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Atanas Pekanov
Deputy Prime Minister in charge of EU Funds Management
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Dear Ms Pekanov,

We welcome the Government of Bulgaria'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.

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. These standards have been recently updated by the OGP Steering Committee and came into effect in January 2022.

For its 2022-2024 action plan, the Government of Bulgaria did not meet minimum requirements as assessed by the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) in their [Action Plan Review](#). However, as the new Standards were recently introduced, OGP instituted a 24-month grace period to ensure a fair and transparent transition to the updated standards. Therefore, in this particular instance, the failure to meet the minimum requirements does not imply that the government of Bulgaria acted contrary to process, and it will not be subjected to Procedural Review.

No further action is required at this time but 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 Bulgaria makes every effort to meet the minimum requirements set forth in the Standards during the development and implementation of its next action plan. Guidance on how to meet the new minimum participation and co-creation requirements can be found in the [OGP National Handbook](#); guidelines for their assessment by the IRM can be found [here](#).

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,



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Chief Executive Officer

