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**Milva Ekonomi**  
**Minister of State for Standards and Services**  
**Government of Albania**

Dear Minister Ekonomi,

We welcome the Government of Albania's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now comprises 76 countries and 106 local governments working to implement open government commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy-making.

Thank you for correspondence from 29 December 2022 and the explanation of the current state of Albania's forthcoming OGP action plan and external factors which have influenced it. I commend you for your efforts to ensure a strong co-creation process in line with OGP standards, and the progress made towards the development of Albania's action plan.

However, in an effort to ensure a consistent and fair application of the OGP policies and procedures expected of all participating countries, Albania is considered to have acted contrary to process for a third consecutive cycle due to the late delivery of the action plan (following a failure to meet minimum standards in its 2018-2020 action plan and again in its 2020-2022 action plan).

While the OGP Support Unit is unable to provide any extensions, please be advised that I have forwarded this communication to the Criteria & Standards (C&S) Subcommittee — the body in charge of upholding OGP's policies and procedure — for its consideration when reviewing Albania's participation in OGP. Following the C&S Subcommittee's deliberations in mid-February, you will be informed of their decision.

The Support Unit remains at your team's disposal to provide the necessary support to finalize and successfully deliver Albania's OGP action plan in the planned period.

Yours sincerely,



Sanjay Pradhan  
Chief Executive Officer



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16 September 2021

Dear Ms. Vali Bizhga,

We welcome the Government of Albania'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, all OGP 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.

For its 2020-2022 action plan, the Government of Albania did not meet the OGP minimum requirement for public influence during co-creation - "Involve" - as assessed by the Independent Reporting Mechanism ("IRM") in their [report](#). Therefore, Albania has acted contrary to the OGP process for that action plan cycle.

Albania has now acted contrary to the OGP process for two consecutive action plan cycles. A copy of the letter dated 14 July 2020 notifying of the first occurrence is enclosed for your records. In line with [OGP policy](#), Albania will be placed under review by the OGP Criteria & Standards Subcommittee (C&S). This review process involves enhanced support by the OGP Steering Committee and the OGP Support Unit in order to help address the issues that have led an OGP member to be placed under review.

The review process can be finalized by addressing the most recent occurrence of acting contrary to process. In this case, by meeting the minimum co-creation standards in Albania's next action plan, as assessed by the IRM in the Action Plan Review report. We urge you to take steps to make sure that these requirements are met, as failure to do so could risk Albania being designated in inactive status. We also encourage you to appoint a new OGP Minister as soon as possible, so that we can support you as effectively as possible.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you during the implementation of your current action plan and the development of your next one to make sure all requirements are met.

Yours sincerely,



Sanjay Pradhan  
Chief Executive Officer

14 July 2020

**The Honorable Erion Brace  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Government of Albania**

Dear Deputy Prime Minister Brace,

We welcome the Government of Albania'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.

For its 2018-2020 action plan, the Government of Albania did not meet the participation and co-creation requirements during the development of the action plan, as determined by the Independent Reporting Mechanism ("IRM"). Therefore, Albania has acted contrary to the OGP process for this cycle. In order to avoid the possibility of future review by the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee of the OGP Steering Committee, we recommend that the Government of Albania makes every effort to meet the minimum requirements set forth in the OGP Participation and Co-Creation standards during the development of its next action plan.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you in whatever way would be useful. The Support Unit will contact you and your team to provide additional information regarding this assessment.

Yours sincerely,



Sanjay Pradhan  
Chief Executive Officer  
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