



14 November 2016

Mr. Paschal Donohoe TD  
Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform  
Government of Ireland

Dear Minister Donohoe,

We welcome the Government of Ireland's participation in the Open Government Partnership, which now has 70 countries working to implement national commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability, and engagement of citizens in policy making.

As you are aware, the OGP Articles of Governance state that all participating countries are expected to: *Make concrete commitments, as part of a country action plan, that are ambitious and go beyond a country's current practice. All OGP participating governments are expected to develop national action plans that specify concrete commitments over a two year period.*

Countries more than four months late in submitting their National Action Plan (NAP) will be considered acting contrary to OGP process for that action plan cycle. The Government of Ireland has not submitted its second NAP as of October 31, 2016, four months after the deadline of June 30, 2016. This letter is therefore to inform you that the Government of Ireland has acted contrary to the OGP process for this cycle of action plan development.

We thank you for your letter of November 3, 2016, updating us on the development of the second Action Plan. It seems that you are in the final stages of development of the Action Plan and we look forward to its submission. In order to avoid a future review by the Criteria and Standards subcommittee, we recommend that the Government of Ireland publishes its new NAP before December 31, 2016 and publishes all future self-assessment reports and NAPs on time.

We appreciate your continued participation in the Open Government Partnership. The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you in whatever way would be useful. Please do not hesitate to contact the OGP Support Unit if you require any assistance in the finalization of your action plan.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Sanjay Pradhan".

Sanjay Pradhan  
Chief Executive Officer  
OGP Support Unit