



## Open Government Partnership (OGP) - 8th Round Table Meeting Minutes – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022

### Agenda

1. Welcome and updates since last meeting – Co-chairs Philip McGrath and Antoin O Lachtnain
2. Launch of the Values and Principles for Collaboration and Partnership Working with the Community & Voluntary Sector
3. Hosting of the first National Civic Forum
4. Review of the Public Participation Networks
5. Updates on commitments under NAP 3
6. OGP International update
7. Discussion on Co-Creation report
8. Discussion on Facilitation report - initial submissions from members and next steps towards designing the consultation process
9. Actions arising /AOB/Next meeting/ close

#### 1. **Welcome and updates since last meeting**

- The two Co- Chairs introduced and welcomed Liam Gleeson and Jackie Fisher (Secretariat) who has replaced Ailís Henry to the Round Table (RT) and thanked Ailís for her work with the OGP.
- The provisional work plan for the next 2 years was laid out with a view to move forward in a meaningful and results driven process to produce NAP 4.
- The Institute of Public Administration (IPA) have been engaged to carry out a review of *Consultation Principles and Guidance* published in November 2016. The IPA will be engaging with the RT members and other stakeholders. It is expected that the project will conclude in April 2023.

Kieran Moylan (DRCD) provided an update on the following commitments;

#### 2. **Progressing civic participation with the objective of further enhancing the proactive and meaningful participation and engagement with citizens in the decisions that affect them.**

- Minister for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD launched an agreed set of Values and Principles for collaboration and partnership with the Community and Voluntary Sector on 19<sup>th</sup> October.

**3. First National Community and Voluntary Civic Forum** was opened by the Taoiseach, Minister Humphreys and Minister of State Joe O'Brien. A report of the outcomes of the forum is being prepared with a view to presenting it to Minister Joe O'Brien in Q1 2023.

#### 4. **Strengthening inclusion and civic deliberation in local decision making**

- An update was given on the next steps and roadmap concerning the implementation of the *Structural Review of the Public Participation Network – Report*.

Ciara Morgan (DPER) provided

#### **5. An update on the following commitments under NAP 3;**

- Review of Ireland's Statutory Framework for Ethics in Public Life  
Review is almost complete and memo will go to Government for approval. If approved recommendations will form new Bill in early 2023.
- Review of Ireland's Freedom of Information (FOI) Regime  
Initial findings and recommendations from survey and focus groups will be presented to the Minister very shortly with the intention that a final report will be ready for consideration by Government in early 2023.
- Review of the Operation of the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015  
The Bill is scheduled to be considered in the Dáil at Committee stage on 7th December and it is intended that it will complete its passage through the Oireachtas and be enacted in early 2023.

#### **6. OGP International update**

- Paul Braithwaite (OGP International) provided an overview of the 2022 OGP Europe Regional meeting in Rome in October and the main thematic areas that were discussed such as the reconstruction and recovery of Ukraine's democracy, ex-corporate transparency, political changes, leadership and partnership at transnational level.

#### **7. Discussion on Co-Creation report**

- Andreas Pavlou and Sarah Jacobs (IRM – OGP) presented an overview of Co-Creation briefs and referenced examples relating to Ireland.

#### **8. Discussion on Facilitation report - initial submissions from members and next steps towards designing the consultation process**

- Submissions from members had been pre-circulated and the discussion focused on potential timelines.
- The Secretariat agreed to draft an options paper on the consultation process for Ireland's Fourth National Action Plan 2023 – 2025 and to seek members' responses.

#### **9. Actions arising /AOB/Next meeting/ close**

- The Secretariat agreed to draft an options paper for response on the consultation process for Ireland's Fourth National Action Plan 2023 – 2025.
- Next meeting 26th January 2023.