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Head of the Jurisdiction Introduction letter: Action plan for OGP Local 2022-2026

The Žilina Self-Governing Region is pleased to join OGP Local and support our commitment to advance the principles of access to information, public participation and public accountability in the way the government carries out its mandate for already second election period.

By joining OGP Local, we endorse the Open Government Declaration and commit to uphold the principles within it.

The Žilina Self-Governing Region wants to develop into a strong and prosperous region that will provide a better living environment for its inhabitants and will better meet their needs. We are aware that a key prerequisite for achieving this goal is high quality cooperation promoted across the entire society. Our government commits to facilitate networking of academic, non-profit and business sectors as well as to communicate the intentions and goals in setting and directing regional policies. At the same time, we support all opportunities to involve and include citizens in the activities and public affairs in the region. We want to hear the voice of citizens in making important decisions, because they have given us their mandate, for the results of which we are responsible. We firmly believe that our membership in OGP Local will be the next step in a shift of thinking and introducing innovative governance practices based on the values ​​of transparency, openness and accountability.

The Žilina Self-Governing Region recognizes that the shift towards a strong civil society is, by its importance, an invaluable investment in the future, which needs sufficient material and human resources for its implementation. For this reason, the region has set up a Participatory Policy Unit at his Office with three coordinators for participation who coordinates and monitors our tasks arising from membership in OGP Local. At the same time, this Unit is involved in the creation of commitments of our action plan and its implementation together with our partners.

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