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Department of IT and Digitalization

Open Government Partnership
Local Committee
Deputy Director
Mr. Rudi Borrmann

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Application Open Government Partnership Local

Letter of Support from the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg

Dear Mr. Borrmann,

In the name of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg I am pleased to submit the application for the OGP Local Initiative. I would like to emphasize the motivation of the city to take part in the initiative with this letter.

Hamburg is a city with a tradition of international cooperation. Joining OGP Local as an international network of local governmental actors for sharing experiences and learning from one another, would be a highly welcome continuation of this tradition.

To ensure high visibility and accountability of the membership in OGP Local, Hamburg has decided that the coordination for Hamburg's participation in the initiative will take place in the Senate Chancellery (Mayor's Office) to stress the importance which Hamburg assigns to its participation in this international network.

Hamburg is a city with a long-standing open government history in various fields: starting with our open data portal which has evolved to a transparency portal as early as 2015. The transparency portal has a binding character based on our transparency law which we continuously extend to even more fields of our work. Furthermore, our digital strategy of 2020 aims to use the opportunities digitalization has to offer to improve the quality of life in the city. It outlines our commitment to citizen participation and civil society involvement in the digital transformation of our city. Concrete examples of our digital open government activities include our Urban Data Platform (UDP), our Digital Participation Project (DIPAS) and our Cockpit Urban Infrastructures (CoSI).

Joining OGP Local would give us the opportunity to continue and deepen our ambitions in open governmental actions for citizens, civil society, and the economic branch of our city. This includes transparency of our processes of decision-making, easy access to public information, ensuring civil society participation by introducing consultations and dialogue formats, as well as collaboration with non-government actors and the use of new technologies to ensure an improvement of administrative and governmental actions.

We advocate the OGP Declaration and the respective values and are highly committed to actively implementing them in our activities.

We welcome the fact that the collaboration and co-creation process together with civil society actors and the city's citizens is a focus of the OGP local activities. For the City of Hamburg, these elements are important pillars in the context of creating a sustainable, inclusive, and state-of-the-art public

administration in the interests of the common good – based on digital transformation and the strengthening of our open government activities.

Being part of the OGP community provides a valuable chance to learn from other government entities throughout the world that face similar challenges. This would give us the unique opportunity to share the experiences and knowledge we have gained so far with diverse communities. We are very much looking forward to being an active part of an international community of likeminded and committed local authorities.

If we get the chance to become a member of the OGP Local call for 2022 the Department for IT and Digitalization in the Senate Chancellery, led by the Chief Digital Officer of the City of Hamburg, will be the responsible unit and the counterpart for the OGP Support Unit.

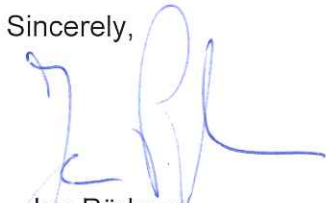
Our key topics would include the following fields:

1. Equal access to municipal services (for example in the areas of mobility, sustainability, social services etc.) by strengthening the digital and data sovereignty of the city's citizens.
2. Providing opportunities to improve the retrievability and analyzability of municipal data.
3. Developing and rolling out a data governance for the city of Hamburg and thereby substantially strengthening the urban data space of the second largest German city.
4. Shaping a data ethics branch "Public Data Responsibility" (PDR) within the implementation of data governance.

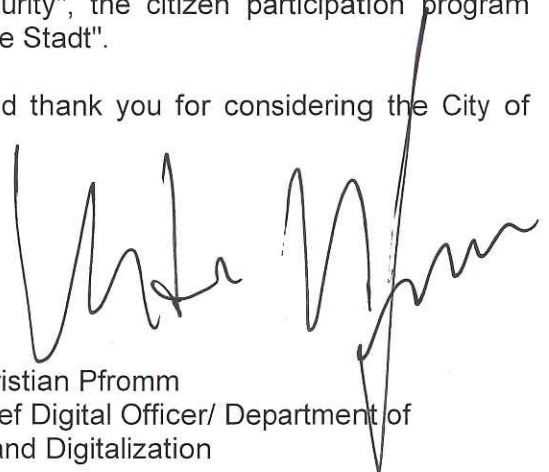
For this application, the City of Hamburg partners with Körber-Stiftung, a well-established foundation which has undertaken a range of initiatives in the past years that align very well with the goals of the OGP Local program, such as the focus topic "digital maturity", the citizen participation program "Hamburg besser machen" and the conference "Forum Offene Stadt".

We are very much looking forward to hearing from you and thank you for considering the City of Hamburg as a new OGP Local member!

Sincerely,



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Letter of Support from Körber-Stiftung

Dear OGP local Committee,

Körber-Stiftung is pleased to support the application of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg to join OGP Local. By joining OGP Local, we support the endorsement of the [Open Government Declaration](#) and its principles within it.

We acknowledge that as a member of OGP Local we are embarking on a journey of collaboration, learning and action and commit to work together as partners with government in all steps of the OGP Local process, especially in the co-creation, implementation and learning of ambitious commitments.

These principles constitute the core of our own work as a foundation. Körber-Stiftung encourages citizens to implement their ideas for their cities. It promotes empowered action and a strong civil society in the digital age. With the focus topic "digital maturity," we have advocated the acquisition of comprehensive digital skills as well as society-wide debates on shaping the digital transformation. Moreover, Körber-Stiftung has established the "Forum Offene Stadt" (Forum Open City) conference. Bringing together (digital) civil society, city administrations from all over Germany, national and international policymakers and visionaries like Francesca Bria or Bianca Wiley, we foster the exchange of ideas, learning networks and hands-on problem solving in order to realize the democratic potential of digital technologies in the urban space. With programs such as "Code Week" for adolescents and with additional programs for seniors, the foundation promotes the accessibility of digital innovations across generations and reinforces digital sovereignty. The core of the Open Government vision is the co-creative nature of the process. With the "Hamburg besser machen" (Improve Hamburg) program, Körber-Stiftung has successfully initiated and monitored broad co-creative participation processes at the municipal level in seven German cities and districts.

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Consequently, supporting the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg in the OGP local process allows us not only to build on our previous successes, but also to realize our own principles. Hence, we will support the values of open government in our OGP local process and ensure it is transparent, participatory and accountable.

We recognize that by joining OGP Local, we become a member of a global community of government and civil society who strive to innovate, spur progress and promote learning within and across jurisdictions. This global community is strengthened by the actions of its members, hence, we pledge to be an active member of this global community and support other members with peer exchanges and engaging at the local, national and international level to promote the values of open government.

If given the opportunity to become a member of OGP Local in the 2022 call, Körber-Stiftung lead by Sven Tetzlaff will be responsible for leading locally the OGP Local process and liaising with the OGP Support Unit.

Kind regards,



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Chairman of the Executive Board