**SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF**

**2018-2020 ACTION PLAN FOR LITHUANIA’S PARTICIPATION IN**

**THE INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE**

**‘OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP’**

Vilnius

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On 23 January 2019, the Government of the Republic of Lithuania approved the fourth Action Plan for Lithuania’s participation in the international initiative ‘Open Government Partnership’ for the next two years’ period (hereinafter ‘the Action Plan’). The Action Plan provides for the main initiatives of the Open Government, the guidelines for their implementation, actions, implementing bodies and the deliverables.

The Action Plan provides for six commitments:

1. Develop an Open Data Portal and integrate it into the European digital single market;
2. Strengthen civil society through the non-governmental organisations’ database and NGO fund;
3. Publicise information on revenue and expenditure of state and municipal institutions in the electronic environment;
4. Develop a model for transferring public services to non-governmental organisations (hereinafter ‘NGOs’) and communities, and encourage its implementation;
5. Carry out consistent monitoring and evaluation of public participation in governance;
6. Introduce ex-post evaluation in a legislative process cycle.

These commitments are in line with the values of transparency, public involvement and accountability, and they cover the following guidelines for development:

1. Openness to the public of the activities of governance institutions.

2. Improving NGO environment.

3. Public services.

4. Citizens’ involvement in decision-making.

5. Accountability.

The Action Plan has been worked out by the Working Group that was set up under Order No V-34 of the Chancellor of the Government of 7 March 2016.

The Action Plan builds on the following strategic documents: Lithuania’s Progress Strategy ‘Lithuania 2030’, 2014-2020 National Progress Programme, Public Governance Improvement Programme for 2012-2020, the Information Society Development Programme for 2014-2020 ‘Digital Agenda for the Republic of Lithuania’, and it is in line with the requirements of the Open Government Partnership initiative, i.e. it has been drawn up together with the citizens by way of public consultations and discussions regarding the ideas for the Plan and ways to put them to practice.

The progress of the Action Plan is currently under assessment. Interim results of the Action Plan will be presented to the public and discussed at the meeting of the Working Group on 5 December 2019. The results of the public consultation and the decisions taken by the Working Group will be available at: <http://epilietis.lrv.lt/lt/dalyvauk-priimant-ir-keiciant-sprendimus/isitrauk-i-atviros-vyriausybes-veiklas/ketvirtasis-veiksmu-planas>).

Implementation results

of the 2018-2020 Action Plan for Lithuania’s Participation in the International Initiative ‘Open Government Partnership’[[1]](#footnote-1)

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| **Overall progress achieved in the implementation of the 2018-2020 Action Plan** | | | | | |
|  |  | Not started | Started | Half-way through | Completed |
| 1. | Develop an Open Data Portal and integrate it into the European digital single market |  |  | x |  |
| 2. | Strengthen civil society through the NGO database and NGO fund |  | x |  |  |
| 3. | Publicise information on revenue and expenditure of state and municipal institutions in the electronic environment |  |  | x |  |
| 4. | Develop a model for transferring public services to NGOs and communities and encouraging its implementation. |  | x |  |  |
| 5. | Carry out consistent monitoring and evaluation of public participation in governance |  |  |  | x |
| 6. | Introduction of *ex post* evaluation in a legislative process cycle |  | x |  |  |

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| **I. Openness to the public of the activities of public governance institutions (open data)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Develop a Lithuanian open data portal and integrate it into the European digital single market. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *1 September 2018 – 31 December 2020* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lead implementing agency | | | Information Society Development Committee (hereinafter ‘the ISDC’) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Description of the commitment** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Key problem addressed | | | Public sector institutions have accumulated a wealth of valuable information that is not readily and freely available to be re-used for business development, promotion of economic growth, greater public sector transparency, addressing social issues, and for greater social and civic engagement. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commitment | | | The problem will be addressed through newly-developed methodological tools and technological capabilities for opening up of public sector-owned data:   * Development of a methodological legal framework aimed to provide for preconditions for the Lithuanian public authorities to form open data sets and their metadata and to publish them on the Lithuanian Open Data Portal. * Development of information technology infrastructure, integrated into the European Open Data Infrastructure, aimed at publication of public sector data and metadata and provision of information to domestic users (businesses, public organisations and citizens). * Implementation of organisational structure for the planning, financing and implementation of open data operations. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| How will the commitment contribute to address the public problem? | | | * The creation of the Lithuanian Open Data Portal will provide business representatives, NGOs and active citizens with access to information resources accumulated and opened up by institutions, while public sector institutions will have a greater possibility of making information more accessible and transparent. * The opening of public sector data will enable active members of the public to make reasoned proposals and have an impact on decision making, while at the same time developing citizens’ confidence in government and their civic engagement. * The adoption and implementation of the decisions on the organisational structure of open data will create prerequisites for smooth opening of public sector data and will enable citizens to evaluate the effectiveness of public sector decisions and the accountability thereof. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| How does the commitment relate to OGP values? | | | * The commitment serves directly to the opening of the data, it improves the quality of the open data or of information, increases public access to information or grants the public with real possibility of implementing its right to access information, which is a guarantor of the value of transparency. * The commitment creates a basis and prerequisites for people not only to participate in decision-making but also to make an impact and put forward their own proposals. It is a direct catalyst that serves in building self-confident, soundly critical and proactive society. * The commitment helps create an information basis to objectively judge the work of public servants and public institutions and their results and also to demand accountability in the case of decisions that are inappropriate, unreasonable or not useful for the society. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Additional information | | | * The measure is financed from the funds administered by the European Social Fund Agency and the Central Project Management Agency. * The projects are part of the Digital Agenda programme.   They also contribute to the sustainable development goals.   * Both projects are in progress. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Completion stage | | | Not started | | | | Started | | | Half-way through | | Completed | | | |
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| Description of concrete results | | | The following draft methodological legislation has been submitted to competent authorities for agreement/approval:   * Draft order of the Minister for Economy and Innovation regarding recommendations for the opening of public sector data and the Recommendations for the opening of public sector data; * Draft order of the ISDC Director regarding the approval of the methodological descriptions of the open data of the state information resources, and annexes thereof: * Description of the application of the classes and properties of the metadata of open data sets; * Description of recommended formats for publishing open data and metadata; * Description of dataset inventory, prioritisation, and of the assessment of the needs of open data users.   Draft methodological documents, as approved by order of ISDC Director, have been drawn up and submitted for agreement:   * Open data progress assessment methodology; * Open data impact assessment methodology.   Second iteration of the creation of an Open Data Portal (Document Dataset Portal) has been completed.  The metadata of data sets of the partners (State Labour Inspectorate, Centre of Information Technologies in Education, National Paying Agency, Business Information Centre and Employment Service) have been uploaded to the Document Dataset Portal, and some datasets have been prepared to be opened during the first data-opening phase. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Next steps | | | * Finalisation and approval of methodological legislation; * implementation of Portal’s third and fourth iterations; * development and actual implementation of the legal framework for an organisational structure for the opening of public sector data. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Milestone status | | | | | | | Start date | | | End date | | Completion stage | | | |
| Preparation of draft methodological documents for the formation of open data:   * Draft model for the opening of public sector data operations; * Draft recommendations for the opening of public sector data; * Draft description of the application of the classes and properties of the metadata of open data sets; * Description of recommended formats for the publication of open data and metadata; * Draft description of dataset inventory, prioritisation, and of the assessment of the needs of the open data users; * Draft open data progress assessment methodology;   Draft open data impact assessment methodology; | | | | | | | 28-02-2018 | | | 30-04-2019 | | Draft methodological documents prepared | | | |
| Preparation of legal environment for open data operations:   * Draft Government resolution on the approval of the regulations for the Document Dataset Portal; * Draft order of the Minister for Economy and Innovation regarding recommendations for the opening of public sector data;   Draft order(s) of the ISDC Director regarding the open data inventory, impact assessment, metadata generation, use of formats and progress in data opening and impact assessment. | | | | | | | 30-03-2019 | | | 31-10-2019 | | Draft legislation (its amendments) prepared | | | |
| Implementation of the organisational structure for open data operations:   * Draft legislative provisions regarding the implementation of the organisational structure of the public sector;   Implementation of structural and institutional changes to ensure the implementation of the opening of the public sector data operations. | | | | | | | 30-06-2019 | | | 31-12-2019 | | Proposals are under preparation to amend the Law on Management of State Information Resources and the Law on the Right to Obtain Information from State and Municipal Institutions. | | | |
| Creation and introduction of technological tools required for the Open Data Portal and the formation and use of other open data | | | | | | | 10-04-2019 | | | 30-04-2020 | | Project in progress | | | |
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| Ministries, departments/agencies | | | Ministry of Economy and Innovation:   * Elijus Čivilis, Vice-Minister; * Arūnas Cijūnaitis, Director of the Digital Agenda Department   Ministry of the Interior:   * Laimonas Gailius, Head of European Social Fund Division   Ministry of Transport and Communications:   * Eugenijus Ramaškevičius, Chief Specialist, Strategic Planning Division | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Civil society organisations, private sector, multilaterals, working groups | | | Discussions on project progress and results involves a working group of public sector and NGO representatives under the Ministry of Economy and Innovation, which includes representatives of business and academic communities, association Open Source for Lithuania, Open Data Group [info@akl.lt](mailto:info@akl.lt) and other representatives. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **II. Improving NGO environment** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Strengthen civil society through the NGO database and NGO fund | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *1 December 2018 – 31 December 2019* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lead implementing agency | | | | Ministry of Social Security and Labour | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Description of the commitment** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Key problem addressed | | | | Part of the financial resources allocated by the state to strengthen civil society have failed to reach the intended recipient. As legal entities are not clearly classified (it not clear which of them are to be regarded as NGOs), part of the resources intended for strengthening of civil society eventually end up in the hands of public authorities, associations of business entities, etc. This poses challenges for the sustainable development of the civil society sector. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commitment | | | | The problem will be addressed by legally requiring that not only public bodies but also legal entities, whose legal form is charity, support fund and association, should send information about their shareholders (members) to the system of the legal entities participants. Once these data have been properly processed, it will be possible to create a tool that will facilitate easier recognition of NGOs.  The problem will be addressed through financial means, i.e. by setting up an NGO fund, which will operate as a programme administered by the Ministry of Social Security and Labour, intended to strengthen NGO capacities to participate in public policy and decision-making processes. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| How will the commitment contribute to address the public problem? | | | | With the NGO database in place, public authorities and the public will be able to easily and clearly see whether a legal entity is classifiable as an NGO and to take this into account in deciding about the funding of the activities, projects, etc. of such a legal entity. Currently, there are no sustainable mechanisms to help strengthen NGO capacities to participate in decision-making processes.  The creation of an NGO fund will provide a mechanism that will enable strengthening of such capacities; the NGO fund, as a sustainable entity, will carry out regular monitoring (on changes in citizens participation in public policy and decision-making processes) and use the results to improve the fund’s strategy and activities. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| How does the commitment relate to OGP values? | | | | The commitment will open up data about NGOs operating in Lithuania, improve the quality of the open data and information, and increase the accessibility of information about NGOs to the public and authorities. The commitment will increase civil society’s access to public funding. The commitment will strengthen the capacity of NGOs to participate in decision-making processes (linked to the value of civic engagement). | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Additional information | | | | The provisions related to the prerequisites for the establishment of the NGO database are included in the draft law amending the Law on Development of NGOs and its accompanying instruments). A concept of the NGO database has been worked out too. There is an ongoing discussion with the state enterprise (‘SE’) Centre of Registers and the Ministry of Justice. The budget estimate for the part of the commitment related to the establishment of the NGO database is EUR 3 million. As regards the part of the commitment related to the establishment of the NGO fund, there is an ongoing negotiation with the Ministry of Finance about the funding. The provisions consolidating the NGO fund are included in the draft law amending the Law on Development of NGOs. The commitment is part of the Plan for the implementation of the Programme of the 17th Government. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Completion stage | | | | Not started | | | Started | | Half-way through | | | Completed | | | | |
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| Description of concrete results | | | | * Draft laws submitted to Seimas; * compiled and analysed experience of other countries in the field of the operation of the NGO fund; * drawn up draft NGO fund regulations. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Next steps | | | | * Preparation of technical actions necessary for the establishment of the base, together with the SE Centre of Registers; * setting up an NGO fund board; * preparation of the NGO database publicity plan. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Milestone status | | | | | | | Start date: | | End date: | | | Completion stage | | | | |
| Creation of a legal framework for the operation of the NGO database | | | | | | | 01-12-2018 | | 31-03-2019 | | | Started | | | | |
| Preparation of technical actions for the establishment of the base, together with the Centre of Registers | | | | | | | 01-02-2019 | |  | | | Started | | | | |
| Preparation of the NGO database publicity strategy | | | | | | |  | | 31-12-2019 | | | Not started | | | | |
| Compilation and analysis of information on the practical experience of foreign peer NGO funds and on the activities carried out by such funds | | | | | | | 01-12-2018 | | 28-02-2019 | | | Completed | | | | |
| Preparing and agreeing NGO fund regulations with stakeholders and submitting them to the Minister for approval | | | | | | | 01-03-2019 | |  | | | Started | | | | |
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| Lead implementing agency | | | | Ministry of Social Security and Labour | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Ministries, departments/agencies | | | | Ministry of Justice (‘The Ministry of Justice has presented a budget allocation request for 2020 for the modifications in the Information System of Legal Entities Participants (hereinafter ‘JADIS’) needed to recognise an NGO’), the Ministry of Finance, SE Centre of Registers | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Civil society organisations, private sector, multilaterals, working groups | | | | NGO Council | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **III. Openness to the public of the activities of public governance institutions and their public accountability**  **(fiscal openness)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. Publicise information on revenue and expenditure of state and municipal institutions  in the electronic environment designed for that purpose | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *30 June 2018 – 15 June 2020* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lead implementing agency | | | | | Ministry of Finance | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Commitment description** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Key problem addressed | | | | | For the moment, there is no single methodological, legal and ICT tool model that would ensure access to information about the revenues and expenditure and other financial data of state and municipal institutions in the electronic environment, and the public is prevented from getting information about the financial activities of public authorities and public financial resources in a manner acceptable to it. Access is limited to relevant information on public revenues, expenditure, beneficiaries and/or other financial information when using electronic search and analytical tools. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commitment | | | | | Creation of the IS ‘Open Finance’. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| How will the commitment contribute to address the public problem? | | | | | Following the creation and introduction of the IS ‘Open Finance’, information on revenue and expenditure of state and municipal institutions will be placed in a single IS, providing for a possibility of cross-cutting analysis, summary tables, graphic images at customer’s request, data search by using electronic search and analytical tools. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| How does the commitment relate to OGP values? | | | | | The commitment is relevant to the value of transparency, as the information system created will allow data on public sector revenue and expenditure to be accessed from one place and in a single format. This will increase the accessibility of information about NGOs to the public, as well as its quality and the clarity. The tools created will provide the public with a possibility of cross-cutting analysis of this information, and thus make an impact on decision-making. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Additional information | | | | | The commitment as a separate measure is provided in the Inter-institutional Action Plan for 2015-2019 of the National Anti-Corruption Programme for 2015-2025, approved by Resolution No 648 of the Government of 17 June 2015 regarding the approval of the inter-institutional action plan for the implementation in 2015-2019 of the national anti-corruption programme of the Republic of Lithuania for 2015-2025 (Measure No 1.1.1 ‘Publicising information on revenue and expenditure of state and municipal institutions and bodies in the electronic environment via the created information system’).  Commitment budget – EUR 580 million. Implementation of the commitment is financed from the EU Structural Funds. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Completion stage | | | | | Not started | | | Started | | | | Half-way through | | Completed | | |
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| Description of concrete results | | | | | A detailed system analysis has been completed, indicator priorities adjusted and standard software has been developed. The first phase of launching the pilot version has begun. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Next steps | | | | | * Introduction of the pilot version; * introduction of the publicly accessible version of the system; * introduction of the updated final version of the system with corrected errors. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Milestone status | | | | | | | | Start date: | | | | End date: | | Completion stage | | |
| Initiation and analysis (a document featuring detailed analysis and system architecture; introduction and configuration of standard system components) | | | | | | | | 12-2018 | | | | 04-2019 | | Completed | | |
| Issue of a pilot version (introduction of the pilot version with part of the fulfilled indicators) | | | | | | | | 05-2019 | | | | 09-2019 | | Drawing to completion | | |
| Launching beta version | | | | | | | | 10-2019 | | | | 03-2020 | | To be implemented | | |
| Trial operation and error correction | | | | | | | | 04-2020 | | | | 06-2020 | | To be implemented | | |
| Initiation and analysis (a document featuring detailed analysis and system architecture; introduction and configuration of standard system components) | | | | | | | | 12-2018 | | | | 04-2019 | | Completed | | |
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| Ministries, departments/agencies | | | | | ISDC, Special Investigation Service, Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Civil society organisations, private sector, multilaterals, working groups | | | | | Interinstitutional working group approved by Order No 1K-246 of the Minister for Finance of 4 June 2016 ‘On Setting up a Working Group. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **IV. Quality of public services** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. Develop a model for transferring public services to NGOs and communities and encouraging its implementation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *1 December 2018 – 31 December 2019* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lead implementing agency | | Ministry of Social Security and Labour | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Commitment description** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Key problem addressed | | According to the current public service delivery model, all public services are practically provided by state or municipal institutions or bodies. This is often not what the users want as they are often inefficient and uneconomical, and the users are often devoid of the possibility to affect the quality of services provided. Such a public service model fails to contribute to the promotion of civic awareness and the strengthening of communities, i.e. citizens are not involved in decision-making as regards services and their better quality, despite the fact that these decisions have a significant impact on the quality of their own life and the environment.  Currently, only a small number of municipalities have transferred to NGOs and communities a small proportion of public services, although the National Progress Programme provides for 15 per cent share of services to be transferred by municipalities to NGOs and communities by 2020. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commitment | | Develop a model for transferring public services to NGOs and communities and encourage its implementation. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| How will the commitment contribute to address the public problem? | | The model for transferring public services will ensure greater public engagement in decision-making processes, encourage NGOs and communities to play a more active role in addressing problems relevant to their immediate environment, and help public authorities to properly prepare and ensure a smooth transfer of public services and increase the efficiency of public service delivery. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| How does the commitment relate to OGP values? | | The commitment is relevant to the value of public participation, as the mechanism developed will encourage people to get closer involved in decision making regarding problems faced in their environment. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Additional information | | The commitment is part of the Plan for the implementation of the Programme of the 17th Government. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Completion stage | | Not started | | | | | | Started | | | | Half-way through | | Completed | |
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| Description of concrete results | | * Information on problems encountered in transferring public services to NGOs and communities has been gathered and analysed. Stock has been taken of the best practice in this field. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Next steps | | * Developing a model and recommendations for state and municipal institutions; * Organising training for representatives of state and municipal institutions, NGOs and communities; * Carrying out the evaluation of completed actions and monitoring of indicators. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Milestone status | | | | | | | | Start date: | | | | End date: | | Completion stage | |
| Pin-pointing problem areas and analysis of best practice | | | | | | | | 01-12-2018 | | | | 01-03-2019 | | Started | |
| Development of a model and recommendations for state and municipal institutions | | | | | | | | 01-03-2019 | | | | 31-08-2019 | | Not started | |
| Training for representatives of state and municipal institutions, NGOs and communities | | | | | | | | 01-09-2019 | | | | 31-10-2019 | | Not started | |
| Evaluation of completed actions, monitoring of indicators | | | | | | | | 01-11-2019 | | | | 31-12-2019 | | Not started | |
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| Lead implementing agency | | | | | | | | Ministry of Social Security and Labour | | | | | | | |
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| Other actors involved | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ministries, departments/agencies | | | | | | | | Ministry of the Interior | | | | | | | |
| Civil society organisations, private sector, multilaterals, working groups | | | | | | | | NGO communities, the NGO Council and other stakeholders (Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania) | | | | | | | |
| **V. Civic participation in decision making processes** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. Carry out consistent monitoring and evaluation of public participation in governance | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *1 September 2018 – 1 September 2019* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lead implementing agency | Office of the Government | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Commitment description** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Key problem addressed | Lithuanian and international surveys show that the Lithuanian society is civically disengaged and it practically makes little use of its rights and opportunities to participate in addressing public matters of the country or to engage in civic activities of public importance. National institutions have implemented a number of initiatives to promote public participation and involvement in public decision-making processes, but public involvement is low, so is the participation culture, there is no methodological approach-based public participation monitoring strategy allowing to assess the current state of co-operation between the public sector and society, to see the development trends and the factors influencing the quality of this process - the engagement of participants, achievement of results, etc. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commitment | Developing methodology for monitoring civic participation in public governance processes, which would serve as a basis for the evaluation of the actual situation as regards civic participation in public governance processes, and provide for facilitated civic engagement in decision-making. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| How will the commitment contribute to address the public problem? | With the methodological basis at hand, it will be possible to gather information and evaluate the public involvement through specific tools for participation in decision-making, to follow the changes in participation and to seek solutions and tools to encourage greater public participation. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| How does the commitment relate to OGP values? | The commitment is relevant to the value of accountability, as it creates a mechanism aimed at: the evaluation of the effectiveness of public participation measures developed by institutions; it also meets the value of public involvement in decision making (participation), as the methodology will serve the basis for the implementation of the measures encouraging public participation. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Additional information | * The implementation of the commitment is financed from the project ‘Open Government initiatives’ run by the Office of the Government. * The commitment is part of the Plan for the implementation of the Programme of the 17th Government. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Completion stage | Not started | | | | | | Started | | | | Half-way through | | Completed | | |
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| Description of concrete results | * Methodology completed for monitoring civic participation in public administration processes; * trial monitoring completed of civic participation in public administration processes; * recommendations drawn up. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Next steps | – | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Milestone status | | | | | | | Start date: | | | | End date: | | Completion stage | | |
| Methodology completed | | | | | | | 01-09-2018 | | | | 31-12-2018 | | Completed | | |
| Trial monitoring completed (trial monitoring report) | | | | | | | 02-01-2019 | | | | 01-07-2019 | | Completed | | |
| Recommendations drawn up (set of recommendations) | | | | | | | 01-07-2019 | | | | 01-09-2019 | | Completed | | |
| Contact information | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Civil society organisations, private sector, multilaterals, working groups | The Working Group set up by Order No V-34 of the Chancellor of the Government of 7 March 2016 ‘On Setting up a Working Group’ (which resumed its activities under Order No V-127 of the Chancellor of the Government of 8 May 2019), Open Government Network, Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania, NGO Information and Support Centre, public movement White Gloves, Vilnius Institute of Political Analysis, etc. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **VI. Openness to the public of the activities of public governance institutions and their public accountability** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. Introduction of *ex post* evaluation in a legislative process cycle | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *1 July 2018 – 31 December 2019* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lead implementing agency | | | | | | Ministry of Justice | | | | | | | | | |
| **Commitment description** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Key problem addressed | | | | | | Recently there have been many inconsistencies in the legislative process, often with the same legislation being repeatedly amended failing to take on board the consequences caused by previous amendments. Furthermore, the national audit report by the National Audit Office of 16 March 2018 has found that the existing instrument - the monitoring of the legal regulation - is applied in a fragmented manner, the monitoring is low quality, and it is therefore necessary to move to a systematic approach as to the impact assessment of the legislation  Such a need was identified in OECD report of 29 July 2015. | | | | | | | | | |
| Commitment | | | | | | Incorporating *ex post* evaluation in legislative process.  The aim is to create an *ex post* evaluation model, which will serve as the basis for the evaluation of specific legislative proposals. | | | | | | | | | |
| How will the commitment contribute to address the public problem? | | | | | | The implementation of the provisions proposed in the draft law amending Articles 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and Section 4 of the Law on Legislative Framework No XI-2220 should result in a positive impact on the transparency of the legislative process and the quality of the decisions taken - the evidence gathered during the impact assessment of the final legal regulation would be used to decide on the need to change the existing legal regulation. Besides, a closer public participation in the evaluation process is expected to improve the quality of legislation and better reflect the interests of the population concerned. | | | | | | | | | |
| How does the commitment relate to OGP values? | | | | | | The commitment is relevant to the improvement of the existing legislative process, as it provides for the shift from fragmented evaluation of legal regulation to systemic evaluation of its problematic areas. There are also wide opportunities to engage the public in this process. The commitment is related to OGP values of transparency, accountability and civic participation. | | | | | | | | | |
| Additional information | | | | | | The commitment is part of the Plan for the implementation of the Programme of the 17th Government. | | | | | | | | | |
| Completion stage | | | | | | Not started | | | Started | | | Half-way through | | | Completed |
|  | | | X | | |  | | |  |
| Description of concrete results | | | | | | Draft law amending Articles 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and Section 4 of the Law on Legislative Framework No XI-2220 completed and submitted to the Government for deliberation on 12 September 2018.  Draft law No XIII-2134 amending Articles 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and Section 4 of the Law on Legislative Framework No XI-2220 adopted on 28 May 2019. | | | | | | | | | |
| Next steps | | | | | | Draw up a methodology for *ex-post* evaluation of the impact of existing regulatory framework and a form for *ex-post* evaluation report and to decide on the designation of a coordinating authority. | | | | | | | | | |
| Milestone status | | | | | | | | | Start date | | | End date | | | Completion stage |
| Draft law prepared | | | | | | | | | 01-07-2018 | | | 30-09-2018 | | | Completed |
| Law adopted | | | | | | | | | 01-10-2018 | | | 30-06-2019 | | | Completed |
| Methodology drawn up | | | | | | | | | 01-07-2019 | | | 30-09-2019 | | | Started |
| Practical training completed | | | | | | | | | 01-10-2019 | | | 31-12-2019 | | | Not started |
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| Civil society organisations, private sector, multilaterals, working groups | | | | | | The methodology is expected to be developed in cooperation with the Government Strategic Analysis Centre. | | | | | | | | | |

1. The report provides data on the actions completed by 28 October 2019. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)