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EUROPEAN OPEN GOVERNMENT LEADERS' FORUM **Participation as a key to better policy making**

Milan – 5 February 2018

The Forum will gather policy-makers, senior civil servants, high level experts and Civil Society Organizations' representatives from across Europe to discuss the role of civic participation for better policy making and improved public governance systems. The debate will also be aimed at generating new political support for open government and strengthening commitment to action. The event will include a morning and an afternoon session.

<i>09.00 – 09.30</i>	<i>Registration & welcome</i>
<i>09.30 – 10.30</i>	<i>Theme 1</i>
<i>10.30 – 11.30</i>	<i>Theme 2</i>
<i>11.30 – 12.30</i>	<i>Theme 3</i>
<i>13.00 – 13.30</i>	<i>Conclusions</i>
<i>13.30 – 15.00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>15.00 – 16.30</i>	<i>Afternoon session</i>

The **morning session** will consist of an interactive discussion to better understand how participation can effectively foster innovation, improve public services and restore trust between public institutions and citizens. There will be three thematic **fish-bowl conversations** to facilitate interaction among participants and help get structured proposals that can inspire political commitment in the region. The focus of the sessions will be models of civic participation at central, local and European level.

The **afternoon session** will be dedicated to administrations and associations that will present participation best practices at subnational level coming from the OGP subnational programs and from an ad hoc scouting exercise by Italian CSOs. The session will include two parallel events: a

poster gallery with texts and multimedia material where participants will have the opportunity to follow a path across Europe and read about 20 best practices. An interactive **talk** with speakers presenting in greater detail 10 of the 20 best practices selected.

The Forum takes place on the first day of the Italian **2018 Open Government Week - OGW** (5-11 February 2018), a collaboration exercise for public administration and civil society as well as an initiative to promote engagement and enhance the sense of community among all open government key players. The 2nd OGW is an opportunity for public administration and civil society to discuss how they can work together to build a culture of transparency, participation and innovation and make this available to citizens. In line with the principles of open government, the OGW does not have centrally organized events. In fact, the agenda is open to all initiatives that civil society administrations and organizations spontaneously propose.

In 2018 the OGW for the first time will go Global during the month of April and the OGP Support Unit together with the Italian Government will give Governments and CSOs the support to set up the events and discussion that would help build momentum globally to rise political commitment for open government policies. Already in February OGW events will be held in countries across Europe.

Working languages will be Italian and English. Simultaneous translation will be provided.