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**Edward Zammit Lewis**  
**Minister for European Affairs and Equality**  
**Government of Malta**

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Dear Minister Zammit Lewis,

We welcome the Government of Malta's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now comprises 78 countries working to implement open government commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy making.

As you are aware, the OGP Articles of Governance state that all participating governments are expected to co-create an action plan outlining a concrete set of open government reforms, in line with OGP Participation and Co-Creation standards. Governments that are more than four months late in submitting their action plan will be considered to have acted contrary to OGP process for that action plan cycle.

In its 2018-2020 action plan, the Government of Malta did not meet the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) "Involve" requirement during the development of the Action Plan, as determined by the Independent Reporting Mechanism ("IRM").

In addition, Malta has now acted contrary to OGP process for two consecutive action plan cycles. A copy of the letter notifying the previous occurrence is enclosed for your records. In line with OGP procedures, Malta will be placed under review by the OGP Criteria & Standards Subcommittee (C&S). This review process involves enhanced support by the C&S, the OGP Support Unit and the OGP Steering Committee in order to try to resolve the issues that did not allow the government to meet the IAP2 "Involve" requirement during the development of the Action Plan.

We encourage the Government of Malta to provide an update on the status of the 2020-2022 action plan co-creation process to inform the deliberations of the C&S.

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 Support Unit if you require any assistance in the finalization of your action plan.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer  
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