

Resolution of the OGP Steering Committee Regarding the Participation Status of Bulgaria in OGP

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The Steering Committee welcomes Bulgaria's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and recognizes the three action plans it has co-created since joining OGP in 2011.

In February 2020, Bulgaria was placed under Procedural Review due to failing to deliver an action plan for two consecutive action plan cycles. In addition, Bulgaria has failed to deliver a new action plan by the 31 December 2021 deadline, and as a result has again acted contrary to process.

Considering that the Government of Bulgaria has now acted contrary to the OGP process for three consecutive action plan cycles as outlined above, **the Steering Committee hereby resolves to designate Bulgaria as inactive in the OGP.**

The inactive status may last up to one year from the date of this resolution, or until:

- Bulgaria publishes an action plan, developed in line with OGP Participation and Co-Creation Standards, or
- Bulgaria works with the Steering Committee to set a clear timeline to start a new action plan cycle and re-engage with civil society to develop a new action plan.

The inactivity status will be lifted immediately upon the submission of an OGP action plan. However, if Bulgaria remains inactive for a year without communicating its intention to continue to participate in the OGP, it would automatically be withdrawn from the list of OGP members as of March 25, 2023.

The OGP Steering Committee remains fully committed to offering all necessary support in order to help Bulgaria remain engaged in the Partnership.

Inactive countries are ineligible to participate in Steering Committee elections, and may only attend OGP events as observers for learning purposes. A country's inactive status will be noted on the OGP website and public information materials, where appropriate (e.g., in a list of participating OGP countries). Any country, whether in active or inactive status, may at any time decide itself to withdraw from the OGP.

