ReSPA and OGP Secretariat for Europe

2nd Western Balkans Peer Exchange Meeting

10 - 11 March 2022, Skopje, North Macedonia

Proactive disclosure of data held by public administration bodies and improving the institutional transparency as one of the postulates of **Open Government Partnership** is of vital interest of citizens in businesses.

When the data from the public sector becomes publicly available in the form of **Open data**, it becomes a key resource for the knowledge society as the information that will be re-used and which can produce both social and economic value, through the creation of new products and services, new businesses and new jobs.

The need to increase the level of opening of governmental data is recognised in the public administration reform efforts across the Western Balkans and is anchored in each of the Action Plans of PAR strategies of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia.

The aim of the first OGP Western Balkans Peer Exchange meeting organised in October 2019 was to discuss and exchange experiences about open government reforms, focusing on two main themes: Open State and Public Service Delivery.

The second OGP-Open Data Western Balkans Peer Exchange Meeting is aimed at increasing the knowledge of public officials involved in OGP and Open Data in their public administrations about Open Data in the context of OGP and within the digitalisation of public services. The information provided at the meeting could assist public officials to better cope with issues related to the establishment of workable Open Data policies as well as with challenges in operating and managing Open Data portals.

The workshop will focus on two themes:

- ➢ Open Data deriving from Open Government Partnership,
- ➢ Improving policies and practice in the opening of governmental data.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Thursday, 10 March 2022			
	09.00: 09.15	**Opening remarks**	➢ *Sandra Pernar- Senior Regional Coordinator Europe, OGP Support Unit* ➢ *Olivera Damjanović- Programme Manager, ReSPA*
OGP and Open Data	*09:15 – 10:30*	**Session 1:** ❖ Benefits/social impact of opening data and Open Data Barometer ❖ Effects of data opening and recommendations	➢ *Helen Darbshire, OGP Expert* ➢ *OGP representative*
	10:30 – 11:00	***Coffee break***	
	11:00 – 12:30	**Session 2:** ❖ Open data Charter-open data for anti-corruption ❖ Open Cohesion	➢ *Natalia Carfi, OGP Expert* ➢ *Gianmarco Guazzo and Simona De Luca-OGP experts*
	12:30 – 13:30	***Lunch***	
Open Data - Improving Policies and Practice	*13:30 – 14:00*	**Session 3:** ❖ Review of OD policies in the WB countries ❖ Directive (EU) 2019/1024 on open data and the re-use of public sector information	➢ *Driart Elshani, ReSPA Expert*
	14:30 – 15:30	**Session 4:** ❖ EU guidelines and developing the Open Data ecosystem – ***(Good practice in EU / Republic of Slovenia)***	➢ *Boris Koprivnikar, ReSPA Expert*

Friday, 11 March 2022		
09:00 – 10:00	**Session 1:** ❖ EU Open Data assessment tool and data value methodology ❖ Open Data landscaping ❖ Methodology for assessing the impact of data opening ***(Good practice in EU, Republic of Croatia)***	➢ *Božo Zeba,, ReSPA expert*
10:00 – 10.45	**Session 2 (Managing Open data portals):** ❖ Open Data APIs, data retrieval, good examples of data structure and metadata information, assessment of open government data portals	➢ *Nataša Veljković, ReSPA Expert*
10:45 – 11.15	***Coffee break***	
1:15 – 12.15	❖ Four dimensions of Open data portals (users experience, data provision, portal usage and sustainability) ***(Good practice in EU, Republic of Slovenia)***	➢ *Aleš Veršič, ReSPA Expert*
12:15 – 13.30	***Lunch***	
13:30- 14.30	**Session 3 (Cross bordering of Open Data in the Western Balkans):** ❖ Potentials, benefits, prerequisites ❖ EU Open Data Portal and WB countries ***(Panel discussion)***	➢ *TBC*