



Open Government Partnership

Independent Reporting Mechanism

Netherlands: Comments received on the Design Report for the third OGP action plan (2018-2020)

The IRM received the following comments on Commitment 8 ('Open by Design' pilots) by Guido Enthoven:

IRM's concept opinion regarding the action point 'Pilots open by design' is debatable and deserves qualification and addition. The pilots are:

- Specific enough to verify;
- Contribution to public accountability
- Do use Technology & innovation for transparency and accountability
- Potential impact is transformative

On the advice of IRM:

Next steps

The IRM researcher recommends the following:

- Prioritize discussions about the right technical solution, and the challenges like resulting from the use of different systems within the government, and link them to order and milestones.

Response: technology is not the core issue now. It's about rethinking processes.

Construct the pilots to provide answers on how to be a good portal for proactive publication looks and functions. Involve and identify both end users and those who currently enter or manage the data; share ownership with in the future such stakeholders.

Response: Agree. We are working on this with the development of POOI. KOOP / IMI previously argued in favor of involving end users in the report 'Active public' (2018)

Develop in consultation with citizens, civil society organizations, journalists, activists, etc.

A list of categories of information considered most valuable or important for an open government; e.g. budget documents, government contracts, financial reports, and use it to select which information should be opened first through "open by design" and why.

Response: Agree: IMI has performed Quick Scan Information Needs as part of the Open by design pilot at OCW, report is available.

- Explore synergies with other action points in the action plan. In particular Open Council Information, Open Wob and Open tendering could become open by design pilots because they all cover important topics (policy reports and documents, budget and contracts, freedom of information, etc.). Thereby the government could actively strive to prevent duplication, the bundling of possible resources and goodwill,

and promoting joint efforts as much as possible solutions, especially with concerned DMS experts and architects early on stage.

Response: Agree, we have previously argued for more synergy between OO action points. First contacts have been made, budget / commitment / pilot for cross connections is very important.