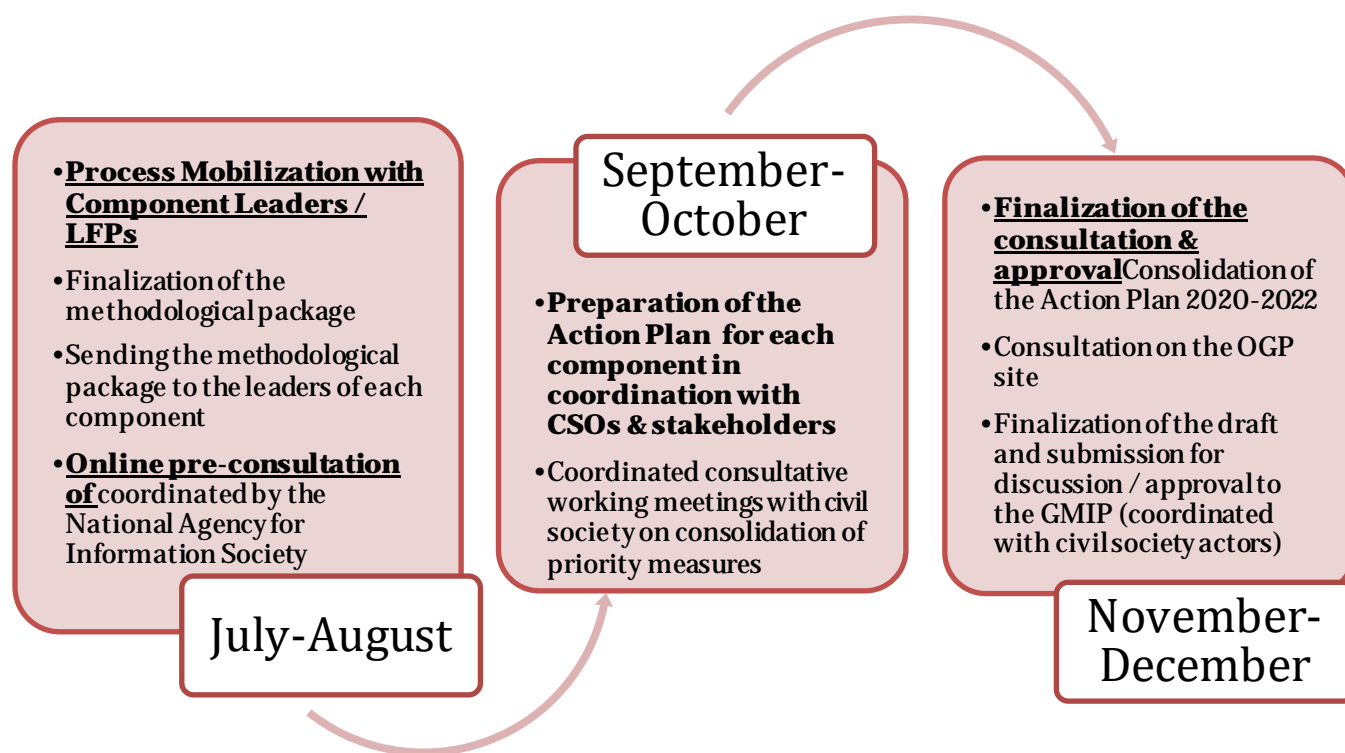
Action Plan Development Process

Following the official launch of the Open Government Partnership (OGP), the Albanian Government extends support to the values promoted by this multilateral initiative. The Open Government Partnership (OGP) is one of the most important instruments to promote government transparency globally, increase civic participation in public life, and use new technologies to improve administrative efficiency and combat corruption.

To facilitate improved coordination, oversight, accountability and stakeholder involvement in the development of the upcoming action plan the Technical Secretariat acts as the Albanian Government Point of Contact (POC)¹.

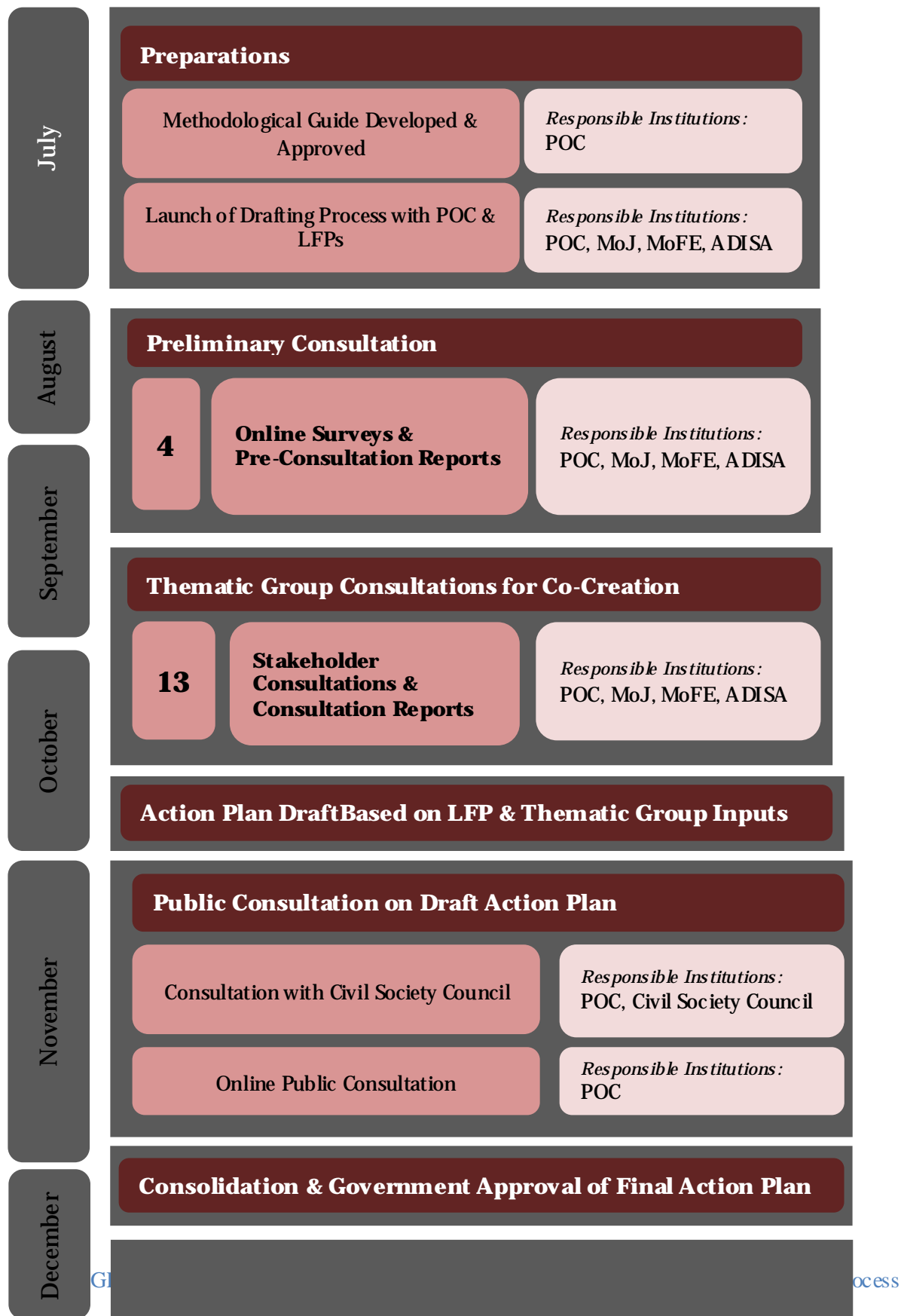
The development of the 2020-2022 OGP Action Plan have taken place between July 2020 and December 2020. The subsequent sections outline the overall stages of the development process and the intermediary steps towards its completion and finalization.

Figure 1: Primary Stages of Albania's 2020-2022 OGP Action Plan Development Process



¹ The Development and Good Governance Department within the Office of the Prime Minister acts as the Technical Secretariat for the OGP 2020-2022 Action Plan development process.

Figure 2: Overview of Albania's 2020-2022 OGP Action Plan Development Process



Preparations

July 2020

- **Methodology:** The Government Point of Contact (POC) developed the methodology framework for the development of the OGP Action Plan 2020-2022. The framework is based on the mechanisms and processes related to Albania's Integrated Planning System.
- **4 Policy Areas of Focus and Lead Focal Point Institutions Selected:** Anti-Corruption, Digital Governance, Access to Justice and Fiscal Transparency have been selected in a consultative approach as the policy areas of focus for the 2020-2022 OGP Action Plan. These policy areas have been elaborated by the LFPs (Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Finance, the National Agency for the Information Society and the Agency for Services) and centrally managed and coordinated by the POC.
- **Approval of Methodological Framework:** Methodological package officially approved and launched. Official Letter Package by the Deputy Prime Minister to the 4 Lead Focal Point Institutions (LFPs).
- **Management Calendar:** Designed to facilitate accountability and ensure all procedures are appropriately followed the POC has created a management calendar with all intermediary tasks involved in the development of the action plan.
- **Launch of Action Plan Development Process:** Launch meeting with 4 Secretariats/ 4LFP& presentation of the process and division of tasks.

Preliminary Consultation

July - August 2020

- **>150 Key Stakeholders Identified:** Each LFP have identified the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) relevant to their respective policy area of focus. CSOs are predominately chosen from the Agency for Support of Civil Society's list of registered CSOs in order to identify and contact all CSOs whose focus is either directly or indirectly related to their policy area of focus.
- **4 Pre-Consultation Surveys Designed and published:** The LFP, with technical support from the POC, each design a pre-consultation survey to identify main issues on the policy area of focus, identify the priorities of stakeholders and identify priority areas to improve engagement ahead of the consultation period.
- **4 Pre-Consultation Surveys Implemented through OGP web:** The pre-consultation surveys go live and over 200 stakeholders are invited to contribute and feedback.
- **1 Pre-Consultation Report Template Designed:** The POC designed a pre-consultation report template to ensure all stakeholder contributions are recorded in a standard and unified template in order to considered and that all policy areas are reported on in a unified manner that promoted transparency and accountability.

September 2020

- 4 Pre-Consultation Survey Reports Completed:** Each LFP have submitted a pre-consultation report to the POC.
- 4 POC Feedback on Pre-Consultation Reports:** The POC have provided structured feedback on each report to support improved stakeholder engagement and promote quality and consistency in reporting.
- 4 Pre-Consultation Reports Published on the OGP web with the results/feedback from CSO Survey**
 - **Stakeholders Invited to Participate in upcoming thematic group consultations based on the results received from the 1st round of the consultation**

Thematic Group Consultations for Co-Creation on the NAP 2020-2022

September 2020

- 5 Briefs Created for Stakeholders:** The POC designed a general OGP information brief and a specific policy brief for each of the four proposed policy focus areas.
- 2 Stakeholder Feedback Tools Designed and Distributed to Stakeholders and Published on OGP website.**
- 1 Consultation Report Template Designed for the feedback**
- 6 Thematic Group Stakeholder/CSO Consultations Conducted and published all the evidences in the OGP web**
 - **Weekly strategy meetings held between POC and LFPs to Facilitate and Improve Consultation Process**
 - **On-Going updates to OGP Website with new materials/tools for improving the co-creation process developed**

October 2020

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 - **Weekly strategy meetings held between POC and LFPs to Facilitate and Improve Consultation Process**
 - **On-Going Updates to OGP Website with new Materials**
- 13 13 Consultation Reports Produced:** Each LFP submitted a consultation report to the POC following each consultations. The reports capture stakeholder discussion and contributions and identify main priorities and suggestions made by stakeholders/CSOs/participants.

13 POC Feedback on Consultation Reports: The POC provides structured feedback on each report to support improved stakeholder engagement and promote quality and consistency in reporting.

13 13 Consultation Reports for the all consultations meeting have been published in the OGP web

1 1 overall consultation Report for the entire consultations meeting have been published in the OGP web produced by POC

Action Plan Draft Based on LFP & Thematic Group Inputs

October 2020

4 Situation Analysis Drafted by each of the LFPs

4 Commitments and all accompanying materials drafted by the LFPs

- **Consolidation of proposed Action Plan Commitments**
- **Consolidation of all Stakeholder Comments and Inputs**
- **Design of Feedback Tools for Public Consultation**
- **On-Going Updates to OGP Website with New Materials**

Public Consultation on Draft Action Plan

November 2020

- **Online Public Consultation of Draft 2020-2022 Albanian National OGP Action Plan**
- **Consultation Meeting with the National Council of the Civil Society (NCCS)**
- **All the materials/evidences of the meeting have been published on the OGP web**
- **1 Report for the consultation meeting produced and published on the OGP web**

Consolidation & Government Approval of Final Action Plan

November 2020

- **Revisal and Finalization of 2020-2022 Albanian National OGP Action Plan Draft**
- **Updates to OGP Website with New Materials**

December 2020

- **Discussion and approval of the Action Plan in Integrated Management Policy Group (GMIP) Good Governance and Public Administration**
- **2020-2022 Albanian National OGP Action Plan sent to OGP Headquarters**