

The Nordics

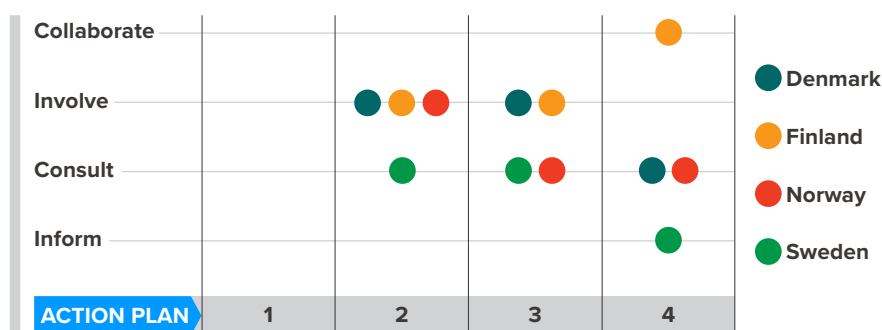
The Nordics enjoy high public trust and continue to perform well on open government issues like anti-corruption and transparency. Despite this high baseline, Nordic OGP action plans could benefit from focusing on commitments on lobbying transparency, public procurement and political financing. Greater collaboration with a broader range of civil society could lead to more ambitious commitments.

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Overview

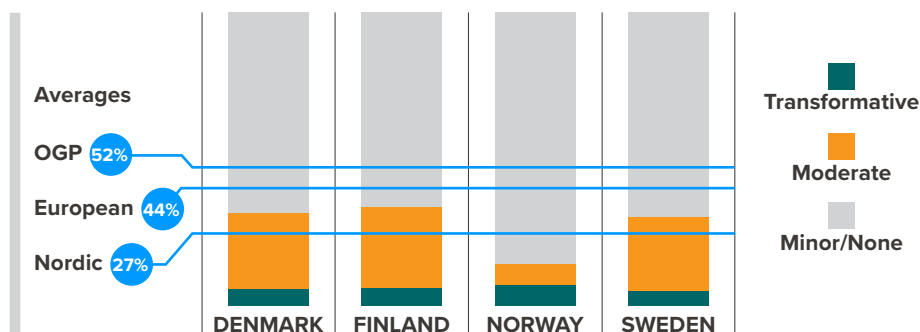
Co-Creation and Decision-Making

Governments drive OGP co-creation processes in Nordic countries. Other than Finland, most processes involve limited engagement with civil society. Stronger multi-stakeholder engagement, more opportunities for deliberation, and greater outreach with both government and civil society could improve co-creation.



Commitment Ambition

Nordic OGP commitments have become more ambitious over time, but their ambition is below the European and OGP global averages. Norway has proportionately fewer ambitious commitments overall than other Nordics, but its current action plan has a transformative commitment.



Commitment Completion

The Nordic average completion rate for OGP commitments across all assessed action plans is higher than the European and OGP global equivalent. Over half of all Danish commitments are fully completed. On the other hand, Swedish commitments are more likely to be substantially completed.



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Noteworthy Commitments from Latest OGP Action Plans

SWEDEN

National Open Data Action Plan

Develops a national open data action plan as part of wider strategic data management efforts. Regular updates to the plan that include consultation with data users would enhance implementation.

NORWAY

Beneficial Ownership Transparency

Establishes a publicly available register about the ultimate beneficial owners of companies registered in Norway. Moving forward, the data could be published in open formats using the Beneficial Ownership Data Standard, and a mechanism set up to verify the accuracy of data in the register.

DENMARK

Whistleblower Protection

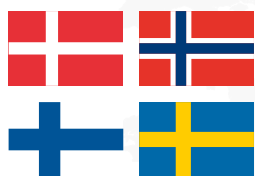
Introduces whistleblower protection mechanisms within the sphere of the Ministry of Justice. It could have a transformative impact if it were extended across government.

FINLAND

Lobbying Transparency and Regulation

Establishes a law on lobbying regulation and implementation of a national lobby register in Finland. Moving forward, the Ministry could ensure easy online public access and expand the registration obligation to lower levels of government.

Commitment Recommendations



Public procurement transparency

Implement public procurement transparency across all levels of government so that information is free to access, publicly available and in open formats such as the Open Contracting Data Standard.



Lobbying transparency

Introduce lobbying transparency and regulation, such as through a register and publication of meetings to protect the integrity of decision-making.



Political financing transparency

Make transparent and close loopholes in party financing rules that open the door to buying political influence. Nordic nations could develop common open data publishing standards on political financing.

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