**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE OPEN GOVERNEMNT PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE**

**(Sarajevo, Hotel Europe, 27 December 2022)**

The seventh session of the Advisory Council of the Open Government Partnership Initiative was held on 27 December 2022, in the Hotel Europe, in Sarajevo, at 10.00 h.

**The session was attended by:**

* Emsad Dizdarević – Chairman (Transparency International BiH);
* Nedžad Salman – Deputy Chairman (Ministry of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina);
* Selma Džihanović – 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);
* Ivona Bulić – Deputy Member (Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina);
* Halida Pašić – Member (Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina);
* Dario Kihli – Member (Public Procurement Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina);
* Lejla Bičakčić – Member (Center for Investigative Reporting)

**Administrative and technical support**

* Vedrana Faladžić – Member (Public Administration Reform Coordinator's Office).

The session was opened at 10.00 h by Mr. Dizdarević.

After it was noted that there is a quorum in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the following agenda was proposed for the session:

1.         Adoption of the agenda;

2.         Adoption of the Minutes of the 6th session of the Advisory Council;

3.         Information on adoption of the Action Plan (AP);

4.         Current state of implementation of AP measures;

5.         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;***

The agenda was adopted unanimously.

***Agenda item 2****.* ***Adoption of the Minutes of the 6th session******of the OGP Initiative Advisory Council;***

Minutes of the 6th session of the OGP Initiative Advisory Council were adopted without additional comments.

***Agenda item 3. Report on adoption of the Action Plan for OGP Initiative implementation in BiH***

**Mr. Nedžad Salman (Ministry of Justice of BiH)** informed the attendees that the 2021-2023 Action Plan for OGP Initiative implementation was adopted by the Council of Ministers of BiH at the session held on 9 November 2022, with the conclusion that, due to delay in the AP adoption, the deadlines should be postponed by one year, i.e. to the period 2022-2024. This is the second Action Plan adopted by the Council of Ministers of BiH since Bosnia and Herzegovina joined the Open Government Partnership. The first plan was implemented in the period from 2019 to 2021.

***Agenda item 4. Current state of implementation of AP measures;***

**Mr. Nedžad Salman (Ministry of Justice of BiH)** pointed out that the Ministry of Justice of BiH will start implementing activities during 2023, in accordance with the plan.

**Ms Vedrana Faladžić (Public Administration Reform Coordinator's Office)** pointed out that the Public Administration Reform Coordinator's Office conducted a survey on the fulfilment of proactive transparency standards in March and April 2022, and that the plan is to conduct the next survey in the I-II quarter of 2023. She informed the attendees that, following the initiative of the Public Administration Reform Coordinator's Office, institutions are obliged to enact internal acts on the implementation of proactive transparency standards. She said that the Coordinator's Office, in cooperation with the Civil Service Agency of BiH, will initiate organisation of trainings on the implementation of proactive transparency standards for managerial civil servants. When it comes to the implementation of the second measure, which is the responsibility of the Public Administration Reform Coordinator's Office and refers to the open data portal, she pointed out that the portal has been created but is currently not operational.

**Ms Halida Pašić (Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH)** pointed out that the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH, in the instruction 2 for the budget preparation, requested the institutions to publish their budget requests and added that the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH prepared the Budget for Citizens 2022, as well as that, at the proposal of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH, six institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina agreed to participate in the pilot project of developing a budget for citizens.

According to **Mr. Alen Mrgud (Agency for Statistics of BiH)**, this institution has started publishing data in the Excel format, while the databases are available to the public through the website of the Agency, in accordance with the AP measures.

**Mr. Dario Kihli (Public Procurement Agency of BiH)** pointed out that the measure related to the data opening in the area of public procurement has not yet been implemented and that the adoption of amendments to the Law on Public Procurement is being awaited. He said that the Agency received the money (90 000 BAM) to upgrade the e-procurement portal and that the portal should be modified by the end of February 2023.

***Agenda item 5. Any other business***

Within this agenda item, it was agreed that the next session should be held by the end of the first quarter of 2023 and that rotation at the position of the Chairman of the Advisory Council has been made.

The session of the Advisory Council was closed at 12:00 h.

Minute Taker Advisory Council Chairman

Vedrana Faladžić Emsad Dizdarević

Sarajevo, 18 January 2023