

Open Government Partnership

Second European Outreach and Support Meeting

Dubrovnik, October 4-5, 2012

Hotel Grand Villa Argentina, Frana Supila 14

The meeting is convened jointly by Croatian civil society organisations and Government, in cooperation with the United Kingdom Cabinet Office as OGP co-chair, with the support of the European Union Project of Technical Assistance to Civil Society Organizations (TACSO).

As the stronger involvement of civil society in all OGP activities is one of the pre-requisites for successful implementation of national OGP action plans, the purpose of the meeting is to provide space for discussion and exchange of experiences between civil society organizations and governments about the progress of implementation of the national OGP action plans and to share developments and best practices. All sessions will be moderated by representatives from civil society and academic community.

The Open Government Partnership is a multilateral initiative that aims to secure concrete commitments from governments to promote transparency, empower citizens, fight corruption, and harness new technologies to strengthen governance. It aims at building more transparent, inclusive and participatory policy making processes, and contributes to strengthening the overall cooperation of citizens, civil society and governments in boosting economic and social growth. So far 55 governments have committed to join the initiative.

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Wednesday, October 3 2012

Arrival of participants

17:00 **Registration opens**

DAY 1: Thursday, October 4, 2012

9:30 am – 4:00 pm **OGP Networking Mechanism sessions on Access to Information**
(possibilities for Government representatives to meet with world's leading access to information specialists and explore ways of strengthening OGP Actions Plans and their implementation)

Open Government Agora - The Open Government Agora is created as a place for civil society organisations to self-organise sessions on topics and experiences they find interesting and important to discuss.

4:00 – 4:00 pm **Coffee/refreshments**

4:30 – 5:00 pm **Official welcome and opening remarks**

5:00 – 7:00 pm **Plenary session: OGP as a Joint Endeavour of citizens, civil society and governments – sharing experiences**

Issues for debate: results of assessment of national action plans; models of cooperation between CSOs and governments in implementing action plans; best practices and lessons learned during the first six months of national action plans implementation

8 pm **Reception hosted by the Government of the Republic of Croatia**

DAY 2: Friday, October 5, 2012

9:30 – 11:00 am **Session I: Fiscal transparency**

Issues for debate: sharing best practices and discussing key challenges in providing citizens with information about the budget which is complete, relevant, accurate, timely, and presented understandably

11:00 – 11:30 am **Coffee and Networking**

11:30 am – 1:00 pm **Session II: E-government and E-services**

Issues for debate: sharing best practices and discussing key challenges in using information technology to increase transparency, facilitate public participation in decision making processes and improve the efficiency of public goods and services provision.

1:00 – 2:00 pm **Lunch**

2:00 – 3:30 pm **Session III – Access to Information**

Issues for debate: based on the analysis of national actions plans, access to information remains a key area of interest for the majority of OGP governments; this session will provide the opportunity for OGP governments and CSOs to interact on how to make access to information commitments work

3:30 – 5:00 pm **Closing session: The way forward in providing support to efficient implementation of national actions plans**

Issues for debate: concept and implementation of Independent reporting mechanism; possibilities of further strengthening cooperation of CSOs and governments in implementing national action plans

6:00 – 7:00 pm **Dubrovnik Old Town Sightseeing Tour (optional)**