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NATIONAL ACTION PLAN 2018- 2020

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Introduction

The Romanian Government is at the 4th National Action Plan since joining the international initiative of Open Government Partnership in 2011, maintaining its steady efforts to promote transparency, participation in civic life and the use of new technologies at the level of public administration.

As a recognition of Romania's efforts since joining the Partnership, it was elected for a second consecutive mandate in the OGP Steering Committee in April 2018, the Government reaffirming, on this occasion, its commitment to respect the principles of the OGP and to promote them at the global level.

At the same time, Open Government Partnership actions are designed to support, complement or be complementary to national strategies with similar objectives, such as the 2016-2020 National Anti-Corruption Strategy, the 2014-2020 Strategy for Strengthening Public Administration, the 2014-2020 National Strategy for Research and Development, the 2020 National Strategy for the Digital Agenda for Romania or the National Strategy for Sustainable Development.

Thus, Romania reconfirms the interest in continuing the implementation of the commitments already undertaken and in the development of a new action plan in collaboration with civil society, in order to boost the activities related to priority themes such as transparency and public consultation in decision-making, including at the local level.

Open Government Efforts to Date

Over the past two years, Romania's open government efforts have been steady and resulted into actions promoting the objectives of the OGP at both national and international levels.

During the implementation of the 2016-2018 Plan, the OGP Club¹ hosted a series of debates on themes related to specific commitments such as Open Government at the Local Level (Timișoara), the commitments for which the Ministry of Public Consultation and Social Dialogue was the leading agency, the National Monitoring OGP Committee, Open Education in Romania, Open Data etc.

A series of working meetings have also been organised with the stakeholders on the Citizens' Budgets, Open Education, Open Parliament and Open Data commitments.

An online public consultation was carried out on the document *Recommendations regarding the Open Government Partnership at the local level*, guidelines developed by the Romanian

¹ <http://ogp.gov.ro/club-ogp/arhiva/>

Government in partnership with the NGO partners from the Centre for Public Innovation and Smart City Timișoara¹.

The collaboration between the governmental OGP unit and civil society members continued both during development and consultation, as well as during implementation and assessment of the commitments.

In addition, this collaboration included participation in and/or organisation of various events (Upgrade My City Timișoara², Open Education Conference Romania³, DiploHack Bucharest⁴, ICUB Seminary⁵) in partnership with members of civil society, academia, representatives of the diplomatic environment (US Embassy, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Embassy of the United Kingdom, Embassy of France), as well as support provided by public administration representatives to participants in programming marathons.

In 2017, Romania shared its experience gained in the OGP process with the occasion of the regional meeting in Slovakia, as well as during working meetings in the Netherlands with members of the government team and representatives of civil society (Open State Foundation).

The meeting in Bratislava⁶, Slovakia, on 7-8 September 2017 was organized by the OGP Support Unit and the Office of the Plenipotentiary Minister of the Government of the Slovak Republic in charge of Civil Society Development and brought together the OGP points of contact from the Republic of Moldova, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Greece, Romania, Bulgaria, UK, as well as representatives of the OGP Support Unit for Europe, the Independent Reporting Mechanism, the OGP Steering Committee and the Open Contracting Partnership. The discussion sessions had the following themes: Country highlights and Regional trends, Open Contracting, OGP Participation and Co-creation Standards & Multi-Stakeholder Forums and Awareness-raising on OGP.

At national level, the Multi-stakeholders Forum framework has been in place since 2016: The National Steering Committee for the implementation of the Open Government Partnership in Romania⁷. It was set up by the Memorandum for the approval of the 2016-2018 OGP National Action Plan and it is formed, following the model of the international OGP Steering Committee, from an equal number of representatives of public authorities and members of the civil society.

Representation by public institutions is ensured at state secretary level and substitute members of technical staff. The 7 civil society representatives were selected following the launch of an invitation to submit a letter of intent, based on the published eligibility criteria.

¹ <http://ogp.gov.ro/consultare-publica/consultare-publica-privind-parteneriatul-pentru-guvernare-deschisa-la-nivel-local/>

² <http://ogp.gov.ro/autoritati-locale/upgrade-my-city-timisoara-2016/>, <http://ogp.gov.ro/noutati/conferintele-upgrade-my-city-3-4-noiembrie-2017-timisoara/>

³ <http://ogp.gov.ro/noutati/conferinta-educatie-deschisa-romania-2017/>

⁴ <http://ogp.gov.ro/noutati/diplohack-9-septembrie-2016/>

⁵ <http://ogp.gov.ro/noutati/parteneriatul-pentru-guvernare-deschisa-stat-si-societate/>

⁶ <http://ogp.gov.ro/noutati/concluziile-intalnirii-regionale-a-punctelor-de-contact-ogp-din-europa-centrala-si-de-est/>

⁷ <http://ogp.gov.ro/comitetul-national-de-coordonare/>

The selection process was coordinated by the government representatives in the Committee on the basis of the eligibility criteria and following a public timeline with deadlines on: sending the Letter of Intent, publishing the enrolled candidate list, publishing the list of selected candidates, beginning the mandate of the 7 selected members.

Taking into account the activities the CSO Committee members need to undertake to fulfil their role (such as central or local meetings, ensure support for the implementation of NAP commitments, raising awareness on OGP etc.¹) the Secretariat General of the Government will ensure, starting 2019, a budgetary line for these actions, in accordance with the approved role and attributions of the Committee.

Starting May 2018, the Department for Open Government and Civil Society Relations has been set up at the level of the Secretariat General of the Government that will support the co-ordination of the Open Government Partnership.

Between November 2017 and March 2018, joint efforts of the government team, the Centre for Public Innovation and other members of the Open Data Coalition, with the support of the Dutch Embassy in Romania, contributed to organizing an important programming marathon on open culture. At CultureHack², programmers and representatives of public institutions have teamed up in order to develop digital projects for promoting cultural content.

In the context of the Open Government Week of May 2018, the Romanian Government promoted the objectives of the event and, through central public institutions, increased the number of open data published by the administration.

Although at a slower pace, examples of good practice on open government at local level have increased in recent years. As proof is that three municipalities (Cluj, Iași and Timișoara) applied to join the OGP Local Program³ in 2018. The Iași municipality was selected to join for the 2018-2020 cycle.

Another encouraging signal in this respect is the large number of applications in 2017 from local public administration authorities (111 ATUs) to join the program developed by the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration which provides methodological guidance for the implementation of the open government values⁴, respectively for the implementation of the *Recommendations on Open Government Partnership at the local level*.

National Action Plan development process

The 2018-2020 National Action Plan was drafted based on the proposals received from the central administration and civil society from March to June 2018.

¹ <http://ogp.gov.ro/noutati/clarificari-privind-privind-rolul-si-atributiile-comitetului-national-ogp/>

² <http://ogp.gov.ro/date-deschise/inscrie-te-la-culture-hack-scoate-cultura-din-tipare/>

³ <https://www.opengovpartnership.org/local/participants>

⁴ <http://ogp.gov.ro/autoritati-locale/guvernare-deschisa-la-nivel-local/>

On 14 March 2018, an online public consultation session was launched on the ogp.gov.ro site for the 2018-2020 National Action Plan¹, which was open for 2 months until 15 May 2018. In this first stage of the consultations, the aim was to lay the foundations for the new plan, with the suggestions for commitments received being complemented by proposals from public institutions or stakeholder meetings.

Anyone could submit proposals relevant to the principles of the Open Government Partnership: to promote a more open, responsible and effective governance by promoting transparency and the fight against corruption, encouraging civic participation in public life and using new technologies in public administration.

Following the public consultation, around 25 commitments were proposed by public institutions and 17 commitments were submitted by two non-governmental organizations: the Centre for Public Innovation and Expert Forum, the latter being published on the ogp.gov.ro² website and forwarded to the respective institutions for opinions.

Following the consultation of the institutions, the following proposals put forward by civil society were included in the Draft of the National Action Plan 2018-2020: Citizens' Budgets; Citizen participation in the decision-making process, Open Access, Transparency of political party funding and Open Education.

Commitments

The Plan seeks to continue implementing commitments from the 2016-2018 NAP, such as Open government at the local level, Justice, Increased consultation and participation among young people, but also includes new engagements in areas such as social services, consular services or the business environment.

The commitments are structured in the following main areas:

- Participation and consultation;
- Transparency;
- Justice and integrity;
- Social services;
- Open Data.

¹ <http://ogp.gov.ro/noutati/sesiune-de-consultare-publica-pna-2018-2020-si-calendar-2018/>

² <http://ogp.gov.ro/noutati/propuneri-pna-2018-2020-primite-pana-la-data-de-15-mai-2018/>

Participation and consultation

1. Standardization of practices on public consultation processes		
2018-2020		
Lead implementing agency/actor	The Secretariat General of the Government (SGG) - Directorate for Open Government and Civil Society	
Other actors involved	State actors	Ministries
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals	Non-governmental organizations experienced in the field
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?	Analyses of the current situation highlight a number of issues in the public authorities' work practices to ensure a participatory / representative decision-making process in the implementation of the framework law on public consultation (Law no.52/2003), namely issues related to: lack of standardization of practices, insufficient capitalization and non-standardized public communication on the recommendations received from the civil society.	
Commitment description		
What is the commitment?	With a view to fostering a culture of transparency and public consultation in the public administration and improving the public perception on the legitimacy of the decision-making process, the SGG will propose the improvement of the legal framework in the field by developing implementing rules leading to more efficient mechanisms of decisional transparency, as provided by Law no. 52/2003.	
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - standardizing the interpretation and application of the law in the practice of public consultation processes; - expanding the capacity to harness the recommendations received during the consultation process, the cornerstone of the collaboration between public administration and the community; - increasing the general level of information for 	

	citizens; - improving public services delivery.		
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?	Standardization of opening the processes of substantiating the decisions taken by the Romanian public administration to the interested parties will contribute to the improvement of the quality of the normative acts and to the optimization of their implementation processes, as well as to the accountability of the public authorities, while increasing the public decision's degree of integrity.		
Milestone activity with a verifiable deliverable	Responsible agency / partner	Start Date:	End Date:
Monitoring the public consultation processes of all ministries - as a relevant target group for public authorities (as main issuers of draft normative acts with a general impact at national level): filling questionnaires for statistical data at the level of all ministries + 1 meeting	SGG/Ministries	2018	2018
Identifying the most serious malfunctions in the public consultation process: online questionnaire addressed to civil society on each ministry's website for 30 days + 1 meeting with the non-governmental sector.	SGG/Ministries/NGOs	January 2019	March 2019
Establishing additional functionalities of the e-consultation platform through interaction between public authorities and the non-governmental sector: 1 meeting with representatives of ministries and 1 with non-governmental organizations	SGG/Ministries/NGOs	January 2019	June 2019
Elaboration of the implementing rules for increasing the efficiency of the decision-making mechanisms provided by the Law no. 52/2003.	SGG/Ministries/NGOs		2020
Additional information			
Correlation with other government programs/strategies	National Anticorruption Strategy 2016-2020, Strategy for Strengthening Public Administration		

2. Open Government at local level			
2018-2020			
Lead implementing agency/actor		Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration (MDRAP), Directorate for Ethics, Integrity and Good Governance	
Other actors involved	State actors	Secretariat General of the Government, County Councils	
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Centre for Public Innovation	
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?		At the level of the local public administration authorities, the degree of information and engagement on open government is low. There are initiatives and examples of good practice, but in the absence of better communication and dissemination of information, they are not replicated at the local government level.	
Commitment description			
What is the commitment?		Starting from the set of OGP principles, recommendations for open local government were developed and an enrolment session will open in a pilot program with 8 administrative-territorial units based on the OGP Local Program model.	
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increasing the number of local public administration authorities committing to specific measures for implementing OGP values; - Increasing the number of social actors involved in the decision-making process. 	
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?		Increasing the involvement of local public administration authorities in the OGP process, as well as citizen engagement in the decision-making process of these authorities.	
Milestone activity with a verifiable deliverable		Responsible agency / partner	Start Date: End Date:
Regional information sessions for promoting the Open Government		MDRAP	2018 2018

Recommendations for Local Authorities (8 sessions - 111 local public authorities)			
Implementation by the selected authorities of local action plans for their proposed projects with the support of the OGP central unit and NGOs already involved in the OGP process: i. Local consultations; ii. Identifying local level issues and priorities by involving all stakeholders; iii. Establishing local teams for developing and implementing collaborative projects / solutions.	MDRAP	January 2019	September 2019
Awarding the OGP at the local level Best Practice Award	MDRAP		October 2019
Additional information			
Correlation with other government programs/strategies	National Anticorruption Strategy		
Budget required (lei):	Resources were allocated through the EU funded project "Strengthening Integrity Systems - the Best Strategy to Prevent Corruption in Public Administration", SIPOCA 61, managed by DIBGPP.		

3. Citizens Budgets			
2018 - 2019			
Lead implementing agency/actor		Ministry of Public Finance (MFP), Office for Public Information, Public Relations and Transparency	
Other actors involved	State actors	Ministry for Regional Development and Public Administration (MDRAP)	
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals	Centre for Public Innovation Funky Citizens	
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?		The draft budget is publicly presented for debate, but the format of the document is very difficult to understand for the general public, even for citizens with a high level of education that are not experts in the field.	
Commitment description			
What is the commitment?		The commitment aims to gradually introduce, for the central and local government, the mandatory budgets for citizens, a narrative form of public budgets.	
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?		Effective management of public resources Improving public services	
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?		Introducing Citizens' Budgets as an information tool in the process of adopting public budgets	
Milestone activity with a verifiable deliverable	Responsible agency / partner	Start Date:	End Date:
Preparing a Budget for Citizens from the state budget for the year 2019 and presenting it during the consultation period	MFP	September 2018	December 2018
Making and presenting the BPC for the 2019 budget	MFP	December 2018	February 2019
Drafting and adopting rules that introduce BpC's obligation for all public authorities	MFP / MDRAP	TBD	TBD
Preparing, initiating and implementing a support program regarding the use of BpC for public authorities	MFP / MDRAP	TBD	TBD

4. Improve consultation and public participation for youth	
2018-2020	
Lead implementing agency/actor	Ministry of Youth and Sports (MTS), Directorate for Youth Projects and Policies
Other actors involved	State actors
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?	<p>Insufficient development of active citizenship among young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low involvement of young people in the specific projects of the Ministry of Youth and Sport / DSTR / DSTMB; • low participation of young people in the decision-making process regarding issues that concern the youth.
Commitment description	
What is the commitment?	<p>The commitment aims to undertake actions which lead to a collaborative relationship between authorities, youth and structures that work with young people, in order to generate dedicated action plans, with the help of dialogue mechanisms and tools, including ICT.</p> <p>The implemented actions and tools used will lead to the development of the social and civic competences of young people and to the increase of the decision makers' capacity, in order to contribute to building an open, diverse, intercultural and tolerant society.</p>
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthen the structured dialogue for policy making in the youth field, taking into account the views of young people; - Establishing and functioning of at least 83 youth advisory councils at local level: 41 advisory councils for youth at the level of county councils, 41 advisory councils for youth at the level of the local councils and of the county seat municipalities, 1 advisory

	<p>council at the level of CGMB;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selection of at least 300 projects for youth and students based on objective criteria and transparent methodologies; - Selection of at least 2000 participants, young people and students, on the basis of objective criteria and transparent methodologies, using ICT tools. 		
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?	Making an open decision-making process in the field of youth policies at national level		
Milestone activity with a verifiable deliverable	Responsible agency / partner	Start Date:	End Date:
Conducting public consultations by the National Working Group on Structured Dialogue and the network of youth workers with competences in the structured dialogue process	MTS		December 2018
Elaboration of contest methodologies for youth projects of ONGT/ONGS	MTS	2018	2020
Creating an online platform for selecting youth / student projects at the central level	MTS	2019	2020
Establishing youth advisory councils at the level of county councils and town halls of county residences	MTS	2018	2020
Funding by competition of at least 300 projects	MTS	2018	2020
Additional information			
Budget required (lei):	6.500.000 lei		
Correlation with other government programs/strategies	<p>National Strategy in the Field of Youth Policy 2015 – 2020</p> <p>The European Union Youth Strategy 2019 – 2027</p>		

5. Register of civil society proposals			
2018-2020			
Lead implementing agency/actor	Ministry of Transport (MT), Directorate of Communication, Relations with Trade Unions, Employers and Non-Governmental Organizations		
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?	At present, although the provisions of Law no. 52/2003, republished, allow the participation of civil society in the decision-making process in the public administration, the number of proposals received from its representatives is relatively low		
Commitment description			
What is the commitment?	On the website of the Ministry of Transport, www.mt.gov.ro , a section will be published for the proposals received from the civil society regarding draft normative acts initiated by the ministry. The section will be periodically updated with documents received from civil society.		
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?	By publishing the Registry, civil society representatives will be able to verify whether the proposals have been received, what is the registration number as well as the arguments of the specialized departments for the non-accepted amendments.		
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?	The major objective is to encourage civil society to participate in the decision-making process in the public administration by submitting proposals / comments on draft normative acts.		
Milestone activity with a verifiable deliverable	Responsible agency / partner	Start Date:	End Date:
Development of the section Register of Proposals	MT		2018
Uploading proposals received from civil society	MT	2018	2018
Updating with new proposals received from civil society	MT	2018	2020

Transparency

6. Extending standards on access to public information at the level of local public authorities							
2018-2020							
Lead implementing agency/actor		Secretariat General of the Government (SGG), Directorate for Open Government and Civil Society					
Other actors involved	State actors	Ministries					
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Associative structures of the local public administration at city and municipality level Centre for Public Innovation					
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?		At the level of the local public administration authorities, analyses of the current situation reveal a lower focus of transparency and access to information than in central administration.					
Commitment description							
What is the commitment?		SGG will continue to develop and expand the application of standards developed in the "Memorandum on Enhancing Transparency and Standardizing Public Interest Information" and in the "Memorandum for the Establishment of the Single Register of Transparency of Interests" at the level of municipalities and cities.					
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applying a minimum standard for local public authorities for displaying public interest information; - reducing the number of requests for information already found on the web pages of institutions; - increase the general level of information available to citizens. 					
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?		Increase transparency in the local public sector by standardized publication of an increased amount of public interest information					
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The half-yearly monitoring of the compliance of the target group practices covered by this commitment (municipalities) with the provisions of the two Memorandums	SGG	2018	2020
Identifying the most frequent issues in the ex-officio provision of public interest information in a standardized manner by the target group: 1 public consultation, online questionnaire	SGG / NGOs	2018	2020
Developing and updating the RUTI platform to include interactions between target group representatives covered by this commitment (municipalities) and specialized groups	SGG / MDRAP, MAI (TBD)	2018	2020
Half-yearly training sessions for the persons in charge with implementing the provisions of Law no. 544/2001 regarding the access to information of public interest within the target group covered by this commitment	SGG	2018	2020
Additional information			
Correlation with other government programs/strategies	National Anticorruption Strategy 2016-2020, Strategy for Strengthening Public Administration 2014-2020		

7. Improve the online information available for the national and international business sector			
2018-2020			
Lead implementing agency/actor		Ministry for Business Environment, Commerce and Entrepreneurship (MMACA)	
Other actors involved	State actors	The 9 Regional Agencies for SMEs, Export Investment and Export Promotion, subordinated to the MMACA Economic Commercial Promotion Offices	
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups		
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?		The MMACA has the task of improving the way and means of informing the target audience as efficiently and thoroughly as possible.	
Commitment description			
What is the commitment?		To improve the methods of promoting and informing the target audience in relation to the work of the MMACA.	
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creating an information platform for MMACA - Reducing the number of requests for information on the programs, policies and strategies developed and implemented by MMACA - Increasing citizen awareness 	
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?		<p>Increase transparency of MMACA</p> <p>Publish well-structured public information</p> <p>Improve the implementation of Law no. 544/2001 on free access to information of public interest.</p>	
Milestone activity with a verifiable deliverable	Responsible agency / partner	Start Date:	End Date:
Increase transparency in the communication process between applicants and the MMACA by developing a forum-type platform.	MMACA	September 2018	December 2020
Training sessions for the enforcement of	MMACA	January	December

Law no. 544/2001 regarding the access to information of public interest.		2018	2020
Developing information management guidelines	MMACA	September 2018	December 2018
Good Practice Contest at the MMACA to boost progress in this field with official recognition (award of excellence diplomas) at internal ceremonies.	MMACA	December 2018	December 2020
Managing and constantly updating published information	MMACA	September 2018	Permanent
Additional information			
Budget (lei)	max. 95,000 lei (MMACA budget)		
Correlation with other government programs/strategies	Law no. 544/2001 regarding the access to information of public interest Memorandum with the theme Increasing transparency and standardization of public disclosure of public information		

8. Digitalization of consular services performed by diplomatic missions and consular offices of Romania abroad	
2018-2020	
Lead implementing agency/actor	
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAE), Monitoring and Support for Consular Offices	
Other actors involved	State actors
	Diplomatic Missions and Consular Offices of Romania Abroad Ministry of Internal Affairs through the Directorate for Personnel Records and Database Administration (DEPABD), National Authority for Citizenship (ANC)
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups
	Associations of Romanian Communities Abroad
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?	The impressive increase in the number of Romanian citizens living abroad has led to the unprecedented multiplication of requests for consular services addressed to diplomatic missions and consular offices of Romania (MD / OC). Under these circumstances, the MAE has embarked on a comprehensive reform process through the full computerization of consular services by creating an integrated E-Cons platform.
Commitment description	
What is the commitment?	Promotion of the Online Consular Counter (www.econsulat.ro), which is the external portal of the IT System for Integrate Management of Services for Citizens (ISIMSC), so that an increasing number of people can have access to these modern tools in order to get information about the required consular services, forwarding the online request and schedule their visit to the consulate.
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?	- Better information of the Romanian citizens regarding the available consular services, the reduction of the visits to the consulate and the shortening of the time needed to obtain the

	<p>requested documents.</p> <p>Increasing the capacity of processing consular services by MD / OC.</p>		
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?	Increasing the quality of consular services offered to the Romanian citizens abroad.		
Milestone activity with a verifiable deliverable	Responsible agency / partner	Start Date:	End Date:
Organization of meetings with members of Romanian communities abroad for the presentation of the E-Cons platform	MD / OC	2018	December 2020
Popularizing the Online Consular Desk on online social media (Facebook sessions for questions and answers, tutorial posts and audio-visual promotion materials, private messages, etc.).	MAE	2018	December 2020
Organization of joint information campaigns MAE-MAI for Romanian citizens to request timely renewal of travel documents	MAE / MAI	2018	December 2020
Popularization of the Contact and Support Centre for Romanian Citizens Abroad (CCSCRS) among Romanian communities outside the borders	MAE / MD / OC	2018	December 2020
Feedback campaign on the services offered through the platform, as well as on what other services should be added	MAE / MD / OC	2018	2020
Further development of the platform to include the newest and most required services	MAE / MD / OC	2019	2020
Additional information			
Budget:	Existing funding from the state budget and community funds.		

9. Transparency in the funding of political parties			
2018-2020			
Lead implementing agency/actor		Permanent Electoral Authority (AEP)	
Other actors involved	State actors	Secretariat General of the Government	
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Centre for Public Innovation Expert Forum Political parties and alliances Minorities' organisations participating in elections Independent candidates	
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?		The Law on Funding Political Parties has clear and detailed provisions on the information that parties have to provide about their sources of funding and spending, both during and between the electoral campaigns. Permanent Electoral Authority collects this information. Some of them are published in the Official Gazette, others on the AEP website, and some are only available on request. Those published both in the Official Gazette and on the AEP website are available in closed formats, which are hard to process. There is no centralized information system that allows quick access to information, search, comparison, and correlation with other data.	
Commitment description			
What is the commitment?		Publishing in an open format the information provided by political parties on their sources of financing and expenditures, as provisioned by law.	
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?		-	
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?		Increased transparency in the funding of political parties	
Milestone activity with a verifiable deliverable	Responsible agency / partner	Start Date:	End Date:
Development of standards and specifications for reporting the required		2018	2018

data to the AEP by political parties, as provisioned by law.			
Development and approval of draft legislation to complement the secondary legislation already in place, with the aim of simplifying the reporting procedures and formats, as well as to introduce the mandatory reporting of data to the AEP in an open format, as provisioned by law.	AEP / Government of Romania	2018	June 2019
Publishing the data as submitted by political as open data.	AEP	July 2019	permanent
Additional information			
Budget	As necessary to hire two persons on parliamentary adviser status		
Correlation with other government programs/strategies	National Anticorruption Strategy 2016-2020		

10. Improving transparency in allocations and acquisitions from national investment funds			
2018-2020			
Lead implementing agency/actor		Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration (MDRAP)	
Other actors involved	State actors		
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Expert Forum (EFOR)	
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?		At present, there is limited data on how the funds are allocated, on public procurements and implementation of projects made through the National Program for Local Development (PNDL). In this context, the real impact and effectiveness of the program are difficult to quantify.	
Commitment description			
What is the commitment?		The commitment is to increase transparency on the allocation and public procurement of the National Program for Local Development, as well as to increase the number of indicators and databases published in open format.	
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify a larger number of databases related to these funds; - Generate public debate on the transparency, efficiency and evaluation of the program; - Publish the data on the data.gov.ro portal and on the MRDPA website. 	
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?		Increase the transparency of public funds allocated and invested through the PNDL	
Milestone activity with a verifiable deliverable		Responsible agency / partner	Start Date: End Date:
Identification of data sets that can be put together based on legal regulations and the information produced in the procedures for the awarding, contracting,		MDRAP / EFOR	2018 2018

implementation and evaluation of investments			
Organize a public debate on data sets and related procedures, including necessary legislative changes	MDRAP / EFOR	2018	2019
Define procedures and publish data sets	MDRAP	2019	July 2019
Updating the data sets	MDRAP	2019	2020
Additional information			
Correlation with other government programs/strategies	National Anti-Corruption Strategy - Specific objective 1.2 Increase the transparency of public resource management processes		

Justice and integrity

11. Annual mandatory training of civil servants on integrity matters		
2018-2019		
Lead implementing agency/actor	Ministry of Justice (MJ), Directorate for Crime Prevention	
Other actors involved	State actors	Anti-Corruption General Directorate
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?	As there is a low level of anti-corruption education among civil servants, one of the objectives proposed by the National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2016-2020 is to deploy online training modules dedicated to management and executive staff in central and local public institutions and authorities, as well as those in their subordination / coordination structures.	
Commitment description		
What is the commitment?	MJ will provide the e-learning platform and will develop support materials for online training in the field of integrity, accessible from the eLearning platform of the Ministry of Justice. Leaders and executives from local and central public institutions and authorities will be able to access e-learning modules based on usernames and passwords. Participants who will follow on-line training sessions will need to take a test to complete the course. These interactive modules will consolidate the information already held by users and will provide new information on ethics and integrity. Participants will take a test after completing the courses.	
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?	- Increasing the level of anti-corruption education through the development of the anticorruption component of the curriculum of in-service training for the staff of the public institutions.	
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?	Increasing the level of anti-corruption education among civil servants.	

Milestone activity with a verifiable deliverable	Responsible agency / partner	Start Date:	End Date:
Developing the training program	MJ	November 2018	December 2018
Develop the e-learning format for the professional training courses	MJ	July 2019	August 2019
Additional information			
Budget	<p>The budget will be 1,103,130 lei.</p> <p>The source already exists, with European funds being made available to implement this action through the Operational Capacity Administrative Program (OCAP), on the project "Strengthening the Administrative Capacity of the Technical Secretariat of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2016-2020 to support the implementation of anti-corruption measures". The financing agreement was signed on 21 November 2017 and will have an implementation period of 22 months.</p>		
Correlation with other government programs/strategies	<p>This commitment is correlated with the specific objective no. 4.1. - Increasing the degree of anti-corruption education of the personnel from the central and local public authorities and institutions, from the National Anti-Corruption Strategy, whose actions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development by the MJ of an annual, on-line training program on public-service integrity issues, dedicated to senior management and executive staff in public institutions (OGP Commitment / London Summit Commitment); - Organize and run sectoral programs to raise awareness and level of anti-corruption education among staff in central and local public administration. 		

12. Raising public awareness on the impact of corruption			
May – September 2019			
Lead implementing agency/actor		Ministry of Justice (MJ), Directorate for Crime Prevention	
Other actors involved	State actors	Anti-Corruption General Directorate	
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups		
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?		Rejection of corruption acts by citizens, reporting irregularities or abuses are manifestations of civic spirit and respect for the rule of law. However, these values are not promoted and thoroughly explained, and there is still need to inform citizens on the legal obligations of institutions and civil servants and on how to fight the phenomenon of corruption, through available legal and civic means. Lack of information on the relevant legislation or on what does and what does not represent an act of corruption at the level of daily behaviour, are aspects that can favour the perpetuation of conduct that doesn't encourage integrity, correctness and, last but not least, compliance with the laws.	
Commitment description			
What is the commitment?		The Ministry of Justice will carry out a public information campaign, which will consist of an initial survey on the perception of corruption in Romania, in order to be able to choose a particular sector or a central theme that can be used to create deliverables and achieve the results: a TV spot, an audio spot, press releases, flyers and posters.	
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?		Increase the level of anticorruption education, by increasing the level of information of the public on the impact of corruption.	
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?		Increased level of information and public awareness with a view to improve corruption prevention.	
Milestone activity with a verifiable	Responsible agency /	Start Date:	End Date:

deliverable	partner		
Perform an initial survey regarding the perception of corruption in Romania	MJ	May 2019	June 2019
Develop materials to be disseminated	MJ	June 2019	July 2019
Effective rollout of the campaign (media and press release)	MJ	July 2019	August 2019
Performing a follow-up survey regarding the perception of corruption in Romania	MJ	August 2019	September 2019
Additional information			
Budget	<p>1.427.405 lei.</p> <p>The source already exists, with European funds being available for this action through the Operational Capacity Administrative Program (POCA), as part of the project "Strengthening the Administrative Capacity of the Technical Secretariat of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2016-2020 to support the implementation of anti-corruption measures". The financing contract was signed in November 2017 and will have a 22-month implementation period.</p>		
Correlation with other government programs/strategies	<p>This commitment is connected to the SNA specific objective no. 4.2. - Increasing the level of information of the public regarding the impact of the corruption phenomenon, with actions including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organizing and running a public information campaign by the MJ in order to raise awareness and the level of anti-corruption education among citizens; - Organize and run sectoral public information campaigns in order to raise awareness and the level of anti-corruption education among citizens. 		

13. Improving transparency in the management of seized assets		
2018-2019		
Lead implementing agency/actor		Ministry of Justice (MJ) - the National Agency for the Management of Seized Assets (ANABI)
Other actors involved	State actors	National Agency for Fiscal Administration
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?		<p>According to art. 40 of Law no.318/2015 for the setting up and operation of the National Agency for the Management of Seized Assets, (1) ANABI publishes in an open format and on a quarterly basis data and public interest information generated from the national integrated information system for recording proceeds of crime. (2) Until the information system is operating, the Agency publishes, on a quarterly basis, data and public interest information regarding its activities.</p> <p>In addition, to ensure transparency in the process of reuse of immovable property, according to art.31, (3)" the Agency publishes on its website updated information about each immovable property seized from criminal proceedings, including its legal situation, position, photographs, the date when it became private state property, as well as other relevant data".</p>
Commitment description		
What is the commitment?		ANABI will develop a platform that will ensure access of public institutions from the judiciary to information regarding the management of proceeds of crime. The development of such an application will increase the national institutional capacity to manage the seized assets by providing detailed and up-to-date evidence of these assets in Romania. In addition, the system will increase transparency in the debt recovery process by providing open data to the public and generating reliable statistics for tracking

	the debt recovery process.		
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?	<p>According to art. 38 para. (2) of the Law no. 318/2015, the Integrated national computer system for recording of claims arising from criminal offenses will include data on:</p> <p>a) the precautionary measures ordered in the criminal proceeding, administration, capitalization or return of the assets subject to these measures;</p> <p>b) the precautionary measure of seizure and the use of confiscated property, both in the case of special confiscation and extensive confiscation;</p> <p>c) the confiscation of bail, provided by art. 217 par. (5) of the Law no. 135/2010, as amended and supplemented;</p> <p>d) the execution of orders for the seized assets issued by another State;</p> <p>e) the execution of confiscation orders issued by another State;</p> <p>f) the disposal of confiscated goods within the meaning of Art. 265 of the Law no. 302/2004, republished, as subsequently amended or supplemented, or agreements providing for the sharing of confiscated assets;</p> <p>g) damages granted to the State, authorities or public institutions for the compensation of the damage caused by the commission of the offense and the execution of the provisions of the decision regarding them;</p> <p>h) the fine imposed as the main punishment and its execution in the manner prescribed by the law.</p>		
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?	Institutional transparency		
Milestone activity with a verifiable deliverable	Responsible agency / partner	Start Date:	End Date:
Develop the national integrated system for the registration of proceeds of crime.	ANABI	2016-2018 NAP	December 2019

Additional information	
Budget	<p>The National Integrated System is developed under the project "Supporting the Achievement of National Anti-Corruption Strategy Objectives by Increasing the Recovery of Crime Products" and benefits from funding from the Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Program to reduce the economic and social disparities within the enlarged Europe.</p> <p>866.021 CHF</p>
Correlation with other government programs/strategies	National Anticorruption Strategy 2016-2020, Strategy for the Development of the Judiciary

Social Services

14. Facilitating access to social services		
2018-2020		
Lead implementing agency/actor	Ministry of Labour and Social Justice (MMJS) – Directorate for Social Services Policies	
Other actors involved	State actors	<p>National Agency for Payments and Social Inspection</p> <p>National Authority for the Protection of Child's Rights and Adoption</p> <p>National Authority for Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>National Agency for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men</p> <p>Public Social Assistance Services within Territorial Administrative Units</p>
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	<p>National Institute of Economic Research</p> <p>Public and private providers of social services</p>
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?	Potential beneficiaries of social services need easy access to the services available in their area of residence. At the same time, other stakeholders involved in social services need to be informed about the local needs of social services and local providers.	
Commitment description		
What is the commitment?	Through this commitment, we aim to develop and promote user-friendly IT tools in order to facilitate access to social services for people belonging to vulnerable groups, as well as to collect and use social assistance data for generating social services more appropriate to the target groups.	
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?	Development and promotion (a) maps of existing social services and their infrastructure; (b) maps on the needs of social services and social infrastructure; (c) maps on poverty; (d) maps on work poverty. Testing the widest possible use of IT tools used to promote social services and identify the needs of people in vulnerable groups. Encouraging the diversified re-use of data collected in the field of	

	social assistance.		
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?	Facilitating access to information for people belonging to vulnerable groups to access social services in the area of residence		
Milestone activity with a verifiable deliverable	Responsible agency / partner	Start Date:	End Date:
Promote and disseminate social services maps	MMJS	2018	2020
Periodic update of social service maps	MMJS	2018	2020
Testing the developed IT tools to assess their accessibility and utility from the perspective of developing effective social services.	MMJS	2018	2020
Hackathon in the domain of social services with datasets produced within the project "Implementation of a system of policy making in the field of social inclusion at the level of MMJS"	MMJS	2019	2019
Additional information			
Budget	The budget of the institutions involved		
Correlation with other government programs/strategies	The commitment continues the project "Implementation of a policy-making system in the domain of social inclusion at the level of MMJS", (SIPOCA 4), co-financed by the European Social Fund through POCA.		

Open Data

15. Open access to research results		
2018-2020		
Lead implementing agency/actor		Ministry of Research and Innovation (MCI)
Other actors involved	State actors	Ministry of National Education
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Centre for Public Innovation Kosson.ro
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?		The European Commission has introduced compliance with the principles of Open Access in the main funding programs for education and research (FP7, Erasmus +, Horizon 2020, European Research Forum). In April 2012, the Romanian Academy signed a Statement of Open Science support as a member of ALLEA - All European Academies which, together with the other signatories, called for "the implementation of Open Science principles for publications, research data, software, educational resources and infrastructures research".
Commitment description		
What is the commitment?		The commitment aims to lead to the adoption of a national Open Access strategy for research results, by implementing pilot programs and substantiating research and public consultations.
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?		(1) Identify and support a pilot public institution (ministry, agency, university, research institute) which will adopt a policy of publishing, communicating and valorisation on all scientific results financed by public funds with Open Access. (2) Identifying a domain with lower potential for commercial re-use controversy; the development of rules on the publication of open research results under an open license; implementation of these rules for acquisitions of central public institutions or projects funded by them. Create a repository for the data resulted from these projects.

Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?	Publishing studies and research results funded from public funds, as well as the establishment of a framework enabling the adoption at national level of policies in line with Commission Recommendation C (2012) 4890, which requires each Member State to develop its own Open Access policies.		
Milestone activity with a verifiable deliverable	Responsible agency / partner	Start Date:	End Date:
Identify a pilot institution and develop the pilot program	MCI	2019	2020
Implementation of the pilot	MCI	2019	2020
Mapping of institutional OA practices and policies in Romania	MCI	2019	2020
Transposition of the developed rules on OA in the future funding programs for research, similar to the Horizon 2020 provisions	MCI	2019	2020
Develop and adopt a national strategy on OA	MCI	2019	2020
Additional information			
Correlation with other government programs/strategies	National Strategy for the Digital Agenda, National Strategy for Research, Development and Innovation, Law no.1/2011 on national education, Ro-EU Partnership Agreement 2014-2020		

16. Open Education	
2018-2020	
Lead implementing agency/actor	
Ministry of National Education (MEN) — Directorate for Information and Communication Technology, Directorate-General for Strategic Management and Public Policies	
Other actors involved	State actors
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?	
<p>In the context of the promotion by the MEN of the creation of open educational resources by teachers and other education specialists, the need to inform and train creators of open educational resources appears through the CRED project.</p> <p>Through the provisions of Law no.1/2011 on national education, Romania has created the legal framework for the use of OERs - the Virtual School Library, but so far these provisions have not been implemented.</p>	
Commitment description	
What is the commitment?	
<p>The commitment aims at introducing a training component for teachers on open educational resources and copyright, in order to facilitate their transformation into creators of human resources for education.</p> <p>Creating the Virtual School Library and uploading Open Educational Resources.</p>	
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?	
<p>The commitment brings a transparency dimension to already initiated internal processes, but at the same time makes a decisive contribution to the internal coherence of public policy adoption and implementation in the field of education.</p>	
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?	
<p>Increasing transparency of the public education system</p> <p>Increasing access to quality education and</p>	

	stimulating innovation		
Milestone activity with a verifiable deliverable	Responsible agency / partner	Start Date:	End Date:
Training sessions for teachers on open educational resources and copyright	MEN RED Coalition	2018	2020
Launch for approval of the procedure for validation of open educational resources to be used	MEN	August 2018	September 2018
Development of an open licence for the Virtual School Library	MEN	2019	2019
Creation of technical support for the Virtual School Library	MEN	2019	2019
Collection, from public and private sources, and publication of the initial repository of the Library	MEN	2020	2020

17. Measuring the impact of the re-use of open data			
2018-2020			
Lead implementing agency/actor		Secretariat General of the Government (SGG) — Directorate for Information Technology	
Other actors involved	others	The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups		
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?		At the European Union level, open data maturity in member states is assessed yearly (since 2015) by the European Commission. For the 2015-2017 reports, 2 main issues were assessed: open Data Readiness level, which is closely linked to the existence and implementation of the necessary policies and the maturity of the Open Data Portal. Starting with the 2018 analysis, 4 evaluation topics are being assessed: Open Data Policy, Open Data Impact, Open Data Portals and Open Data Quality. From the 2018 Report it resulted that Romania is lagging behind on open data re-use and measurement of OD re-use and impact.	
Commitment description			
What is the commitment?		Under the project Capacity building in the field of public governance of Romania, re-use and impact indicators of open data will be developed.	
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?		Development of impact indicators on the publication of open data	
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?		Increasing the re-use of open data from public administration	
Milestone activity with a verifiable deliverable		Responsible agency / partner	Start Date: End Date:
Development of indicators and methodology for measuring open data re-use and impact		SGG/OECD	2019 2019

Start monitoring and evaluation of open data re-use and impact	SGG	2019	2020
Activities to promote the re-use of open data	SGG	2019	2020
Additional information			
Budget	EEA / Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021		
Correlation with other government programs/strategies	National Strategy for the Digital Agenda		

18. Publication of open data			
2018-2020			
Lead implementing agency/actor	Ministries, subordinated and/or under coordination authorities and agencies (according to the Annex)		
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?	The publication of open data managed by public authorities and institutions is one of the modern means of increasing transparency and administrative efficiency, but the process is rather slow. On the one hand, the administration does not provide enough data and, on the other hand, the developers and CSOs does not re-use the datasets already published.		
Commitment description			
What is the commitment?	The centralised publication on data.gov.ro of a minimum of 535 open datasets, as set out in the Annex. Datasets can be new or updates of older datasets.		
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?	Increasing the quality and number of open data sets published by public institutions Increasing the reuse of open data		
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?	Increasing transparency and efficiency in public administration, as well as encouraging the participation of all stakeholders in the re-use of the published open data.		
Milestone activity with a verifiable deliverable	Responsible agency / partner	Start Date:	End Date:
Publication of a minimum of 535 open datasets (as per Annex)	as set out in the Annex	2018	2020
Encourage and support public institutions in organising competitions on the reuse of open data (data challenges), for the benefit of both citizens and administration.	SGG	2019	2020
Identification, in consultation with civil society, and publication of relevant new datasets	SGG	2019	2020