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Pledges to support OGP bilateral exchanges  
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In OGP’s short lifetime we have seen the power of bilateral exchanges between governments to share best practice, technical expertise and strengthen the network of global reformers pushing to change the culture of government.

It is a priority of OGP to encourage more of these exchanges. OGP wants to ensure all countries have the support they need to develop and implement ambitious, relevant open government commitments in consultation with civil society. Since you have developed considerable expertise by implementing open government reforms in your country using the OGP platform, we want to give you an opportunity to showcase your work and share your experience with other countries trying to implement similar reforms.

On OGP’s third anniversary, at the High-Level Event on September 24th on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly, we are asking all countries to commit to scale up their involvement in bilateral exchanges. All OGP countries are being asked to state one policy area where they now have sufficient expertise to support other OGP countries. Please be as specific as possible to ensure that we can match countries requesting assistance to the most relevant expertise following the event. This is in the OGP spirit of everyone having something to offer, and everyone having something to learn.

The pledges will be summarised in the outcome statement of the OGP High-Level Event, which will be attended by Heads of State and Government and Civil-society leaders from around the world.

1. COUNTRY NAME

Italy

2. ONE SENTENCE SUMMARY OF THE PLEDGE

*(140 character limit)*

We are committed to promote transparency on public spending and to empower citizens in playing a stronger role in shaping local development

3. ISSUE AREA

*Please list the ONE open government issue area that you are addressing in your pledge (e.g. budgetary transparency, open data, extractives, access to information, civil society engagement, OGP processes etc.)*

Transparency on the use of public funds for civic engagement

4. EXPERTISE

*For the policy issue area listed, please explain the precise area of support you could offer a country requesting assistance (e.g. support on implementing an access to information law, advice on innovative ways of engaging civil society in rural areas, how to operationalise an open data portal)*

Advice on innovative ways to reach local communities and to raise interest in young people for civic engagement.

Standards to track public money, in particular as concerns public investment projects

5. OGP COMMITMENT

*Indicate which OGP commitment(s) in your National Action Plan this relates to*

This relates to the National Action Plan commitment to the construction of a public information system on the implementation of all projects funded by cohesion policy and extends it to establish a permanent and dynamic synergy between a public mandate for transparency and the collective energy of citizens and civil society.

6. LEAD MINISTRY

*Indicate which Ministry or Department led on this commitment*

Department for Development and Economic Cohesion

7. TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

*Please explain generally the types of assistance your government can offer and any short examples of previous bilateral exchanges you have been involved in. (e.g. participating in videoconference calls, supporting study visits, providing technical assistance, participating in webinars, connecting countries to professional or expert networks, reviewing draft commitments, advise on setting up the institutional structure with ministries and civil society to manage OGP participation, etc).*

Provision of technical assistance, participation in videoconference calls, webinars and events, support for study visits and connection to local experts.

Longstanding experience of twinning projects and bilateral cooperation with EU candidate countries on the use of public funds.