



30 November 2017

Helena Dalli
Minister for European Affairs and Equality
Government of Malta

Dear Minister Dalli,

We welcome the Government of Malta's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now has 75 countries and 15 subnational pioneers working to implement open government 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 that are more than four months late in submitting their National Action Plan (NAP) will be considered to have acted contrary to OGP process for that action plan cycle. As of October 31, 2017, the Government of Malta had not submitted its new NAP, four months after the deadline of June 30, 2017. This letter is therefore to inform you that the Government of Malta has acted contrary to the OGP process for this action plan development cycle.

We thank you for your regular communication with the OGP Support Unit to provide updates on the development of your NAP. We recommend that the Government of Malta publishes its new NAP before December 31, 2017, and publishes all future NAPs on time in order to avoid a future review by the Criteria and Standards subcommittee.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you in whatever way would be useful as you begin to implement your new NAP.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Sanjay Pradhan". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer
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