



# CITTÀ DI PALERMO

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### OGP GLOBAL SUMMIT STATEMENT

*The Municipality of Palermo is proud to introduce its first Action Plan to the Global Summit. As a Municipality open towards policies and practices favouring civic engagement and the culture of transparency and legality, we are glad to be part of the OGP Local Partnership and we are looking-forward to share our experience and to learn from others here at the Global Summit.*

*On October the 28<sup>th</sup>, the Municipality officially approved the Action Plan developed within the Open Government Forum in Palermo. So far, the Action Plan has represented a virtuous practice with respect to civic engagement, policy co-creation and civil society-local administration cooperation.*

*The composition of the Forum itself was a strategic ingredient, with a good balance among the different participants. Representatives of local CSOs, of local PA and private citizens had the chance to interact and work together on four policy areas: Transparency and Civic Monitoring, Social Inclusion, Participative Democracy and Environment. Four workgroups were therefore constructed and each workgroup had a facilitator from the CSO Parliament Watch Italia.*

*The Action Plan went through different phases before being officially approved. In order to guarantee the most inclusive participation possible, the first Action Plan draft was made open to public consultation: every interested citizen in Palermo had the chance, from July the 29<sup>th</sup> to September the 25<sup>th</sup>, to read and comment the Plan through the ParteciPa platform, especially devised to allow for wide, civic consultation. This chance was properly promoted by the Municipality (and, more informally, by each Forum participant) through its official web site and through dedicated press releases, with specific information concerning procedures and rules for an effective consultation.*

*As already mentioned, the Forum “divided” into four different working groups, producing 5 different commitments related to each topic. Nonetheless, in each commitment the themes of civic space, transparency and anti-corruption emerge clearly, each according to the specific themes tackled. In particular, civic space and transparency are described as essential elements for an effective civic engagement and thus opening to actual participative democracy. At the same time, civic engagement is being considered as a powerful tool to counteract corruption.*

*We are now in the middle of the implementation phase and we shall do our best to valorise the*

*engagement showed by the citizens and to enhance the collaboration of all the actors involved, both from civil society and local administration. Unfortunately, we are getting closer to our administration term of office on June 2022. This notwithstanding, our hope is that the important and fruitful work we will be carrying forward in the next months will persuade the future administration to maintain the commitment towards a new Action Plan cycle and the citizens of Palermo.*

***ANTONIO LE DONNE***

***The Secretary General of The Municipality of Palermo***