



HUNGARY

Midterm Self-Assessment Report

Second Open Government National Action Plan 2015-2017

1. Introduction

Hungary's second Open Government Partnership Action Plan for 2015-2017 (hereinafter referred to as second OGP Action Plan) was adopted by [Government Decision 1460/2015](#) on 8th July 2015. The Midterm Self-Assessment Report (hereinafter referred to as Report) describes the elaboration of the second OGP Action Plan, the consultation process, the objectives of the commitments and the progress made in implementation by 30th September 2016. The Report was prepared according to the criteria and format prescribed in the relevant guideline published by OGP Support Unit ([Government Point of Contact Manual](#)).¹

The introduction chapter of the Report presents how the commitments of the second OGP Action Plan contribute to the achievement of the four core principles of OGP (transparency, civic participation, public accountability, technology and innovation for openness and accountability). The commitments undertaken in the framework of OGP also relate to one or more of the five OGP grand challenges. The challenges are as follows: improving public services, increasing public integrity, more effectively managing public resources, creating safer communities, increasing corporate accountability.

The second OGP Action Plan contains in total eight commitments. Some commitments relate to more than one core principles, thus seven commitments aim at increasing transparency, six commitments aim at enhancing civil participation, four commitments promote public accountability, and three commitments involve the use of technology and innovation for openness and accountability.

	Commitment	Related OGP principle	OGP challenge addressed
1.	Making local governments' practice regarding publicity and information disclosure more efficient by publishing a guideline and holding seven workshops	transparency civic participation public accountability	improving public services more effectively managing public resources
2.	Improving the graphic presentation of the draft central budget and its amendments, and of the implemented central budget	transparency civic participation public accountability use of technology and innovation	improving public services more effectively managing public resources

¹ See: http://www.opengovpartnership.org/sites/default/files/ogp_2016_poc_manual.pdf

3.	Publishing a guideline to support compliance with the rules on contact with lobbyists	transparency public accountability	increasing public integrity more effectively managing public resources
4.	Providing an e-learning training on the freedom of information in the training system of state and local government organisations	transparency civic participation public accountability	increasing public integrity creating safer communities
5.	Elaborating training packages on corruption prevention and integrity for citizens and local governments, and promoting the training for local governments by holding seven model training events	civic participation	improving public services increasing public integrity
6.	Developing a user-friendly website for public consultation on draft legislations and strategies	transparency civic participation	improving public services creating safer communities
7.	Launching a pilot project on improving the searching and processing of local government decrees and the records of municipal council sessions	transparency use of technology and innovation	improving public services increasing public integrity
8.	Developing a mobile application facilitating contact with police and public administration agencies	transparency civic participation use of technology and innovation	improving public services creating safer communities

The efficiency of local governments' practice regarding the publicity of local decision-making and disclosure will be improved by publishing a guideline and organizing seven workshops promoting the guideline across the country. The guideline will help local governments to fully comply with the disclosure obligations prescribed by Act CXII of 2011 *on the Right of Information Self-Determination and the Freedom of Information* (hereinafter referred to as Information Act) and therefore it will improve their transparency. In addition, the full publicity of information on the operation of local governments will help citizens to be better informed about local matters; thereby it supports civic participation and strengthens public trust in local governments. Furthermore, the accessibility of public information is key to responsible and accountable management.

Improving the graphic presentation of the draft central budget and its amendments, and of the implemented central budget will facilitate the easier search of budget data and the more detailed and understandable presentation of it. With the use of technology and innovation the transparency of public finances will improve, which will also have a favourable effect on civic participation and public accountability.

Contact between public administration agencies controlled or supervised by the Government and lobbyists is regulated by Government Decree 50/2013 *on the system of integrity management at public administration bodies and the procedural rules of receiving lobbyists* (hereinafter referred to as Integrity Decree) adopted on 25 February 2013. The **guideline on contact with lobbyists** provides assistance in resolving dilemmas concerning the application of the regulation and supports the effective assessment and management of integrity risks associated with meeting with lobbyists. The commitment therefore improves the integrity of public bodies.

Providing an e-learning training on the freedom of information in the training system of state and local government organisations will help experts regularly performing tasks related to the management of public information to overcome the practical problems and difficulties of disclosure and will thereby improve the disclosure of public information. This facilitates transparent and accountable management and also improves public trust in public and local government organisations. Moreover, the timely and adequate fulfilment of requests for information helps citizens and their organisations to be informed about public matters and public services, which forms the basis of civic participation.

In order to provide information on corruption prevention and integrity to citizens, we will develop a mobile application. The application will promote the culture of integrity and raise awareness of the importance of preventing corruption in an entertaining and interactive way. The target group is mainly, but not exclusively people aged 16-25. The aim of the training package and the two-day long model training events is to **disseminate information on corruption prevention amongst local governments and to strengthen their commitment towards integrity**. The commitment increases the integrity of local governments' integrity and contributes to enhancing civic participation.

The legal framework of public consultation on draft legislations and strategies is in place in Hungary. **Renewing the website used for public consultation will result in a user-friendly and searchable electronic platform**, and thus it enhances the transparency of public agencies and strengthens civic participation.

In a pilot project, we will assess how searching and processing local government decrees and records of municipal council sessions can be made easier. The effective and user-friendly IT development options identified in the pilot project may provide basis for future developments aimed at enhancing the transparency of local decision-making.

The **mobile application facilitating contact with police and public administration agencies** will make the police and public administration agencies more accessible, primarily for younger generations, by providing assistance in common administrative procedures in an understandable and clear manner. The app will help the public understand agencies work, which will also strengthen public trust in them.

2. The process of developing and implementing the second OGP Action Plan

The process of developing the second OGP Action Plan started on 22 December 2014 by publishing the roadmap for its adoption. As the next step, the Department of Corruption Prevention of the National Protective Service (hereinafter referred to as NVSZ) held, in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior, a consultation with the participation of public agencies, civil society organisations and experts on 12 January 2015. The consultation focused on discussing the NGOs' comments on the self-assessment report of the first OGP Action Plan with a view to identify the remaining tasks related to the commitments. As the result of the consultation, recommendations were made by a civil society organisation in connection with several commitments.

Having regard to the above-mentioned comments and the observations of the IRM Progress Report, NVSZ made a proposal on the commitments of the second OGP Action Plan. The proposal was formulated by using the template contained in the relevant guideline published by OGP Support Unit and by complying with the requirements (concise and easy to understand language) included therein. On 9 March 2015, this proposal was sent to civil society organisations and experts via e-mail for preliminary consultation, asking for their view on the draft commitments or proposals for new commitments, as well as asking them to notify NVSZ of their intention to participate in the implementation of the individual commitments as civil co-operators.

Five of the civil society organisations and experts consulted submitted comments and observations on the draft commitments, some of which were incorporated in the given commitment or included as a new commitment in the draft.

The majority of the remaining comments were not incorporated into the second OGP Action Plan because they are covered by the 2015-2018 National Anti-corruption Programme (hereinafter: NACP). The third group of the comments were not incorporated into the second OGP Action Plan because they were already included in the draft commitments so there was no need to include them anew. However, the wording of the given commitment was made more precise accordingly.

Following the preliminary consultation and concurrently with the public administration consultation, a broad public consultation was launched on the draft of the second OGP Action Plan. In the course of the latter in person and online consultations took place with civil society organisations and experts and, in order to ensure the broadest possible outreach, the draft was published for comments on the governmental website and the thematic corruption prevention website (korrupciomegelozes.kormany.hu) as well.

The Government approved the second OGP Action Plan in Government Decision 1460/2015 (hereinafter referred to as Government Decisions) on 8 July 2015. The Government Decision lists the commitments, designates the ministries responsible for implementation and the deadline of implementation. The Action Plan prepared according to the OGP guideline and attached to the Government Decision as an annex describes the process of its elaboration and presents each commitment in detail. In some cases, the Government Decision sets deadlines other than the deadlines indicated in the Action Plan annexed to it, in which case the deadline specified in the Government Decision prevails. Consequently, the implementation of the

commitments presented in Chapter 4 is also based on the deadlines indicated in the Government Decision.

Similarly to other states participating in OGP, the involvement of civil society organisations and experts in the implementation of the commitments is ensured through written or in-person consultations held on the given commitment. We involved local government associations and all civil society organisations active in the field of anti-corruption and transparency in the elaboration and implementation of the second OGP Action Plan. Concurrently with the commencement of the implementation phase, the Ministry of Interior, co-ordinating the consultations, circulated among civil society organisations a table containing the form and expected time of consultation on each commitment. In three of eight commitments, both written and in-person consultation will take place. In-person consultation will be held in two commitments, and written consultation will be provided during the implementation of three commitments.

Commitment	In-person consultation	Written consultation
<p>Making local governments' practice regarding publicity and information disclosure more efficient by publishing a guideline and holding seven workshops</p>	<p>In order to identify problems relating to the disclosure practice of local governments and to outline the content of the guideline, we organised a workshop for civil society organisations, local governments and public agencies on 20 July 2016.</p>	<p>Prior to the workshop in the form of written consultation, we asked the help of civil society organisations and local government associations to identify good practices, practical experience and difficulties. Written consultation on the draft guideline, developed after the workshop, started on 22 September 2016.</p>
<p>Improving the graphic presentation of the draft central budget and its amendments, and of the implemented central budget</p>	<p>In order to identify international best practises and expectations concerning the content of the website, consultation (workshop) will be organised with the involvement of civil society organisations in the last quarter of 2016.</p>	<p>----</p>
<p>Publishing a guideline to support compliance with the rules on contact with lobbyists</p>	<p>In December 2015, NVSZ organised a workshop for the representatives of business community, civil society organisations and integrity advisors to discuss the current issues of lobbying.</p>	<p>Written consultation was held on the draft guideline in June 2016.</p>
<p>Providing an e-learning training on the freedom of information in the training system of state and local government organisations</p>	<p>----</p>	<p>Written consultation was held on the draft core curriculum of the training in June 2016.</p>

Elaborating training packages on corruption prevention and integrity for citizens and local governments, and promoting the training for local governments by holding seven model training events	----	Written consultation will be held on the content of the mobile application for citizens and the draft training package for local governments in the second half of 2016.
Developing a user-friendly website for public consultation on draft legislations and strategies	The test version of the website will be presented to civil society organisations in the autumn of 2016.	----
Launching a pilot project on improving the searching and processing of local government decrees and the records of municipal council sessions	----	The report summarising the results of the pilot project will be shared with civil society organizations in the first quarter of 2017.
Developing a mobile application facilitating contact with police and public administration agencies	In order to elaborate the key elements of the application's content, in-person consultation was held on 22 September 2016.	Written consultation will be held on the content of the application in October-November 2016.

During the written consultation, civil society organizations are provided with the same time as public agencies, but never less than 5 working days, to submit comments and proposals. Civil society organisations are informed of the comments received and how they were handled via email following the consultation.

To facilitate the implementation of the commitments, NVSZ established the Corruption Prevention and Integrity Working Group which serves as a platform for consultation between public agencies. The members of the working group work together in the framework of one of the following sub-working groups; Integrity Sub-Working Group, Sub-Working Group for the Revision of Legislations, Sub-Working Group on Education, Training and Awareness Raising, Sub-working Group on the Transparency of Businesses. All ministries and 21 other public agencies participate in the sub-working groups. The bulk of the work is done through written consultation, but in-person meetings are held as necessary.

3. Having regard to taking the recommendations of the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM)

In this chapter, we present how the IRM report's recommendations relating to the first OGP Action Plan were used during the development of the second OGP Action Plan.

In general, it can be concluded that the second OGP Action Plan was prepared by focusing on the IRM recommendations in terms of the scope and general topics of action plan. The following general recommendations of the IRM report were taken into account during the preparation of the second OGP Action Plan:

- fewer but better defined, measurable commitments;
- continue the commitments of the first OGP Action Plan that were not implemented or not fully implemented, if necessary in a revised or clarified form;
- delineate the OGP commitments from measures defined in other strategies (primarily the NACP), eliminate redundancies;

- favour commitments that go beyond anti-corruption and relate to other aspects of open governance.

Five of the eight commitments of the second OGP Action Plan are the continuation of commitments made in the first action plan which was not achieved or not fully achieved. By keeping the IRM recommendations in mind, we tried to eliminate the problems that previously prevented the implementation of these recommendations, and tried to come up with solutions that would enable the successful achievement of them.

When developing the new commitments, we took into account the general recommendations of the IRM report, especially that the scope of open governance goes beyond anti-corruption.

4. Implementation of the commitments made in the second OGP Action Plan

In this chapter we use the template of the applicable OGP guideline to present the status of implementation of each commitment. In the *Number and Name of Commitment* field, the number of the relevant paragraph of the Government Decision is indicated in brackets, and the deadline stated in the Government Decision is understood as the end date.

Theme	
Freedom of information	
Number and Name of Commitment	
1. Making local governments' practice regarding publicity and information disclosure more efficient by publishing a guideline and holding seven workshops (Paragraph 3 of the Government Decision)	
Commitment Start and End Date: 1 July 2015 - 31 December 2016	The commitment is New/ <u>Ongoing</u>
Lead implementing agency:	Ministry of Interior, National Protective Service
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Title, Department:	Head of Department, National Protective Service, Corruption Prevention Department
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Other actors involved	Government Ministries, Department/ Agency
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups
	Prime Minister's Office National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information State Audit Office National University of Public Service Atlatszo.hu Budapest Institute eDemocracy Workshop K-Monitor Corruption Research Center Budapest Hungarian Civil Liberties Union Transparency International Hungary,

		National Association of Local Governments Hungarian Association of Local Governments National Association of County Governments National Association of Local Governments of Small Towns National Association of Local Governments of Villages, Small Settlements and Micro Regions Hungarian Village Association Association of Cities with County Rights Association of Budapest Local Governments National Association of Public Notaries			
Status quo or problem/issue to be addressed	It was established in the Progress Report on the first OGP Action Plan that in Hungary the number of public organisations fully complying with disclosure obligation is low. Government offices, within the framework of their monitoring activity of the operation of local governments, continuously monitor compliance with the disclosure obligation, but a more efficient stimulation of those concerned is required. The written motions for public sessions of the municipal council and committees are often not accessible in an archived form before and after the sessions, which hinders citizens from learning about the background of decisions.				
Main objective	To facilitate compliance with the obligation of disclosure and ensure publicity building on the experience of government offices gained during supervising legal compliance.				
Brief description of commitment	<i>Hungary undertakes to develop a methodological guideline to facilitate compliance with the obligations on publicity and organise - taking into account the number of the regions - seven workshops at the national level for the presentation of the guideline.</i>				
Relevance <i>Description of the way in which the completion of this commitment makes governance more open or develops governance through greater openness.</i>	transparency and access to information civic participation public accountability				
Ambition <i>Brief description of the intended results of the commitment.</i>	Local governments' compliance with disclosure obligation and their publicity will improve.				
Completion level	Not started	Limited	Substantial	Completed	
			X		
Description of the results <i>Description of the specific actions taken to complete the commitment during the reporting period.</i>	NVSZ prepared the draft of the guideline, which was sent to the experts of the National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information (hereinafter referred to as NAIH) and the Ministry of Interior for comments. We then sent a questionnaire to a large number of local government associations and civil society organizations in order to collect input on good practices, practical experience and difficulties. 51 local governments responded to our request. Their experience and proposals were integrated into the draft. In July 2016, we organized a workshop, where public				

	agencies, local governments and civil society organisations active in the field of anti-corruption and transparency could share their views and proposals. Written consultation on the revised draft guideline with local government associations and civil society organisations started on 22 September 2016.
End date	31 December 2016
Next steps <i>Steps required for the completion of the commitment, risks and challenges relating to the implementation.</i>	Publish the finalized guideline and organize the seven workshops.

Theme Transparency	
Number and Name of Commitment 2. Improving the graphic presentation of the draft central budget and its amendments, and of the implemented central budget (Paragraph 4 of the Government Decision)	
Commitment Start and End Date: 1 July 2015 - 31 May 2017	The commitment: New/ <u>Ongoing</u>
Lead implementing agency:	Hungarian State Treasury
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Other actors involved	Government Ministry of National Economy Ministry of Interior Ministry of National Development National Protective Service National Security Service National Research, Development and Innovation Office
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups Transparency International Hungary K-Monitor Association Association of Hungarian Doctor Candidates Association of IT, Telecommunications and Electronic Enterprises Society of Hungarian Value Analysts
Status quo or problem/issue to be addressed	The IRM progress report on the first OGP Action Plan established that the availability of the online data base on budget expenditure improved the accessibility of data; however, its format made it cumbersome to perform policy analyses, and the standard of its graphic presentation did not meet international standards.

Main objective	Keeping budget data up-to-date and developing their graphic display.			
Brief description of commitment	<i>Hungary undertakes to improve the online access to budget data and to make it its graphic presentation more understandable.</i>			
Relevance <i>Description of the way in which the completion of this commitment makes governance more open or develops governance through greater openness.</i>	transparency civic participation public accountability use of technology and innovation			
Ambition <i>Brief description of the intended results of the commitment.</i>	The usability and comprehensibility of budget data published online will improve.			
Completion level	Not started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
		X		
Description of the results <i>Description of the specific actions taken to complete the commitment during the reporting period.</i>	We plan to implement the Transparency Portal in the framework of the <i>KÖFOP-2.2.5-VEKOP-15 - Transparency in the use of public funds, data warehouse of public finances</i> project. The application for grant has been submitted, the required preparatory work began, and the concept of the website has been elaborated. The detailed feasibility study was completed by the end of August. The technical specification constituting the basis of the public procurement required for implementation has also been completed.			
End date	31 May 2017			
Next steps <i>Steps required for the completion of the commitment, risks and challenges relating to the implementation.</i>	In order to assess the requirements of civil society organizations and international best practices relating to the data content and graphic display of the Transparency Portal, we intend to involve civil society organisations through organizing workshops prior to the start of the project and also later, during the implementation phase. Based on the requirements identified, the already available data content will be supplemented and a new, advanced technology, interactive online website will be developed.			

Theme				
Strengthening the integrity of public administration agencies				
Number and Name of Commitment				
3. Making the communication with lobbyists more transparent in the public sector (Paragraph 5 of the Government Decision)				
Commitment Start and End Date: 1 July 2015 - 30 June 2016			The commitment: New/ <u>Ongoing</u>	
Lead implementing agency:	Ministry of Interior, National Protective Service			
Name of the person responsible from implementing agency:	dr. Piroska Váradi			
Title, Department:	Head of Department, National Protective Service, Department of Corruption Prevention			
Email:	kmf@nvsz.police.hu			
Phone:	+36-1/462-7539			
Other actors involved	Government	Ministry of Justice National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information		
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Atlatzo.hu Budapest Institute eDemocracy Workshop K-Monitor Corruption Research Center Budapest Hungarian Civil Liberties Union Transparency International Hungary		
Status quo or problem/issue to be addressed	Gov. Decree 50/2013 (25 Feb) <i>on the system of integrity management at public administration bodies and the procedural rules of receiving lobbyists</i> took effect. It became necessary to publish a guideline supporting compliance with the regulation.			
Main objective	To make communication with lobbyists more transparent by supporting compliance with the relevant regulation.			
Brief description of commitment	Hungary undertakes to publish a guideline supporting compliance with the rules on contact with lobbyists.			
Relevance <i>Description of the way in which the completion of this commitment makes governance more open or develops governance through greater openness.</i>	transparency public accountability			
Ambition <i>Brief description of the intended results of the commitment.</i>	The communication and contact of public bodies with lobbyists will become more conscious and transparent. There will be a methodological guideline available on communication and contact with lobbyists.			
Completion level	Not started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
				X
Description of the results <i>Description of the specific</i>	The elaboration of the guideline facilitating compliance with the rules on communication with lobbyists started with holding of a workshop in December 2015 organized by NVSZ. At the			

<i>actions taken to complete the commitment during the reporting period.</i>	workshop, representatives of the business community, civil society organisations active in the field of anti-corruption and transparency and integrity advisors exchanged views. In February 2016, NVSZ conducted a questionnaire-based consultation with the future “end-users” of the guideline, i.e. the integrity advisors, in order to collect best practices and challenges. The answered received formed a key input when preparing the draft guideline, on which written consultation was held with the co-responsible Ministry of Justice, the NAIH and the integrity advisors in May 2016. Then written consultations were held with civil society organisations in June 2016 in the course of which no comments were received. The guideline is available from 28 June 2016 at www.korrupciomegelozes.kormany.hu .
End date	30 June 2016
Next steps <i>Steps required for the completion of the commitment, risks and challenges relating to the implementation.</i>	The commitment has been completed.

Theme Freedom of information	
Number and Name of Commitment	
4. Providing an e-learning training on the freedom of information in the training system of state and local government organisations (Paragraph 6 of the Government Decision)	
Commitment Start and End Date: 1 July 2015 - 30 June 2016	The commitment: New/ <u>Ongoing</u>
Lead implementing agency:	Ministry of Interior, National Protective Service
Name of the person responsible from implementing agency:	dr. Piroska Váradi
Title, Department:	Head of Department, National Protective Service, Department of Corruption Prevention
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Other actors involved	Government Prime Minister’s Office National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information National University of Public Service Ministry of Justice

	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Atlatszo.hu Budapest Institute eDemocracy Workshop K-Monitor Corruption Research Center Budapest Hungarian Civil Liberties Union Transparency International Hungary			
Status quo or problem/issue to be addressed	The National University of Public Service, with experts of the National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information involved, have prepared a draft curriculum on the freedom of information, which should be reviewed with the active participation of the civil society organisations concerned.				
Main objective	Strengthen the integrity of public administration and support freedom of information.				
Brief description of commitment	<i>Hungary undertakes to include elements on the freedom of information in the training system of public administration organisations to provide clear guidance for state and local government officials on the self-reliant, proactive publication of data of public interest, building on the experience of the civil society organisations in the field.</i>				
Relevance <i>Description of the way in which the completion of this commitment makes governance more open or develops governance through greater openness.</i>	transparency and access to information civic participation public accountability				
Ambition <i>Brief description of the intended results of the commitment.</i>	To strengthen awareness on the publication of data of public interest and compliance with relevant regulations. The curriculum on information on information freedom is available in the form of an e-learning training program.				
Completion level	Not started	Limited	Substantial	Completed	
				X	
Description of the results <i>Description of the specific actions taken to complete the commitment during the reporting period.</i>	<p>As the first step of the implementation phase, we reviewed the draft curriculum prepared by the National University of Public Service (hereinafter referred to as NKE) and NAIH in the framework of the first OGP Action Plan.</p> <p>During the review of the former curriculum, it was concluded that it had to be revised due to changes in the legal background. In the meantime, NKE developed an e-learning training program dedicated to the freedom of information and data protection which presented the relevant legal and institutional structure in general.</p> <p>Since duplicating that training would have been useless, we opted for the solution of developing a training program that provides practical support to public administration experts who regularly perform tasks related to disclosure and public information. Thus the training program focuses on practical questions and problems. The key elements of the e-learning program are the role of the freedom of information in a democratic constitutional state; the citizens' need for proactive disclosure and access to data of public</p>				

	<p>interest. Apart from a core curriculum, the e-learning program contains a glossary, a list of relevant regulations, self-checking questions based on practical examples, sample exercise helping with the fulfilment of information requests, and a video presentations that helps with learning the core curriculum.</p> <p>Civil society organisations active in the field of anti-corruption and transparency were consulted in writing on the core curriculum titled “Freedom of Information and Open Governance”, which constitutes the backbone of the whole e-learning program. The majority of the comments received were integrated into the curriculum.</p> <p>The e-learning training program was enlisted as a further training program by the College for Further Training of Public Administration on 5 July 2016. The core curriculum of the training is available at www.korrupciomegelozes.kormany.hu.</p>
End date	30 June 2016
Next steps <i>Steps required for the completion of the commitment, risks and challenges relating to the implementation.</i>	The commitment has been completed.

Theme Strengthening integrity			
Number and Name of Commitment 5. Disseminating information on corruption prevention and integrity (Paragraph 7 of the Government Decision)			
Commitment Start and End Date: 1 July 2015 - 31 December 2016	The commitment: New/ <u>Ongoing</u>		
Lead implementing agency:	Ministry of Interior, National Protective Service		
Name of the person responsible from implementing agency:	dr. Piroska Váradi		
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	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Atlatszo.hu Budapest Institute eDemocracy Workshop K-Monitor Corruption Research Center Budapest Hungarian Civil Liberties Union Transparency International Hungary		
Status quo or problem/issue to be addressed	At the OGP summit in autumn 2013 in London, Hungary announced to make a complementary commitment related under its OGP membership, to be incorporated in the next national action plan. One of these commitments aimed at making the integrity training programs launched in 2013 open to interested citizens and civil society organisations. In the course of 2013 and 2014, several training sessions with external participants involved took place. The current commitment strengthens and completes this earlier one.			
Main objective	To promote the culture of integrity by involving citizens and raising local government employees' awareness on corruption prevention.			
Brief description of commitment	<i>Hungary undertakes to develop a training package on corruption prevention and integrity for citizens and local governments. The training package for citizens is to be published for further free use and the one for local governments is to be presented at least seven sample training sessions at the national level, organised regionally.</i>			
Relevance <i>Description of the way in which the completion of this commitment makes governance more open or develops governance through greater openness.</i>	civic participation			
Ambition <i>Brief description of the intended results of the commitment.</i>	In order to strengthen trust between public administration organisations (especially local governments) and citizens, it is important that citizens be familiarised with the integrity attitude and public administration employees get direct feedback from citizens. The elaboration of the training package for local governments will contribute to sharing expertise at a high level and enhancing knowledge about corruption prevention.			
Completion level	Not started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
		X		
Description of the results <i>Description of the specific actions taken to complete the commitment during the reporting period.</i>	A concept document on the training for local governments was prepared by the experts of NKE and NVSZ, and the elaboration of the training package is in progress. The training will aim at strengthening local governments' commitment towards integrity-based governance. By the end of the training, participants will know the definition and basic principles of individual and organisation integrity. They will be able to recognise the components and practices of integrity in local governments' daily operation, the tools available for its maintenance, and to come up with proposals on further strengthening integrity.			

	<p>The commitment to develop a training package for citizens is based on a complementary commitment made to the first OGP Action Plan which made the integrity training organised for public administration experts open to citizens upon registration.</p> <p>The new commitment envisaged the development of a training package for citizens. The training package would have been published for further free use so that civil society organizations and companies can educate citizens or their employees on the importance of preventing corruption.</p> <p>Consequently, detailed information on integrity can be conveyed to people effectively only if it is preceded by awareness raising, i.e., disseminating information on the definition and importance of integrity and strengthening the commitment towards it.</p> <p>In view of the above, we decided to develop an entertaining, game-like mobile application building on practical examples to bring the concept of integrity closer to the people. The application targets mainly, but not exclusively the younger generation. The reason for this is that the anti-corruption campaign and the related outreach activity showed that people aged 16-25 are more open to a dialogue on corruption prevention and integrity and related dilemmas. Therefore, the promotion of responsible and active civic attitude is best started among younger generations.</p> <p>With the help of the mobile application (<i>Integrity Game</i>), users can solve dilemmas that are relevant to them and could occur in their everyday lives, and can respond to quiz-like questions on integrity and anti-corruption. The questions were developed by the experts of NVSZ, NKE, Ministry of Interior, the Police, and the National Crime Prevention Council with the involvement of integrity advisors.</p>
End date	31 December 2016
<p>Next steps <i>Steps required for the completion of the commitment, risks and challenges relating to the implementation.</i></p>	<p>Written consultation on the training package designed for local governments with civil society organisations and local government associations. The seven model training events will take place by the end of December 2016.</p> <p>Civil society organisation will have the opportunity to comment on or supplement the questions of the mobile application in a written consultation. After that, we will start developing the mobile application.</p>

Theme improving public services creating safer communities				
Number and Name of Commitment 6. Developing a website for public consultation on draft legislations and strategies (Paragraph 8 of the Government Decision)				
Commitment Start and End Date: 2015-2016			The commitment: <u>New/Ongoing</u>	
Lead implementing agency:	Prime Minister's Cabinet Office			
Name of the person responsible from implementing agency:	Dániel Kapi-Szabó			
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Other actors involved	Government	Ministry of Justice Ministry of Interior National Protective Service		
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups			
Status quo or problem/issue to be addressed	Act CXXXI of 2010 <i>on Public Participation in Developing Legislation</i> and Government Decree 38/2012 on <i>Government Strategic Management</i> ensure the suitable legal framework for public consultation during the preparation of legislations and strategies. Compliance with the provisions of the applicable regulations sometimes fails in practice, and often there is less time than prescribed for public consultation. The standardised summary made on the rejected comments and the reasons for their rejection is not always published.			
Main objective	To support public consultation and make it more efficient and interactive.			
Brief description of commitment	<i>Hungary undertakes to develop a website supporting public consultation on legislative and strategic drafts.</i>			
Relevance <i>Description of the way in which the completion of this commitment makes governance more open or develops governance through greater openness.</i>	transparency and access to information civic participation			
Ambition <i>Brief description of the intended results of the commitment.</i>	It promotes open, responsible and transparent governance accessible for citizens and thereby also contributes to the achievement of the objectives undertaken in relation to Hungary's participation in the Open Government Partnership initiative.			
Completion level	Not started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
			X	

Description of the results <i>Description of the specific actions taken to complete the commitment during the reporting period.</i>	The technical development of the website supporting public consultation on draft legislations and strategies was completed by the deadline specified in the Government Decision. At the moment, the website is being tested and the editors are being trained. The website was presented to the ministries and currently we are preparing the consultation with the civil social organisations. Following consultation with the social society organisations, the website will be launched.
End date	2016
Next steps <i>Steps required for the completion of the commitment, risks and challenges relating to the implementation.</i>	Completion of the test phase, consultation with the civil society organisations, launching the website.

Theme Transparency and civic participation	
Number and Name of Commitment 7. Launching a pilot project on improving the searching and processing of local government decrees and the records of municipal council sessions (Paragraph 9 of the Government Decision)	
Commitment Start and End Date: 1 July 2015 - 31 May 2017	The commitment: <u>New/Ongoing</u>
Lead implementing agency:	Ministry of Interior, National Protective Service
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Other actors involved	Government Prime Minister's Office NISZ Zrt.
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups Atlatszo.hu Budapest Institute eDemocracy Workshop K-Monitor Corruption Research Center Budapest Hungarian Civil Liberties Union Transparency International Hungary
Status quo or problem/issue to be addressed	It is a considerable challenge for local governments in Hungary to manage data of public interest and to provide access to them. Another problem is posed by the quality of their publication, which is performed in formats not readable by electronic devices.

Main objective	To improve access to the information and data content of local government documents.			
Brief description of commitment	<i>Hungary undertakes to examine, within the framework of a pilot project, the possibility of introducing an open source software developed for the machine processing of legal and public administration documents.</i>			
Relevance <i>Description of the way in which the completion of this commitment makes governance more open or develops governance through greater openness.</i>	transparency and access to information use of technology and innovation			
Ambition <i>Brief description of the intended results of the commitment.</i>	To examine the introduction of an international standard and related open source tools and make a comprehensive report on the necessary conditions for and expected advantages of the introduction.			
Completion level	Not started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
		X		
Description of the results <i>Description of the specific actions taken to complete the commitment during the reporting period.</i>	We consulted the relevant public agencies in order to identify synergies with other projects. An expert team is being organised which will be responsible for collecting theoretical and practical knowledge concerning the open standard-based solution selected in the framework of the pilot, and assessing the possibility and conditions of its extended application in Hungary and, finally, summarising the pilot project's experience.			
End date	31 May 2017			
Next steps <i>Steps required for the completion of the commitment, risks and challenges relating to the implementation.</i>	Organisation of the expert team, testing of the selected software, sharing the pilot project's results with the stakeholders, and deciding on the way forward.			

Theme				
Safer communities				
Number and Name of Commitment				
8. Developing a mobile application facilitating contact with police and public administration agencies (Paragraph 10 of the Government Decision)				
Commitment Start and End Date: 1 July 2015 - 31 May 2017			The commitment: <u>New/Ongoing</u>	
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Other actors involved	Government	National Police Headquarters		
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Atlatszo.hu Budapest Institute eDemocracy Workshop K-Monitor Corruption Research Center Budapest Hungarian Civil Liberties Union Hungarian Autoclub Transparency International Hungary		
Status quo or problem/issue to be addressed	As the use of smart phones has become widespread, a growing number of organisations providing public services has developed mobile applications that provide easy access and information to users. The police do not have such means at the moment even though the use of smart phones is almost general among the younger generation who are most vulnerable to criminal offences.			
Main objective	To facilitate access to public services by means of mobile phone applications.			
Brief description of commitment	<i>Hungary undertakes to develop a mobile phone application facilitating communication with the police.</i>			
Relevance <i>Description of the way in which the completion of this commitment makes governance more open or develops governance through greater openness.</i>	transparency and access to information civic participation use of technology and innovation			
Ambition <i>Brief description of the intended results of the commitment.</i>	With the help of a mobile phone application, access to police and public administration organisations will improve and citizens' communication with them will become easier.			
Completion level	Not started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
		X		

<p>Description of the results <i>Description of the specific actions taken to complete the commitment during the reporting period.</i></p>	<p>The implementation of this commitment will be financed by a project funded by the EU in the framework of <i>KÖFOP</i>. Due to the project's call for proposal, the commitment was modified so that the application not only aims at promoting the accessibility of police originations but also of public agencies. The application will contain a description of police and administrative procedures, information on corruption prevention, and a map. The concept of the application has been elaborated and in-person consultation was held with civil society organizations on 22 September 2016 to discuss the content of the application.</p>
<p>End date</p>	<p>31 May 2017</p>
<p>Next steps <i>Steps required for the completion of the commitment, risks and challenges relating to the implementation.</i></p>	<p>Prior to beginning the development of the application, we will consult civil society organizations in writing on the draft contents.</p>