

## Open Government Partnership

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**The Honorable Jonathan Attard**  
**Minister of Justice**  
**Government of Malta**

Dear Minister Attard,

We are delighted to count on the Government of Malta'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, in February 2023, the OGP Steering Committee decided to extend Malta's inactive status until December 31, 2023, subject to the submission of a new action plan by that deadline (please see the attached resolution for details). Following the timely delivery of Malta's new action plan, and in accordance with the Steering Committee's resolution, I am delighted to confirm that Malta's inactive status has been lifted.

We extend our best wishes to you and all stakeholders within government and civil society for the successful implementation of Malta's OGP action plan. The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee are ready to provide assistance in any way necessary. Please feel free to reach out to the Support Unit if you have any questions regarding this notification.

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Partnership.

Yours sincerely,



Sanjay Pradhan  
Chief Executive Officer



## **Resolution of the OGP Steering Committee Regarding the Participation Status of Malta in OGP**

Amended on 20 April 2023

**[Amended on 20 April 2023]** Recognizing the high-level commitment [expressed](#) by the Hon. Dr. Jonathan Attard, Minister for Justice, 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 OGP Steering Committee hereby resolves to extend Malta's inactivity status up to December 31, 2023.

The Government of Malta is asked to develop a concrete timeline for the development of a new Action Plan in line with OGP Participation and Co-creation Standards by May 20, 2023. Not delivering an Action Plan (and corresponding timeline) by the specified deadlines above would result in automatic withdrawal of Malta from the OGP, as Malta has acted contrary to process for three consecutive action plan cycles.

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### **Original resolution text approved by the Steering Committee on March 24, 2022**

The Steering Committee welcomes Malta'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, Malta was placed under Procedural Review due to acting contrary to OGP process for two consecutive cycles (failing to deliver its 2017 action plan on time, and not meeting the minimum participation and co-creation requirements during the development of its 2018 action plan). In addition, Malta 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 Malta has now acted contrary to the OGP process for three consecutive action plan cycles as outlined above, **the Steering Committee hereby resolves to designate Malta as inactive in the OGP.**

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

- Malta publishes an action plan, developed in line with OGP Participation and Co-Creation Standards, or
- Malta 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 Malta 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 Malta 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.