

## **OGP Steering Committee**

### Letter of endorsement

Madrid, 22 February 2016

Dear members of the OGP Steering Committee:

Through this letter, Transparency International Spain wishes to endorse the City Council of Madrid to take part in the OGP pilot programme for subnational governments.

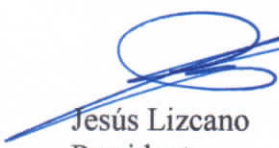
Spain joined the OGP in 2011. The government of Madrid, which took office in June 2015 and established a new department for citizen participation, transparency and open government, appears to have the political will and staff to promote these issues at the level of the capital city. Examples are the drafting of a Transparency legislation, which includes the plan to create a lobby register, or the decision to publish online the work agendas of elected officials and directors. Another example of this commitment is the recent decision to introduce participatory budgeting, which will amount to EUR 60 million of the municipal budget for 2017.

TI Spain has contributed to the drafting of the new “Transparency legislation” of Madrid, and would be willing to play a supporting role in the pilot programme. We are also monitoring the implementation of Spain’s OGP first and second Action Plans.

We believe that for the City Council of Madrid being involved in the OGP pilot programme is a unique opportunity to benefit from institutional mentoring and international support to pursue this path and achieve a bigger impact in terms of access to information, budget and fiscal transparency, open and participatory policymaking. These efforts and results can lead the City Council of Madrid to set example for other regions and local governments.

We thank you in advance for considering the application of Madrid City Council and remain at your disposal to provide any additional information needed.

Best regards,



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President

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