



# Open Government Partnership Independent Reporting Mechanism

## Action Plan Review: Norway 2023-2027 Comments Received

### Comments Received from Foreningen INIO (11 December 2024)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Action plan review. Foreningen INIO has been engaged in the OGP initiatives over the last ten years and would like to highlight the importance of Norway's participation in OGP. However, the review pinpoints some weaknesses in the current action plan and on how to engage with the civil society. In general, INIO agree with the criticism in the review and would like to see that more of the initiatives goes further than analyzing an issue and publishing a report. We are particularly interested in commitment 7, assess eInnsyn. The review points out the necessity to follow up the assessment by committing to implementing the required changes in eInnsyn shown by the assessment. By now the evaluation has not yet started and we have no indication that the start is imminent. We recommend that the evaluation is started by Q1 2015 and that it is used to lay out at strategy for development of eInnsyn.

### Comments Received from Kaja Linde, Norwegian Union of Journalists (11 December 2024)

We thank you for the invitation to comment on the assessment.

First, we would like to emphasize that OGP is a good initiative that the Norwegian Union of Journalists (NJ) supports.

However, we share IRM's assessment that the initiatives on anti-corruption and transparency in the justice sector provide "preliminary analyses without clarification of further measures". We miss more concrete and binding measures, as well as information on how specific inputs from civil society are followed up by the responsible ministries after input meetings.

The assessment report points out that Norway could consider including transparency regarding lobbying activities. NJ fully supports this. We believe it is high time that we establish a lobby register in Norway as well.

## Comments Received from Sindre Granly Meldalen (12 December 2024)

### Innspill til gjennomgang av OGP-handlingsplan for 2023-2027

Norsk Presseforbund (NP) er paraplyorganisasjon for frie redaktørstyrte medier, og har deltatt i flere av møtene i OGP-prosessen på vegne av de norske medieorganisasjonene og ga innspillet som ledet fram til forpliktelse nr. 7 i den gjeldende planen.

Vi er i kontakt med regjeringen om den aktuelle forpliktelsen, og opplever at forpliktelsen nå er i ferd med å følges opp mer konkret enn det som fremgår av den eksisterende planen. Det er positivt og vi opplever denne samhandlingen som hadde sitt utspring i OGP-forpliktelsen som verdifull.

Slik vi forstår det av evalueringen er dette den eneste forpliktelsen i den nåværende planen som har kommet etter innspill fra sivilsamfunnet. Vi er enige i rapportenes konklusjoner om at det burde være mulig med større grad av reell samhandling mellom sivilsamfunnet og regjeringen i OGP-prosessen.

I vedlegg 2 om samskaping foreslås det å formalisere vilkårene for deltakelse i samarbeidsforumet for å tilpasse og tydeliggjøre rollene og forventningene til både regjeringen og interessentene fra sivilsamfunnet. Vi støtter dette forslaget, og det er viktig at det presiseres at dette gjelder både regjeringen og interessentene fra sivilsamfunnet.

Som representant fra sivilsamfunnet har vi oppfattet rammene og forventningene fra oss som noe uklare. Men vi har også oppfattet mulighetene/rammene og ønskene om samhandling fra regjeringen i OGP-prosessen som tilsvarende uklare og/eller varierende. Vi spilte inn flere forslag til forpliktelser, blant annet innen helsesektoren, hvor vi opplevde at det ikke var noen representanter fra myndighetene å samhandle med. Skal det være et poeng for sivilsamfunnsrepresentanter å delta i prosesser som dette, må en oppleve at representantene for regjeringen/forvaltningen som er relevante for temaet ønsker innspill og forpliktende samhandling.

I rapporten bemerkes det ellers at Norge kan vurdere å inkludere åpenhet med tanke på lobbyvirksomhet i neste OGP-plan. Vi er enig i at en slik forpliktelse vil være lovende for å fremme åpenhet i ulike sektorer, og at den bør inkluderes i neste runde.

Sindre Granly Meldalen, jurist i Norsk Presseforbund

### DeepL translation

The Norwegian Press Association (NP) is the umbrella organization for independent, editorially controlled media, and has participated in several of the meetings in the OGP process on behalf of the Norwegian media organizations and provided the input that led to commitment no. 7 in the current plan.

We are in contact with the government about the commitment in question, and feel that the commitment is now being followed up more concretely than what is stated in the existing

plan. This is positive and we find this interaction, which originated in the OGP commitment, to be valuable.

As we understand it from the evaluation, this is the only commitment in the current plan that has come after input from civil society. We agree with the reports' conclusions that a greater degree of real interaction between civil society and government should be possible in the OGP process.

Annex 2 on co-creation proposes to formalize the terms of participation in the Collaborative Forum to align and clarify the roles and expectations of both government and civil society stakeholders. We support this proposal and it is important to clarify that this applies to both government and civil society stakeholders.

As a representative of civil society, we have perceived the framework and expectations from us as somewhat unclear. But we have also perceived the opportunities/frameworks and desires for interaction from the government in the OGP process as similarly unclear and/or varying. We submitted several proposals for commitments, including in the health sector, where we felt that there were no government representatives to interact with. If there is to be a point for civil society representatives to participate in processes such as this, it must be perceived that the representatives of the government/administration relevant to the topic want input and binding interaction.

The report also notes that Norway could consider including transparency with regard to lobbying in the next OGP plan. We agree that such a commitment would be promising for promoting transparency in different sectors and that it should be included in the next round.

Sindre Granly Meldalen, lawyer at the Norwegian Press Association