



Dear Steering Committee members,

The Federation of Towns, Districts and Provinces of Aragon (FAMCP) is currently composed of 709 town councils, 32 districts and the three provincial councils of Aragon (Zaragoza, Huesca and Teruel). With 30 years of experience behind us, we are the leading entity for all matters related to municipal policy in Aragon. Our mission is to channel the demands of local administrations in Aragon, protect their interests and act as a bridge to other public administrations.

Furthermore, thanks to intensive networking, we are devoted to enhancing the integration of the whole territory of Aragon – a region heavily marked by depopulation and an increasing shortage of opportunities in rural areas (population density of 27.6 inhabitants per square kilometre). At present, the work our local entities carry out with the Government of Aragon focuses on developing participatory processes – to date 67 processes have been supported and funded since 2008. With regard to transparency, we comply with all of the associated obligations thanks to a tool created by the Government of Aragon in 2016 to support local entities. In addition, we implement the Resolutions and Reports issued by Aragon Transparency Council.

We are convinced that forming part of Open Government Partnership will drive our existing strong commitment, as well as the work of the Government of Aragon in the distribution and integration of the open government principles across the whole of our territory. We are aware that developing an OGP plan of action will facilitate the participation of citizens from new collectives in Aragon, favour the integration of transparency principles among citizens, the creation of new technological tools for accountability and promote the joint creation of public policies.

We aim to continue to support innovation and the integration of open government principles in our territory. By means of this letter, we therefore strongly support the nomination of the Government of Aragon and undertake to continue to assist its work should it be accepted as a member of OGP Local.

Yours faithfully

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