**MINUTES OF THE ONLINE MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE**

**(Sarajevo, Zoom meeting, 14 May 2020, at 14:30 h)**

Considering the circumstances caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, an online meeting of the Open Government Partnership Initiative Advisory Council was held on 14 May 2020, via Zoom meeting.

**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);
* Melvudin Džindo - Member (Agency for Prevention of Corruption and Coordination of the Fight against Corruption);
* 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. Elma Demir, OGP Independent Researcher, Mrs. Elvira Hrbat, PWC, and Mr. Elvis Mujanović, Advisor at the GIZ.

The meeting began at 14:30 h.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Emsad Dizdarević, who welcomed the attendees and thanked for the presence of Mrs. Elma Demir, Mrs. Elvira Hrbat, PWC, and Mr. Elvis Mujanović, and informed the attendees that the topics of the meeting will be the following ones:

**Agenda item 1.** Report on the implementation of measures and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the implementation of future activities;

**Agenda item 2.** Presentation of the Open Data Readiness Assessment (ODRA) - Elvira Hrbat, PwC;

**Agenda item 3.** Any other business.

After the introductory address, Mr. Emsad Dizdarević invited the present members to report on the implementation of measures and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the implementation of future activities.

**Agenda item 1. Report on the implementation of measures and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the implementation of future activities**

**Mr. Alen Mrgud, Agency for Statistics of BiH**, pointed out that measure 1 has been largely fulfilled. Regarding the measure 2, activities are currently underway to enable availability of data in the area of labour market (data on salaries), construction permits, etc., while regarding the measure 3, the activities have been started to define the areas from which the data will be opened.

**Mr. Mevludin Džindo, Agency for Prevention of Corruption and the Fight against Corruption,** pointed out that regarding the measure 1, the applicative solution related to integrity plans is almost fully developed. Its official taking over by the Agency is expected in the upcoming period, which will be followed by the public procurement of IT equipment necessary for establishing and enabling this module the full function (server and other equipment).

Regarding the measure 2 Creation and publication of manuals for the use of the web platform, he said that the e-training system has been established (http://obuke.apik.ba/) and passed the pilot phase, and after the adoption of the BiH Anti-Corruption Strategy 2020-2024, it will be possible to conduct training.

**Ms. Mubera Begić, Public Administration Reform Coordinator's Office** pointed out that measure 1 has been fully implemented, as well as that capacity building from measure 2 is also in the final phase of implementation, and that the Public Administration Reform Coordinator's Office has already implemented most of the measures under its competence.

**Mrs. Halida Pašić, Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH,** pointed out that implementation of measures from the Action Plan is currently stagnant because the budget of BiH institutions has not been adopted and that activities on the implementation of measures will be intensified after its adoption.

**Mr. Nedžad Salman, Ministry of Justice of BiH** pointed out that in October 2019, four of the eight planned workshops for the civil society organizations on the Rules of Consultations in Legislative Drafting and participation in consultations via the web platform eConsultation were held, and that the remaining four workshops will be held as soon as possible. The manner of holding the workshops (online or live) will depend on the current situation with the Covid - 19 pandemic.

All the attendees pointed out that, despite the current aggravating circumstances caused by the Covid - 19 pandemic, implementation of measures is mostly taking place according to the planned dynamics.

**Agenda item 2. Presentation of the Open Data Readiness Assessment (ODRA) - Elvira Hrbat, PwC**

Mrs. Elvira Hrbat, PwC, presented the Open Data Readiness Assessment (ODRA). The Open Data Readiness Assessment (ODRA) is a tool used to assess the readiness of a government or even individual agencies to implement an open data initiative.

She informed the participants that there is an ongoing programme ″Open Data Readiness Assessment in BiH″ under the Programme for Strengthening Public Institutions in BiH, implemented by the German GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) on behalf of the governments of Germany and the United Kingdom. The project is implemented by the PricewaterhouseCoopers d.o.o. Sarajevo (PwC) in consortium with Transparency International in BiH and ProPuh d.o.o. Zagreb, and in coordination and cooperation with the Public Administration Reform Coordinator’s Office, the Ministry of Justice of BiH and the Agency for Statistics of BiH.

Finally, she pointed out that there are ongoing activities regarding the preparation of the ODRA Report, which will be presented at the conference that will be held in December 2020.

**Agenda item 3. Any other business**

There was no discussion or additional questions under this agenda item.

The meeting was closed at 16:00 h.

Minutes taker Advisory Council Chairman

Jelena Skokić Emsad Dizdarević

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