**MINUTES OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE**

**(Sarajevo, Hotel Bristol, 13 February 2020)**

The second session of the Advisory Council of the Open Government Partnership Initiative was held on 13 February 2020, in the Hotel Bristol, in Sarajevo, at 11:00 h.

**The session was attended by:**

* Emsad Dizdarević - Chairman (Transparency international BiH);
* Nedžad Salman – Deputy Chairman (Ministry of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina);
* Goran Kučera - Member (Ministry of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina);
* Vedrana Faladžić - Member (Public Administration Reform Coordinator's Office);
* Alen Mrgud - Member (Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina);
* Halida Pašić - Member (Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina);
* Sanita Sivić - Member (Agency for Prevention of Corruption and Coordination of the Fight against Corruption);
* Belma Šećibović - Member (Public Procurement Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina);
* Lejla Bičakčić - Member (Centre for Investigative Reporting);
* Danira Karović - Member (AoC “Why not?”);
* Alen Vejzagić - Member (CPI Foundation).

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* Jelena Skokić - Deputy Member (Ministry of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina).

The meeting was also attended by Mrs. Sandra Pernar from the Open Government Partnership Initiative, Mr. Elvis Mujanović, Advisor at the GIZ and Mrs. Elma Demir, OGP Independent Researcher.

The session began at 11:00 h.

The session was opened with an introductory address by the Chairman of the Open Government Partnership Initiative Advisory Council, Mr. Emsad Dizdarević, who welcomed the present members and thanked Mrs. Sandra Pernar from the Open Government Partnership Initiative and Mrs. Elma Demir, an OGP Independent Researcher, for attending the session. Mr. Dizdarević emphasized that the sessions of the Advisory Council are opened to the public and that there are no obstacles for them to attend the session. After it was noted that there is a quorum in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the following agenda was proposed for the session:

**Agenda:**

**Agenda item** **1.** Adoption of the agenda;

**Agenda item 2.** Adoption of the Minutes of the first session;

**Agenda item** **3.** Presentation of the proposed module for monitoring the implementation of measures from the Action Plan on the MoJ BiH website;

**Agenda item** **4.** Presentation of the Open Government Partnership Initiative - Sandra Pernar, Senior Regional Coordinator Europe, OGP;

**Agenda item 5.** Domain status [www.ogp.ba](https://webmail.evlada.ba/owa/redir.aspx?C=BDAApmU7uV7xJmcg7___2sYg_eCqSJSuj-BDGWInCoE4OFC52q7XCA..&URL=http://www.ogp.ba);

**Agenda item 6.** GIZ support to the work of the Advisory Council - Elvis Mujanović, Advisor, “Programme for Strengthening Public Institutions in BiH”, GIZ;

**Agenda item 7.** Any other business.

It was noted that the agenda was submitted on time, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

***Agenda item 1.*** ***Adoption of the agenda***

Mr. Nedžad Salman, Ministry of Justice of BiH, proposed an amendment to the agenda by adding a new item "Amendments to the Rules of Procedure", which was unanimously accepted.

The agenda was adopted unanimously.

***Agenda item 2.******Adoption of the Minutes of the Constitutive Session***

Mrs. Sanita Sivić, Agency for Prevention of Corruption and Coordination of the Fight against Corruption in BiH, said that she did not attend the first session, and therefore she abstained from voting on this agenda item.

The Minutes of the first session were adopted without further comments.

Before opening the discussion on the agenda item 3. Presentation of the proposed module for monitoring the implementation of measures from the Action Plan on the website of the Ministry of Justice of BiH, Mrs. Elma Demir addressed the Advisory Council and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend the session of the Advisory Council. In her addressing, she pointed out that she works as an Independent Researcher in the Open Government Partnership Initiative for BiH (IRM). Mrs. Demir pointed out that the Process Report is currently being prepared, which focuses on the work procedures of the Advisory Body.

***Agenda item******3.******Presentation of the proposed module for monitoring the implementation of measures from the Action Plan on the MoJ BiH website***

Mr. Goran Kučera, Ministry of Justice of BiH, emphasized that the obligation of the Ministry of Justice of BiH is to make a module for monitoring the implementation of measures from the Action Plan, so that all information regarding the Open Government Partnership Initiative is publicly available to all interested parties. Mr. Kučera pointed out that there were some ideas for technical solutions that require serious work and engagement of programmers. However, taking into account the time and procedures, after the conversation with the IT specialists who maintain the website of the Ministry of Justice of BiH, a solution was made that fits into existing technical possibilities and can easily be presented on the website of the Ministry of Justice of BiH. For each more advanced and visually better solution, it is necessary to hire a company and carry out other procedures within the Ministry, which require additional financial resources and time. Mr. Kučera emphasized that our objective is to focus on transparent sharing of information on the process of implementation of measures from the Action Plan and the work of the AC.

After the presentation, there was a short discussion concerning the publication of other documents on the website. The offered technical solution was accepted in order to publish, as soon as possible, all information concerning the work of the AC and implementation of measures from the AP. Prior to the publication on the website, the Ministry of Justice of BiH will sent a document to the members of the AC for comments, which will contain everything that is going to be published.

***Agenda item******4.******Presentation of the Open Government Partnership Initiative - Sandra Pernar, Senior Regional Coordinator Europe, OGP***

Mrs. Sandra Pernar presented the Open Government Partnership Initiative. Special focus was on the possibility of adding new measures to the Action Plan, which in accordance with the rules of the Initiative needs to be done by 31 August 2020. In addition to that, opportunities for participation of other levels of government through the local OGP programme were presented. A new OGP Strategy for the local level is expected soon, as well as a series of webinars where the ways of engagement will be presented. Mrs. Sandra Pernar also presented the possibilities of withdrawing funds to support implementation of the activities from the AP and other activities related to OGP. A particularly interesting segment are the "mini grants" of the OGP. Furthermore, OpenGov week has been announced, which is planned for May 2020. After a short discussion, the members agreed that it would be very important to participate in the next OpenGov week and apply for a "mini grant". It was agreed that greater involvement of the AC members is needed in the promotion of the OGP in BiH and towards other levels of government. It was agreed to use the funds for the activities related to OpenGov week and that AC should be involved in these activities. Details will be agreed at the next meeting.

***Agenda item 5. Domain status*** [***www.ogp.ba***](https://webmail.evlada.ba/owa/redir.aspx?C=BDAApmU7uV7xJmcg7___2sYg_eCqSJSuj-BDGWInCoE4OFC52q7XCA..&URL=http://www.ogp.ba);

Mr. Emsad Dizdarević, the Chairman, pointed out that the website www.ogp.ba has existed for many years and that it is owned by the CPI, which currently maintains the website. Mr. Alen Vejzagić from the CPI pointed out that the domain [www.ogp.ba](http://www.ogp.ba) may continue to be used, whether by the CPI or some of the institutions. Certain funds are needed for maintenance and further work. It has been agreed that [www.ogp.ba](http://www.ogp.ba) will continue to be used, regardless of the publication of the OGP information on the websites of the Ministry of Justice and the Public Administration Reform Coordinator's Office (PARCO). The discussion continued about technical solutions, servers and certificates for using the website, and it was agreed that these technical details will be checked by the colleague Alen Mrgud from the BHAS and the colleague Alen Vejzagić from the CPI, after which they will share details with the AC members. Mr. Dizdarević suggested that it is necessary to develop a mini communication strategy of the AC to present the work and disseminate information about the OGP in BiH. It was agreed that this is going to be the agenda item at the next meeting of the AC.

***Agenda item 6. GIZ support to the work of the Advisory Council - Elvis Mujanović, Advisor, “Programme for strengthening public institutions in BiH”, GIZ***

Mr. Elvis Mujanović expressed appreciation for the invitation to the session of the Advisory Council and emphasized that the GIZ has been in Bosnia and Herzegovina since 1994. Since 2014, the GIZ has been supporting the processes of the Open Government Partnership Initiative in Bosnia and Herzegovina, financed by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and, since April 2018, co-financed by the Government of the United Kingdom. In the previous period, the GIZ organized a number of activities in cooperation with partners. In 2016, training on proactive transparency was organized by the Transparency International in BiH, in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice of BiH and the Public Administration Reform Coordinator's Office. He pointed out that the GIZ, in addition to supporting the work of the AC, also provides support to the Public Procurement Agency of BiH, the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH and the Public Administration Reform Coordinator's Office in the implementation of measures from the Action Plan. Mr. Mujanović also emphasized the importance of the international conference on open government, which was organized on 12 February 2020, by the GIZ, in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice of BiH and the Public Administration Reform Coordinator's Office, and with the support of the Government of Great Britain, where the work of the AC and the CoM BiH AP for the OGP implementation were presented, as well as experiences of countries in the region, FR Germany and Great Britain in the OGP. Mr. Mujanović thanked the members of the AC for their participation and for very successful conference, which was attended by the representatives of government institutions, civil society, international community and donors. Mr. Mujanović pointed out that the GIZ will continue to support the work of the AC in the following period.

***Agenda item 7. Amendments to the Rules of Procedure***

Mr. Nedžad Salman, Deputy Chairman, proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure in Article 10, paragraphs (2) and (3), which were accepted. Considering that it was agreed with the Public Administration Reform Coordinator's Office that the Ministry of Justice of BiH will publish information related to the OGP and report on the implementation of measures from the AP on the website of the MoJ BiH, it was proposed to delete the words “the Public Administration Reform Coordinator's Office of the CoM BiH” in Article 10, paragraphs (2) and (3). These amendments to the Rules of Procedure were adopted unanimously by the present members of the AC.

Article 10, paragraphs (2) and (3) now read as follows:

“(2) The Ministry of Justice of BiH shall be obliged to develop a module for monitoring implementation of measures from the Action Plan, which will be published online and which will be available to the public.

(3) The Ministry of Justice of BiH shall be obliged to enter in the module the data on the degree of implementation of measures, with the approval of the Advisory Council.”

***Agenda item 7. Any other business***

Mr. Emsad Dizdarević informed the members of the AC that the Secretariat of the Transparency International in Berlin has announced a public call for projects that would implement anti-corruption measures from the AP. Mr. Dizdarević informed the members of the AC about the possibilities to apply for funds for the implementation of specific measures from the AP or organizing promotional activities related to anti-corruption measures. It was suggested that one of the topics that can be promoted is the obligation to create a register of the real property in BiH, which BiH still does not have. BiH is on the EC Grey List and one of the conditions for delisting is the creation of a legal and institutional framework for development and publication of the real property register. All present members agreed that Transparency International should apply. The application deadline is 19 February 2019.

An early April is proposed for the next session of the Open Government Partnership Initiative Advisory Council.

The session of the Advisory Council was closed at 13:10 h.

Minutes taker: Advisory Council Chairman

Jelena Skokić Emsad Dizdarević

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