**Attachment for Turkey Central Government GTMI Survey:**

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**I-30: Are there national platforms that allow citizens to participate in policy decision-making? :**

According to Article 74 of the Turkish Constitution, citizens and foreigners resident in Turkey, with the condition of observing the principle of reciprocity, have the right to apply in writing to the competent authorities and to the Grand National Assembly of Turkey with regard to the requests and complaints concerning themselves or the public. Likewise, according to Article 115 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee on Petitions examines the requests and complaints submitted to the Office of the Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey by Turkish citizens and, on the basis of the principle of reciprocity, by foreign nationals residing in Turkey, regarding the matters related to themselves or the public.

Individual applications can be submitted to the Committee on Human Rights Inquiry, the Committee on Petitions, and the Committee on Equal Opportunity for Women and Men.

Non-governmental organizations participate in policy making by participating in the meetings of parliamentary committees and expressing their views.

Citizens, especially by submitting petitions to the Committee on Petitions and the Committee on Human Rights Inquiry, demand legal regulation on various issues. Likewise, citizens could submit petitions to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men on the grounds of violation and discrimination of the equality between women and men.

**I-30.1 Citizen participation portal URL**:

* For the Committee on Petitions

https://www.tbmm.gov.tr/Komisyon/Dilekce-giris

* For the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men

[kefek@tbmm.gov.tr](mailto:kefek@tbmm.gov.tr)

* For the Committee on Human Rights Inquiry <https://www.tbmm.gov.tr/ihtisaskomisyonlariinsanhaklari-anasayfa>

**GOVERNMENT RESPONSIVENESS**

**I-32.3 Does the government publish its citizen engagement performance/results?:**

The committees which receive individual applicants regularly provide statistics on applications received by them through legislative activity reports.

**I-32.4 Any government initiative to improve the representation of vulnerable groups?**

The committees which receive individual applicants may open an inquiry on any subject upon the application, or by its own initiative. They may conduct its inquiry by sub-committees when necessity arises.