

Zaragoza, July 10, 2020

For the attention of the Open Government Partnership,

As Commissioner for the 2030 Agenda of Aragon, with this letter I wish to show my full support for the application of the Government of Aragon to join the Open Government Partnership, the leading international organization in the field of open government.

Aragon, in line with major global trends and in coordination with other national and European policies, is fully committed to the Agenda 2030 and embraces the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, applying them transversally in all regional policies. One of the Spanish national leverage policies for achieving the SDGs is the Open Government Plan. In this regard, I would like to highlight the intense institutional work and the close cooperation between all the regional agents to achieve the desired impacts. Strengthening links between society, technology and the general public is both an answer to a need and an opportunity to achieve greater impacts and mutual understanding. Therefore, we understand the openness within the administration as a deeply transformative strategy in today's democracy, which goes beyond the mere fact of publishing data and procedures, with important effects in organizational culture and innovation.

I also want to underline that the Government of Aragon, through the department of Open Government and Social Innovation, is a national and international reference for its capacity for anticipation and relevance in all these aspects. In recent years, under the LAAAB umbrella, we have managed to implement novel open data platforms and successfully develop several mechanisms for inclusive citizen participation, transparency, recognition and collaboration. Various processes of collective intelligence have been applied to the common good, such as the collaborative design programs of public services listening to citizens. More recently, it is necessary to highlight other well-known initiatives as the Frena La Curva initiative for citizen collaboration against the coronavirus, the Social Impact Academy, the Iberoamerician LAAAB Campus or the CVOL platform to acknowledge volunteer competences.

For all the above, I wish to express my full support and recommendation for this candidacy. I sincerely believe that participating in the international OGP network would have important outcomes in the short and long term for both our region and the international network itself.

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