



Athens, 26/01/2024

OGP Support Unit
Mr. Rudi Bormann, Deputy Director, OGP Local

Government Letter of Support: Call for new members to OGP Local 2023

The City of Athens is pleased to submit an application to join OGP Local as part of our continued commitment to advancing the principles of access to information, public participation and public accountability in the way our administration carries out its mandate. By joining OGP Local, we endorse the [Open Government Declaration](#) and commit to upholding the principles within it.

The City of Athens is the largest municipality in Greece, with a population above 600.000, and the most historical capital of Europe, with its history spanning more than 6000 years. Our City has become synonymous with the birth of democracy. Starting from that, we are committed to transforming our city to the one required by the 21st century standard of openness and citizen participation.

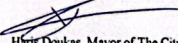
We acknowledge that, as a member of OGP Local, we are embarking on a journey of collaboration, learning and action, and commit to working together as partners with non-governmental stakeholders to deliver an open government action plan in 2024 and implement its commitments. In addition, we embed the values of open government in our OGP local process and ensure it is transparent, participatory and accountable.

We are committed to actively engaging our citizens both on the ground as well as by using the tools modern technologies offer us. Various organizations have already expressed their interest to participate in this journey for our city, such as the Open Technologies Alliance (GFOSS), VouliWatch, and Place Identity Clusters. In collaboration with them our City is planning to increase citizens' access to relevant data, to increase transparency and online engagement, and to bring them physically together in order to co-design our policies.

We expect that by joining OGP Local, we become a member of a global community of government and civil society who strive to innovate, catalyze 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, leading by example and supporting 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 2023 call, the Deputy Mayor's office of Education, Digital Governance and Lifelong Learning, led by Panagiotis Kranidiotis will be responsible for leading locally the OGP Local process and liaising with the OGP Support Unit. In addition, we commit to making available the necessary human, financial and technical resources to co-create, implement and learn from ambitious commitments within the action plan.



Hāris Doukas, Mayor of The City of Athens



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Protocol Number 41/IS

To: OGP Local Selection Committee

Subject: Letter of Support for the City of Athens' Application to Join OGP Local

Dear OGP Local Selection Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the [Open Technologies Alliance \(GFOSS\)](#), a non for profit organization dedicated to promoting Open Technologies, Standards, and Processes in the public sector, education, and business in Greece. We are immensely supportive of the City of Athens' application to join the Open Government Partnership Local (OGP Local).

The newly elected administration of the Municipality of Athens has demonstrated a clear commitment to open governance, transparency, and citizen engagement. GFOSS, with its expertise in open technologies, is eager to actively introduce the open source perspective to a city of Athens' action plan for public participation, transparency, and sustainable development. We firmly believe that the partnership between the Municipality of Athens and GFOSS, in conjunction with OGP Local, will significantly enhance not only the technological modernization of the city of Athens but also its digital sovereignty while respecting democratic values and social and environmental sustainability.

We hereby extend our full support to the City of Athens' application to join OGP Local

and look forward to a fruitful collaboration in making Athens a model city for open government.

Sincerely,

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