



## **“Support the Palestinian Authority to enhance Governance and the Rule of Law (RoL)”**

### **Capacity-building programme on public consultations (part 2)<sup>1</sup>**

#### **Agenda**

**9-10 May 2023**

**Carmel Hotel, Ramallah**

#### **The project**

In coordination with the PMO and its counterparts, the OECD is implementing the EU-funded project\* “Support the Palestinian Authority to enhance Governance and the Rule of Law” (2020-2024). The overall objective of the project is to support the Palestinian Authority and contribute to achieving a more effective, transparent and participatory policy- and law-making process set in a clear normative framework, and thus enhance citizens and businesses trust in their government’s action. More specifically, the project will aim at enhancing the capacity of law and policy-makers to:

- Produce clear, effective and transparent primary and secondary legislation,
- Use efficient public consultation mechanisms as part of the policy development process, and
- Develop (and improve) online tools providing access to adopted and draft legislation.

*\*The project is implemented with funding by the European Union.*

#### **The activity**

In this framework a capacity-building programme will be organized on 9-10 May 2023 in Ramallah for dedicated governmental staff of the PA to strengthen existing public consultation mechanisms as part of the policy- and legislative- development process and make a specific use of the tools to efficiently apply public consultation. The programme will build on the PA Guidelines on Public Consultation developed by the Ministry of Justice in 2018.

The activities will be delivered by the OECD. An OECD peer will intervene on-site to share best practices from OECD countries in terms of public consultation mechanisms, which will build on

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<sup>1</sup> Part 1 of the capacity-building programme consisted in a workshop and training on the institutional framework, mechanisms, and tools for public consultation in policy and legislation making. It took place on 21-22 December in Ramallah.

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OECD standards and principles including from the OECD Recommendation of the Council on Open Government<sup>2</sup> and the OECD Recommendation of the Council on Regulatory Policy and Governance<sup>3</sup>.

**Training on conducting public consultations and stakeholder engagement in regulatory policy  
(part 2)**

<b>Content Day 1 – 9 May</b>	<b>Time (Ramallah time)</b>
Registration & Pre-training evaluation	08:30 – 09:00
<b>Session 1 – Scope and form of stakeholder engagement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Identifying the purpose of the consultation</li> <li>– Selecting the form of engagement depending on level of contribution required (notification, consultation, and active participation)</li> </ul>	09:00 – 10:30
Coffee Break	10:30 – 11:00
<b>Session 2 – Timing and targets of public consultations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Adopting stakeholder engagement throughout the policy and regulatory cycle from early to late-stage</li> <li>– Defining a timeframe for the different stages of the consultation process</li> <li>– Mapping stakeholders and identifying who gets involved in the consultation process</li> <li>– Ensuring the accessibility of public consultations (content, format and channel), including through online portals</li> </ul>	11:00 – 12:45
<b>Session 3 – Appropriate means for regulatory consultation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Understanding the different types of existing tools for public consultation (informal consultations, public hearings, online consultation, focus groups, etc.)</li> <li>– Selecting the appropriate channel(s) for regulatory consultation</li> <li>– Explaining the potential of using ICTs, and the specificities and different tools that can be used for online consultation</li> </ul>	12:45 – 14:00
Lunch	14:00–

<b>Content Day 2 – 10 May</b>	<b>Time (Ramallah time)</b>
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<sup>2</sup> <https://legalinstruments.oecd.org/en/instruments/OECD-LEGAL-0438>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.oecd.org/gov/regulatory-policy/2012-recommendation.htm>

Registration	08:30 – 09:00
<b>Session 5 – Monitoring, evaluating and communicating on the results of the public consultation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Ensuring responsiveness through continuous monitoring and evaluation</li> <li>– Publishing public comments, providing feedback and following up on comments received, notably using online portals</li> <li>– Reporting on consultation findings and integrating inputs in the policy or regulation (see Practice 5 in draft Good Practices Manual)</li> </ul>	09:00 – 10:00
Coffee break	10:00 – 10:15
Intervention from OECD peer on best practices and lessons learned & Q/A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Peter Kováč</b>, Senior Counsellor, Secretariat of RIA Commission, Ministry of Economy, Slovakia</li> </ul>	10:15 – 12:15
Coffee break	12:15 – 12:30
<b>Session 6 – Putting it together</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Exercise to develop a consultation plan and consultation report for a draft regulation based on Practice 5 in draft Good Practices Manual including a stakeholder mapping, the identification of the form of engagement based on impact, reporting on consultation findings</li> </ul>	12:30 – 14:00
Recap and evaluation of the training	14:00 - 14:15
Lunch	14:15 –