

Open Government Partnership
Zaragoza, 10 July 2020

Dear Steering Committee members,

The Committee for Entities Representing Disabled People (CERMI-Aragon) is a platform for the representation, protection and action of disabled citizens in Aragon. It is composed of 102,000 families who, aware of their situation as a disadvantaged social group, decided to join forces represented by the entities they form part of, to make progress in the recognition of their rights and achieve "full citizenship" with the same rights and opportunities as other members of society.

As is the case in the national CERMI, CERMI-Aragon accommodates all of the entities that believe a single platform is the best option for protecting the interests of disabled people before the public authorities and society.

CERMI-Aragon communicates the needs and demands of the disabled group of the population to the public authorities, the different actors and operators and society. It does so by means of constructive, articulated and technically-proven proposals, and assumes and channels the representation of this group, becoming the spokesperson and point of reference in the sector, to promote full rights, zero discrimination, equal opportunities, social emancipation and, generally, improved living conditions for disabled Spanish citizens and their families.

The collaboration between CERMI-Aragon and the Government of Aragon in areas relating to open government is exemplified by the inclusion of our entities in the participation processes promoted relating to Aragonese public policies (both sector policies in the area of disability and general policies).

In addition, we should mention the joint Easy Government project, which combines the paradigm of open government and easy reading (translation of complex texts into simplified texts incorporating pictograms and definitions). With Easy Government, people with disability such as intellectual disability or mental health illnesses, will be able to join citizen participation workshops, for the first time, that will address laws and other public services and policies. In addition to accessing adapted content, they will be able to express their visions, concerns and expectations and therefore produce better public policies and services that are universally accessible.

In order to continue supporting innovation and the integration of the main principles of open government in our region, by means of this letter, we strongly support the application of the Government of Aragón. In addition, we undertake to continue to assist its work should it be accepted as a member of OGP Local.

Yours faithfully,



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President of CERMI-Aragon