



Norwegian Ministry
of Local Government and Modernisation

Norway and OGP

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Background

- Norway participant since 2010
- Member of Steering Committee from 2011 until 2014
- Now about to finalizing its third action plan
- Membership originally represented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Since 2012 the Ministry of Modernisation has represented Norwegian interests but MFA still pays the fees



Norway's Action Plans

Action plan 1 (2011):

Few commitments. No real civil society participation. Low political engagement

Action Plan 2 (2013):

Many commitments. Civil society invited to participate; low engagement. Limited political engagement

Action Plan 3 (2015):

About 10 commitments. Civil society participation through OGP council. Limited political engagement



How to make a dialogue with Civil Society

During the AP -2 process our ministry invited CSO as well as the other ministries to participate in making the plan.

Few turned up!

We experienced that few CSO saw much use in taking part in OGP questions. Most of the CSOs are "one purpose" - organizations. Therefore they already have close contact with "their" public organization.

Norway has been criticized by IRM for not engaging the CSOs. We have clarified for IRM (and OGP) how the relationship between CSOs and public administration is organized in societies like Norway and that this may explain the low level of engagement among CSOs.



OGP Council

Based on an initiative from three CSOs which already had been active in the AP-process.

Established 2015 ahead of the AP- 3 process.

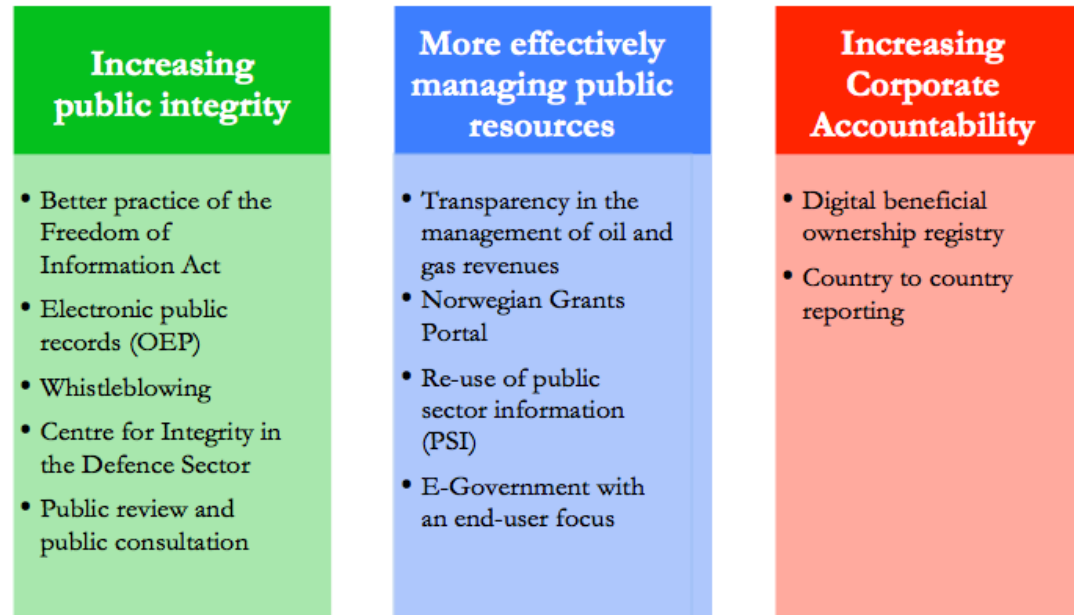
The council shall assist the Government for promoting openness in public administration. It shall work as a link between civil society and public administration and by assisting in preparing and launching the AP.

The council is highly independent. It can make contact with whatever part the public administration, even at political level. It can also make contact with Parliament and court of justice.



How to make AP – 3 - 1

OGP council was asked to make a draft on the contents of AP-3. OPG council used the OGP framework as a starting point.



Necessary to make Public Administration more engaged

Not only CSO show low interest in OGP matters. It has been difficult to make other part of the Public Administration (above all the ministries) to present good proposals for OGP commitments.

Important to make the political leadership in the ministries aware of OGP but also make them realize the importance of openness.

Without political support working with OGP is difficult.





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Thank you for your attention!