



## **OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP**

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## Introduction

Open government represents an essential trait of any democratic state and an important component in modernising public administration. The Government of Romania is currently on its 5th National Action Plan since joining the international initiative Open Government Partnership in 2011, thus continuing to prove its sustained efforts to appoint the necessary policies to become a more open, accountable and efficient government, by promoting government transparency, encouraging civic participation in public life, using the latest technologies within the public administration and fighting against corruption.

Romania's efforts since the accession have also been recognized by obtaining a second consecutive term in the Steering Committee of the Open Government Partnership in April 2018 - the Government reaffirming with this occasion its commitment to work in accordance with the principles of OGP and to promote them globally.

At the same time, the actions related to the Open Government Partnership are designed to support, complete or complement national strategies with similar objectives, such as the National Anticorruption Strategy 2016-2020, the Strategy for Strengthening Public Administration 2014-2020, the National Strategy for Research, Development and Innovation 2014-2020, the National Strategy on the Digital Agenda for Romania 2020, the National Strategy for Sustainable Development of Romania 2030, the National Strategy on Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction 2015-2020, the National Strategy on Youth Policy 2021-2027, the Structured Dialogue Strategy with Youths .

This reaffirms the interest in continuing to implement the commitments already made, as well as in developing a new National Action Plan in collaboration with the civil society to boost activities related to priority issues – such as transparency and public consultation in decision-making (including at local level), ensuring citizens' unrestricted access to consolidated and updated national legislation, increasing the transparency and efficiency of public money spending or ensuring open access to education and research.

In order to develop the National Action Plan 2020-2022, the lessons learned from the implementation of the previous action plan were capitalized, but they were also complemented by the recommendations presented in the OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism report (Design Phase).

## Efforts for open governance

In the last two years, Romania's efforts for open governance have been sustained and translated into actions to promote the objectives of the OGP at both national and international levels.

The collaboration between the OGP government unit and members of the civil society took place during all stages, from the consultation phase to the implementation and the evaluation phases of the commitments. Representation by public institutions is provided at the level of Secretary of State and alternate members of the technical staff.

Moreover, The Open Governance Service was set up at the level of the General Secretariat of the Government, which coordinates and monitors the implementation of the National Action Plan within the Open Government Partnership, providing the secretariat of the National Steering Committee together with the designated national contact point.

This action reflects the recommendations of the MRI Report, namely:

- Strengthening the institutional framework in which the OGP process takes place;
- Establishing online participation and deliberation mechanisms to interact with decision makers and facilitate the accountability of civil servants on issues specific to open government.

The memorandum for the establishment of the multi-party forum called the National Coordinating Committee of the Partnership for Open Government was approved, for an unlimited period of time.

The role of the Committee is to coordinate the implementation of actions aimed at achieving the Open Government Partnership in Romania. Its responsibilities include coordinating the development and implementation of national action plans, and coordinating the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of these plans.

The Committee is composed, according to the standards of the Open Government Partnership, of an equal number of representatives of the public administration and of the civil society.

The representatives of the public institutions that have undertaken commitments in the Action Plans are to be members within the National Coordinating Committee of the OGP, the representation being ensured at the level of secretary of state and alternate members among the technical staff.

For the 2020-2022 term, the non-governmental members of the National OGP Steering Committee are to be appointed through a selection process organized by the General Secretariat of the Government, respecting the condition of a transparent and inclusive process.

The Technical Secretariat for the process of coordinating the implementation of the Open Governance Partnership, hereinafter referred to as the Technical Secretariat, will be provided by the Open Governance Service and the OGP Contact Point.

The expenses related to the organization and functioning of the National Coordinating Committee for the implementation of the Open Government Partnership will be provided from the budget of the General Secretariat of the Government.

In the context of Open Government Week in May 2020, the Romanian Government promoted the objectives of the Open Response + Open Recovery campaign, and organized between March 17 and May 4 the essay contest "Open State - Romania's evolutionary perspectives for expanding open government". The event was attended by 84 students from 27 universities in Romania. Its aim was to familiarize young people with the mechanisms of open government in the perspective of developing their civic spirit by involving them in decision-making processes and in developing public policies with an impact at the level of central and local public administration.

## The process of developing the National Action Plan

The draft document of the National Action Plan 2020-2022 was developed based on the commitments' proposals of the central public administration (ministries, subordinates and autonomous institutions) and of the civil society sent during the months of February to May 2020.

The online public consultation session for the National Action Plan 2020-2022 was launched on February 14<sup>th</sup> 2020, on the [ogp.gov.ro](http://ogp.gov.ro) website. It was open for 3 months, until May 15<sup>th</sup> 2020. During this initial stage, the aim of the consultations was to lay out the foundations for the new plan, and the suggestions for commitments received would be complemented by proposals from public institutions or meetings with non-governmental organizations active in the respective fields. The mechanisms in which proposals and comments could be submitted were: e-mail, online forms, and a discussion forum, through which interested parties had the opportunity to comment and propose observations on the commitments already published on the national OGP website.

Following the public consultation, a total of 51 commitments were submitted by public institutions and 6 proposals by non-governmental organizations (the Center for Public Innovation and Expert Forum, SmartCity Association Timisoara, the Association for Information and Communication Technology in Romania). The received proposals were published on the [ogp.gov.ro](http://ogp.gov.ro) website and submitted to the institutions concerned by the implementation of the respective commitments for the formulation of a point of view. Following the submission of commitment proposals from both public institutions and civil society, the Technical Secretariat of the OGP selected the commitments that were in line with the principles and visions of the OGP. Subsequently, working groups were set up for each commitment, which included the institution that proposed the commitment and the organizations active in the respective field. The selection was made public, through the platform [ogp.gov.ro](http://ogp.gov.ro).

Initially, the meetings of the working groups were planned to take place in person. Following the new conditions during the state of emergency and the OGP recommendations, the OGP Technical Secretariat conducted all consultations and discussions of the working groups on an online format. The online participation in the debates offered the possibility of participation of several actors interested in the field, leading to an increase in the group of stakeholders involved and partner organizations in the process of co-creating the National Action Plan 2020-2022.

Between 22.05.2020 and 01.07.2020, consultations took place in working groups with interested non-governmental organizations in order to improve commitments. Following the consultations, the institutions forwarded the updated commitments with proposals from civil society to the OGP Technical Secretariat.

## Commitments

The plan aims to develop new relevant commitments, but also to continue implementing commitments from the 2018-2020 NAP, such as open local government or youth participation in decision-making processes.

The main areas of commitment are structured as follows:

- Participation and consultation;
- Transparency;
- Justice and integrity;
- Social Services;
- Open data.

## Civic Space

1. Coordinating the management of innovative processes to streamline participation in public administration decisions		
Timeline: 2021-2022		
Leading agency/institution for implementation		General Secretariat of the Government - General Directorate for Open Government, Public Relations and Cooperation - Open Government Service
Partners	Central and local public administration	Ministries
	Civil Societies	Centre for Public Innovation
Which public issue will be addressed by this obligation?		<p>Although the current regulatory framework establishes a number of legal mechanisms capable of stimulating participation and establishing a strong collaborative relationship with the civil society, most of the time, the use of these mechanisms fails to make a real contribution to improving the quality of decisions and the adequacy of public decisions.</p> <p>The accelerated expansion of the associative environment, without managing a real-time record of the dynamics and evolution of interested stakeholders, has generated knowledge problems and difficulties in accessing information specific to the existing civic space, as well as discussions on the efficiency of levers through which citizens can be involved in the elaboration of public administration decisions according to certain areas of interest.</p> <p>Opening the administration to the real needs of the civil society must involve managing the innovation process in the public sector, in order to become able to understand and encourage the new approaches needed to solve the complex problems of society. Civil servants need to acquire new tools, knowledge, skills and connections to help them explore appropriate opportunities to interact with the general public.</p>
Description of the commitment		
What is the obligation?		1. Development of a single digital tool to support communities of expertise interested in making public decisions and those responsible for the central

	<p>executive dealing with the relationship with the civil society.</p> <p>2. Developing structures for the relationship with the associative environment at the level of ministries in order to acquire the capacity to collect innovative initiatives promoted by civil society, in each field of activity and to carry out uniformly the practices of consultation and involvement of citizens in the governing act.</p>		
<b>How will the fulfilment of the obligation contribute to the solving of the public problem?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- by encouraging participation in public decision-making and facilitating dialogue between public administration and civil society by involving civil society in the public policy-making process;</li> <li>- by standardizing the practices of consultation and involvement of citizens in the governing act;</li> <li>- by creating a better coordination of political and public decisions in order to provide innovative ways for civil society to take action;</li> <li>-by increasing the quality of consultation processes by ensuring that NGOs have access to advisory structures and the necessary information;</li> <li>- by building the skills of civil servants for the innovative approach to the interaction between the public sphere and the interested stakeholders.</li> </ul>		
<b>What is the main objective</b>	<p>The development of a coordination mechanism at the level of the General Secretariat of the Government in order to support central public authorities to manage the necessary innovative processes in the public sector with the purpose of interacting appropriately with the civil society to streamline participatory processes, by: ensuring stakeholder access to advisory structures for areas of interest; simplifying and increasing the quality of communication between institutions and civil society; facilitating the understanding, testing and incorporation of new ways of interacting with civil society.</p>		
<b>Goals/activities</b>	<b>Responsible (institution / partner)</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>
<p>The evaluation at the level of the target groups formed by ministries of the stage of the processes of involvement of the civil society and of the quality of the administration-non-governmental sector relationship.</p> <p>(1 questionnaire / meeting with public institutions, 1 questionnaire / meeting with</p>	General Secretariat of the Government /Public institutions/ NGOs	2021	2021



NGOs)			
Information and training sessions with representatives of the institutions in the target group on the practices of consultation and involvement of civil society in the decision-making process.  (meetings with information and training public institutions)	General Secretariat of the Government /Public institutions/ NGOs	2021	2022
The establishment and implementation of additional functionalities for the CONECT platform, designed to configure a national map of the distribution by development regions of non-governmental organizations, public administration officials and advisory structures.  (1 questionnaire / meeting with public institutions, 1 questionnaire / meeting with NGOs)	General Secretariat of the Government /Public institutions/ NGOs	2021	2021
Elaborating a Guide for the innovative approach of the processes of involvement of the citizens in the decision-making process.  (2 questionnaires / meetings with NGOs, 2 questionnaires / meetings with public institutions)	General Secretariat of the Government /Public institutions/ NGOs	2021	2021
Informing and disseminating the Guide at the level of public administration and civil society authorities, as well as monitoring the use of the digital tool.  (information sessions with NGOs and public institutions)	General Secretariat of the Government /Public institutions/ NGOs	2022	2022

### Participation and Consultation

2. Increasing the degree of dialogue with young people, consultation and participation in youth decision-making processes		
Timeline: 2021 - 2022		
Leading agency/institution for implementation		Ministry of Youth and Sport
Point of contact within the leading institution		<i>Sabadoş Marcel</i> <i>Director</i> <i>Youth Projects and Policies Directorate</i> <i>marcel.sabados@mts.ro</i>
Partners	Central Government Administration	
	Civil Society	<b>National Working Group of Structured Dialogue with young people and youth organizations:</b> Romanian Youth Council (CTR), Timiş County Foundation for Youth (FITT), National Alliance of Romanian Student Organizations (ANOSR), Romanian Youth Forum Federation (FTR) , Union of Romanian Students (USR), Youth Organization - National Trade Union Bloc (OT-BNS), YMCA Federation Romania.
Which public issue will be addressed by this obligation?		The lack of full use of the dimensions of active citizenship by young people due to a low degree of consultation and participation of young people in the decision-making processes on issues that directly concern them.
Description of the commitment		
What is the obligation?		The Ministry of Youth and Sports will continue to implement mechanisms that lead to the development of collaboration and partnership between authorities, young people and structures working with and for young people, to generate strategies, programs, projects, methods and tools, including ICT, for establishing dialogue, consultation and participation of young people.
How will the fulfilment of the obligation contribute to the solving of the public problem?		Strengthening the dialogue with young people for the elaboration of youth policies: - Developing the Structured Dialogue Strategy with Young People; - Developing the National Strategy in the Field of Youth Policy 2021-2027. Establishing of at least 83 national youth advisory councils. Participation and involvement of 2000 young people in consultation actions, including using ICT.

<b>What is the main objective?</b>	Achieving an open and transparent consultative and decision-making process in the field of youth policies at national level.		
<b>Goals/activities</b>	<b>Responsible (institution / partner)</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>
1. Conducting consultation sessions organized by the National Working Group of Structured Dialogue with young people and youth organizations and the National Network of Youth Workers - "tineRETEA", with competences in carrying out the dialogue process with young people (40 consultations)	MYS/ NGOs	2021	2022
2. Conducting public consultations on youth strategies / funding programs / methodologies of the Ministry of Youth and Sports (5 public consultations)	MYS/ NGOs	2021	2021
3. Establishing youth advisory councils in addition to county councils and town halls of county residences (83 councils)	MYS	2021	2022
4. Creating an online platform containing information from various fields of interest to young people. The platform can also be used as a support for online youth consultation	MYS/ NGOs	2021	2021
5. Participation and involvement of young people in specific dedicated activities (information, consultation, counseling, training, etc.) (2000 participants, selected on the basis of objective criteria and transparent methodologies, using ICT tools)	MYS/ NGOs	2021	2022
<b>Other Information</b>			
Required Budget (lei)	1.000.000 lei		
Correlation with other government programs / strategies	National Strategy in the Field of Youth Policy 2015 - 2020 National Strategy in the Field of Youth Policy 2021 - 2027 European Union Strategy for Youth (SUET) 2019-2027 European Youth Objectives 2019-2027		



3. Efficient local government for the benefit of citizens		
Timeline: 2021 - 2022		
Leading agency/institution for implementation		Ministry of Public Works, Development and Administration - Integrity, Good Governance and Public Policies Directorate
Point of contact within the leading institution		<p>Andreea Grigore</p> <p>Director</p> <p>Integrity, Good Governance and Public Policy Department</p> <p><a href="mailto:andreea.grigore@mlpda.ro">andreea.grigore@mlpda.ro</a></p>
Partners	Central Government Administration	General Secretariat of the Government
	Local Administration	County Councils/City Halls
	Civil Society	NGOs
Which public issue will be addressed by this obligation?		At the level of local public administration authorities, the degree of involvement and promotion of open governance principles is relatively low. There are initiatives and examples of good practice but, in the absence of adequate communications and promotions, they are not replicated at the level of local public administration. New technologies are used only in isolation.
Description of the commitment		
What is the obligation?		Based on the set of OGP principles, recommendations were made on open government at local level and a registration session was opened within a pilot programme with over 100 administrative-territorial units. 8 information sessions were organized for the representatives of the local public administration on the principles of open governance, on which occasional proposals for measures were collected.
How will the fulfilment of the obligation contribute to the solving of the public problem?		<p>Increasing the number of local public administration authorities to implement the principles of OGP;</p> <p>Increasing the number of social actors to participate in the decision-making process.</p>
What is the main objective?		Increasing the degree of involvement of ATUs in the OGP process, as well as increasing the involvement of the citizens in the decision-making process of local public administration

	authorities.		
Goals/activities	Responsible (institution / partner)	Start date	End date
<p><b>1. Assisting ATUs in implementing OGP principles:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local consultations;</li> <li>Identifying local issues and priorities through the participation of all stakeholders;</li> <li>Establishing local teams for the formulation of projects / solutions in collaboration - and their realization.</li> </ol> <p>In order to provide technical assistance, MPWDA and GSG, together with the civil society partners, will go through the following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identify and document (briefly) a set of templates that constitute a “menu” of actions for local public authorities, in line with the Recommendations on Local Open Government;</li> <li>inform LPAs about the opportunity to participate in the local OGP program. LPAs are invited to join the OGP program at local level, choosing a set of actions that will be materialized in an action plan;</li> <li>up to 15 ATUs are aided in developing, adopting and implementing of Local Action Plans;</li> <li>the best local initiatives will be awarded during an event;</li> <li>All partners evaluate the interim results of the program and, if necessary, make a proposal for an extension through the 2022 budget.</li> </ol>	MPWDA, GSG, civil society	2021	June 2022
<p>2.1. Developing a platform dedicated to local public administration in order to standardize the display of information and data available to local public administration authorities.</p> <p>It is intended to standardize in a very simple format some data series most often used and of interest to local authorities (staff, ongoing projects, current challenges, cultural events, points of interest, services served, etc.). One can think of a structure based on a spreadsheet or Airtable that</p>	MPWDA, GSG, civil society	2021	2022

<p>allows the generation of website content based on this data. The advantages of such standardization:</p> <p>a. it's very simple, everyone knows how to use a spreadsheet;</p> <p>b. the modified content in the spreadsheet can be instantly propagated in the content of the website;</p> <p>c. the websites of the town halls can have a similar, consistent structure, which the institutions can receive for free, without the need to pay for this service</p> <p>d. such a standardized spreadsheet can become a "database" from which central authorities can collect data directly at the central level - by only having access to the link at which this file is available.</p> <p>2.2 Development of a "Smart Government" type platform that unites the initiatives of the local public administration authorities in the field in order to promote good practices and facilitate access to them for small or limited resources territorial administrative units.</p>			
<p>3. Creating educational programs, online, with the OGP theme</p> <p>- at the technical level, for the designated person in charge (10 modules of 10 minutes each, with work material, knowledge testing, participation monitoring);</p> <p>- at a generic level, for all staff (3 5-minute modules with monitoring of participation by each institution).</p>	MPWDA, GSG, civil society	2021	2022
<p>4. Involving civil society, academia and other citizens in local communities by introducing in the substantiation documents of administrative acts at the local level some analyzes / public policies to support the administrative-territorial units in the process of elaboration / implementation of these documents.</p>	MPWDA	2021	2022
<p>5. Continuing the annual award for good local governance.</p>	MPWDA	2021	2022

Other information	
Required Budget (lei)	It is necessary to obtain funding for the project "Good governance at the local level for the benefit of citizens", approved by AMPOCA following the technical-financial evaluation stage.
Correlation with other government programs / strategies	National Anticorruption Strategy



## Social Service

4. Increasing the access of vulnerable citizens to integrated community services in order to reduce poverty and social exclusion		
Timeline: 2021 - 2022		
Leading agency/institution for implementation		Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
Point of contact within the leading institution		<i>Eduard Corjescu</i> <i>General secretary</i>
Partners	Central Public Administration	
	Civil Society	
	Others	
Which public issue will be addressed by this obligation?		The integrated approach in the provision of basic social, educational and community health care services at community level is very little developed in Romania, although it is a priority objective pursued for many years in national strategies. Community Assistance Services (CAS), a category under which integrated community services can be licensed, are currently provided by only 23 SPAS out of the 3187 basic ATUs existing in Romania (data extracted from the Single Electronic Register of Services published on 10 February 2020). In order to increase the population's access to quality social services, adapted to its needs and provided in an integrated system, it is necessary to strengthen the capacity of local authorities in creating and providing CAS, but also to better inform the population about the existence of these services.
Description of the commitment		
What is the obligation?		MLSP is committed to supporting the development of the public network of Community Assistance Services (CASs) and increasing the access of the vulnerable population to integrated community services to reduce poverty and social exclusion in at least 100 medium-sized and severely marginalized ATUs.
How will the fulfilment of the obligation contribute to the solving of the public problem?		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Creating, licensing and providing at least 100 Community assistance services by PSAS in communities with above average and severe marginalization.</li> <li>2. Construction and publication of the interactive map of integrated community services (social, educational and health)</li> <li>3. Collaborate with civil society to diversify the range of</li> </ol>

	services provided to marginalized communities, such as facilitating access to justice for vulnerable people.		
<b>What is the main objective?</b>	Increasing the access of the vulnerable population to integrated community services by supporting public social assistance services (PSAS) in creating, licensing and providing integrated community assistance services in marginalized communities.		
<b>Goals/activities</b>	<b>Responsible (institution / partner)</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>
1. Providing methodological support (information, counseling) for the accreditation of public social assistance services (PSAS) as social service providers and for the licensing of community assistance services (CAS).	MLSP	2021	January 2022
2. Supporting local government authorities from at least 100 marginalized communities in setting up integrated community teams (recruitment support and a grant to social workers / social work technicians recruited from the integrated community team).	MLSP	2021	January 2022
3. Developing a Working Manual (a package of methodologies, procedures and working tools) to guide and support community teams integrated in the provision of ICS; identification by the work team of needs to diversify the range of services offered to vulnerable people, such as facilitating access to justice.	MLSP	2021	January 2022
4. Training ECI members in the application of working methodologies and tools.	MLSP	2021	January 2022
5. Creating and publishing the interactive map of integrated community services	MLSP	2021	January 2022
<b>Other information</b>			
Required Budget (lei)  (source, if readily-available)	The activities are carried out and financed within the project "Creation and implementation of integrated community services for poverty reduction and social exclusion" (POCU 122607), implemented by MWSS in partnership with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education and Research between September 2010-January 2022. Total eligible budget: 113,076,750.09 lei, of which 85% represents the value of financing from European funds (ESF), representing total non-reimbursable expenses, and 15% own contribution, covered from the State Budget.		
Correlation with other government programs / strategies	National Strategy on Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction 2015-2020 Government Program 2018-2020		



## Anti-corruption

5. Transparency of granting non-refundable financing from public funds according to the Law no. 350/2005		
Timeline: 2021 - 2022		
Leading agency/institution for implementation		General Secretariat of the Government - General Directorate for Open Government, Public Relations and Cooperation - Open Government Service
Partners	Central and local public administration	Public institutions that grant non-refundable financing based on the law no. 350/2005
	Civil Society	Nonprofit Center for Legislation Romanian Youth Council
Which public issue will be addressed by this obligation?		<p>The law no. 350/2005 on the regime of non-refundable financing from public funds allocated for activities of general interest establishes the obligation of the financing institutions to publish in the Official Gazette of Romania an annual report on the non-refundable financing contracts concluded during the fiscal year, which will include the financed programs, beneficiaries and contract results.</p> <p>Although the reporting obligation is provided by the current legal framework, the centralization of information on non-reimbursable financing at national level is unfeasible, due to the reporting method (impossibility to search for reports in the Official Gazette, lack of free access). Thus, there may be suspicions about the integrity of the funding procedure and the efficiency and results of the funding may be affected.</p>
Description of the commitment		
What is the obligation?		Transparency of granting public funding established under Law no. 350/2005 through a set of measures integrated in a public policy proposal, which will include the creation of a digital instrument with the role of centralizing all information on funding granted under Law no. 350/2005. (beneficiary, amount, results)
How will the fulfilment of the obligation contribute to the solving of the public problem?		- by elaborating of a public policy proposal, based on the analysis of the current situation, in order to standardize and streamline the financing mechanism

	based on law no. 350/2005; - by creating a pilot mechanism applicable to the target group consisting of central and local public administration institutions, representing the single point of collection and centralized publication of data on non-reimbursable financing granted from public funds according to Law no. 350/2005, for the improvement / equitable increase of the degree of accessibility of all potentially interested actors.		
<b>What is the main objective</b>	An increase in the degree of transparency in granting non-reimbursable financing from public funds, according to the law no. 350/2005.		
<b>Goals/activities</b>	<b>Responsible (institution / partner)</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>
The evaluation of a target group formed by central and local public administration institutions of the current degree of transparency regarding the granting based on the law no. 350/2005 of the non-reimbursable financing.  (1 questionnaire / meeting with NGOs, 1 questionnaire / meeting with public institutions)	General Secretariat of the Government /Public institutions/ NGOs	2021	December 2020
Based on the previous evaluation, a public policy proposal will be drafted, which will be subjected to a series of consultations with representatives of public administration and the non-governmental sector, including the creation of a single information collection mechanism, applicable to the target group.  (public policy proposal, questionnaires / meetings with public institutions and NGOs)	General Secretariat of the Government /Public institutions/ NGOs	2021	June 2021
Establishing additional functionalities to the CONECT platform, designed for the centralized publication of the non-reimbursable financing granted based on Law no. 350/2005.  (1 meeting / questionnaire with NGOs)	General Secretariat of the Government / NGOs	2021	September 2021
Developing and publishing the Guide on the transparency of granting non-reimbursable financing from public funds according to Law no. 350/2005.  (2 questionnaires / meetings with NGOs, 2	General Secretariat of the Government /Public institutions/ NGOs	2021	January 2022

questionnaires / meetings with public institutions)			
Informing about and disseminating the Guide at the level of public administration and the civil society, as well as monitoring the use of the digital tool.  (sessions meant to inform NGOs and public institutions)	General Secretariat of the Government /Public institutions/ NGOs	2022	June 2022

TRANSPARENCY			
6. Increasing transparency regarding allocations and acquisitions from national investment funds			
Timeline: 2021 - 2022			
Leading agency/institution for implementation		Ministry of Public Works, Development and Administration (MPWDA)	
Partners	Civil Society	Expert Forum	
Which public issue will be addressed by this obligation?		Although there are reports that could be centralized in order to provide a better picture of the implementation of the National Local Development Program (NLDP), the published information is rather limited. The purpose of the commitment is to identify how the processes of data collection and publication can be optimized, as well as any legislative changes that need to be made to make these changes possible.	
Description of the commitment			
What is the obligation?		The commitment consists of analyzing the legislative framework and practice governing NLDP, increasing the number of databases on public allocations and procurements that can be published, as well as intensifying the dialogue between MPWDA and the public on these issues.	
How will the fulfilment of the obligation contribute to the solving of the public problem?		Increasing the degree of interaction between MPWDA and the public;  Analyzing the legal provisions and identifying the possible changes that need to be made;  Identifying a larger number of databases related to these funds and publishing them;  Publishing the resulting data on the data.gov.ro portal and on the MPWDA website.	
Goals/activities		Responsible (institution / partner)	<div>Start date</div> <div>End date</div>

Organizing a debate to analyze the legislative framework and practices regarding the implementation of the National Program for Local Development.	MPWDA, EFOR	2021	December 2020
Organizing a meeting with all the stakeholders in order to identify opportunities to increase the number of published databases, as well as any other means to capitalize on information related to the allocation of funds, the implementation of projects and the carrying out of public procurement processes related to them.	MPWDA, EFOR	2021	March 2021
Defining procedures and publishing datasets, updating datasets.	MPWDA	2021	2022
Organizing of a public debate in order to identify progress, conclusions and next steps.	MPWDA, EFOR	2021	2022
<b>Other information</b>			
Correlation with other government programs / strategies	<i>National Anticorruption Strategy</i>		



7. Increasing the degree of information of the citizens of Romania and the Republic of Moldova regarding the projects financed by the Romanian Government in the Republic of Moldova, by digitizing / publishing the information			
Timeline : 2021 - 2022			
Leading agency/institution for implementation		Department for Relations with the Republic of Moldova	
Partners	Central Public Administration	General Secretariat of the Government, IT Department	
Which public issue will be addressed by this obligation?		At the present moment there is no database that could bring forth in an exhaustive way all the investments that Romania has made in the Republic of Moldova. The role and importance of Romania in supporting the European course of the Republic of Moldova, even after the signing of the Association Agreement of the Republic of Moldova with the European Union, is significant. Romania has financed infrastructural, media, cultural and academic projects in the Republic of Moldova, with major impact. Unfortunately, the communication of these data and information, especially to the citizens of the Republic of Moldova, has been lacking a systemic approach over the years.	
Description of the commitment			
What is the obligation?		The Department for Relations with the Republic of Moldova will map all the financings made by the Romanian Government in the Republic of Moldova by elaborating a digital database, which will contain data on the official documents based on which the financings were made, the amounts invested, beneficiaries from the Republic of Moldova, financiers from Romania (local and central level), financing date, degree of completion of the investment.	
How will the fulfilment of the obligation contribute to the solving of the public problem?		Developing an interactive digital map of the Republic of Moldova, which will help make possible to view all financing projects carried out by the Government of Romania in the Republic of Moldova.	
What is the main objective?		High degree of systemic / permanent information and public awareness of the citizens of the Republic of Moldova regarding the role and importance of Romania in supporting the European integration effort of the Republic of Moldova.	
Goals/activities	Responsible (institution / partner)	Start date	End date

Database development	DRRM	2021	November 2020
Completing the Database	DRRM	2021	May 2021
Collection of information related to non-reimbursable financing made by Romania to the Republic of Moldova	DRRM	2021	December 2020
<b>Other information</b>			
Required Budget (lei)  (source, if readily-available)	Taking into account the critical situation related to the Covid-19 pandemic, all activities will be carried out from the budget of the DRRM-GSG		
Correlation with other government programs / strategies	National Strategy for the Digital Agenda;  Law no. 544/2001 on access to information of public interest  Memorandum on Increasing transparency and standardizing the display of information of public interest		

## Justice and Integrity

8. Dissemination of the rights of citizens belonging to national minorities and monitoring the degree of implementation of the current legislation regarding the use of the languages of national minorities in relation to local public administration authorities and decentralized public services		
Timeline: 2021 - 2022		
Leading agency/institution for implementation		Department for Interethnic Relations - General Secretariat of the Government
Partners	Central and local public administration	Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Public Works, Development and Administration, local councils, mayors, decentralized public services - local public administration authorities and decentralized public services provided by Government Emergency Ordinance no. 57/2019 regarding the Administrative Code
	Civil Society	Citizens' organizations belonging to national minorities members of the Council of National Minorities
Which public issue will be addressed by this obligation?		Inadequate and insufficient application of the linguistic rights of citizens belonging to national minorities. The legal framework regarding the right of citizens belonging to a national minority to use their mother tongue in public administration was modified by the adoption of Government Emergency Ordinance no. 57/2019 on the Administrative Code, with subsequent amendments and completions.
Description of the commitment		
What is the obligation?		<p>Components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Initiating a campaign to disseminate the recognized rights to citizens belonging to national minorities in Romania, a campaign that will be posted on the website and social media page of DIR, based on the need to be aware of the existence and exercise of these rights by those who are recognized. At the same time, the campaign is addressed to citizens belonging to the majority, knowledge of these rights being essential for achieving an effective dialogue between national minorities and the majority.</li> <li>- Continuing the data collection process initiated by DIR in 2017 regarding the application of legal provisions on the right of citizens belonging to a national minority to use their mother tongue in local public administration, in localities where the threshold of citizens belonging to a national minority exceeds 20% of the population. The</li> </ul>

	<p>DRI will ask the local public administration authorities, the public institutions subordinated to them, as well as the decentralized public services a series of questions. The questions contained in the questionnaire submitted to these entities will be formulated based on the provisions of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 57/2019 on the Administrative Code, with subsequent amendments and completions.</p> <p><b>Background: this commitment is an integral part of the DRI initiative to disseminate the rights recognized to citizens of national minorities 2020 – 2021</b></p>		
<b>How will the fulfilment of the obligation contribute to the solving of the public problem?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- building awareness among the citizens of national minorities of the importance of the existence and application of the rights recognized to them; increasing confidence in local and central authorities who have an obligation to enforce these rights and raising awareness of the role that these entities play in the system of protection of national minorities;</li> <li>- ensuring a single point of access to information on the centralized collection and publication of data on the application of the provisions governing the right of citizens belonging to national minorities to use their mother tongue in local public administration, contained in the Administrative Code in order to improve / increase fair application and exercise of these rights.</li> </ul>		
<b>What is the main objective?</b>	Implementation by the authorities of the legal framework governing the linguistic rights recognized to citizens belonging to national minorities		
<b>Goals/activities</b>	<b>Responsible (institution / partner)</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>
Development of information materials - citizens' organizations belonging to national minorities members of the Council of National Minorities will be informed about the amendments and completions to the normative acts in force in the field, the evolution of the legislative system on the rights of national minorities; it will be done through the specialized commissions of the CMN and within the plenum of the CMN. The information activity will be carried out permanently, whenever necessary, depending on the legislative changes and the appearance of new normative acts in the	DIR	permanent	permanent

field.			
Creating messages / texts / images on "rights categories". For example, language rights - the right to learn in the mother tongue, the right to express in the mother tongue before the courts, the right to be given medical information in the mother tongue, to use the mother tongue in relations with local public administration authorities, to transmit or receive information in the mother tongue.	DIR	2021	August 2020
Applying questionnaires to local public administration authorities and decentralized public services and collecting data transmitted by them in response to the questionnaire.  (questionnaire / meeting / consultations with public institutions)	DIR	2021	April 2021
Collection and analysis based on data provided by local government institutions and decentralized public services, in response to the questionnaire submitted	DIR	2021	December 2021
Publication of data and analysis on monitoring the application of the provisions governing the right of citizens belonging to national minorities to use their mother tongue in local public administration, contained in the Administrative Code.	DIR	2021	April 2022
Developing a platform and a web and mobile application that facilitates the dissemination of information about national minority communities and their rights. The app will contain a section dedicated to official forms in the languages of national minorities (with the possibility of completing and digital signature), respectively a function for	DIR	2021	December 2022

notifying the violation of the rights of national minorities.			
Promoting, by publishing on the DIR website, cases of good practice in the field	DIR	permanent	June 2022

### Health and social responsibility

9. Measures in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic	
Timeline: 2021 - 2022	
Leading agency/institution for implementation	National Authority for Quality Management in Health
	Ministry of Health
Which public issue will be addressed by this obligation?	Health crises, such as pandemics, require specific measures of organization, prevention, intervention, monitoring and regulation. Healthcare facilities have to deal with emergencies or needs through the rapid application of specific measures, in parallel with the day-to-day work of the healthcare facility.
Description of the commitment	
What is the obligation?	Develop a set of recommendations for health facilities so that specific measures are known, designate those responsible and establish flows, to prevent difficulties in providing health services or affecting the safety of patients and medical staff.
How will the fulfilment of the obligation contribute to the solving of the public problem?	Knowing the collective and individual responsibilities, the specific measures and the observance of the flows lead to the increase of the reaction speed, the avoidance of the errors causing injuries to the patients or the medical staff, the avoidance of the risk of decreasing the quality of health care.
What is the main objective?	Efficient and safe interventions in situations of emergency, necessity or major epidemiological risk, with an impact on the health of the population.

Goals/activities	Responsible (institution / partner)	Start date	End date
<b>Recommendations for health units in the situation generated by the pandemic</b>			
1. Assessment of the situation in hospitals, by administering a questionnaire on measures to prevent contamination, to identify and raise awareness of vulnerabilities in the management of infectious risk and measures taken to correct them.	NAQMH Public and private hospitals accredited or under accreditation	2021	September 2021
2. Analysis of data resulting from hospital reports on the planning of management activities of cases exposed to infection and the provision of protective equipment, medicines and personnel as well as other aspects specific to the pandemic period.	NAQMH	2021	September 2021
3. Highlighting good practices and errors in current and emergency-specific activities as a result of the COVID-2 pandemic. Knowing them in the event of another crisis situation with epidemiological risk.	NAQMH	2021	September 2021
4. Drafting recommendations to establish specific actions, organization, intervention to avoid risky situations and responsibilities in case of a crisis with major epidemiological risk.	NAQMH	2021	September 2021
5. Publication of recommendations, knowledge of the degree of information and acquisition of recommendations by health units and the level of training to implement the recommendations.	NAQMH Public and private hospitals accredited or under accreditation	2021	September 2021
<b>Publication in open format of data related to the infection with the new coronavirus - covid-19, collected at the level of the public health system</b>			
6. Publication in open format, within the established deadlines, of the defined data sets	Ministry of Health	2021	Permanent
<b>Other information</b>			
Required Budget (lei)  (source, if readily-available)	It does not require an additional budget compared to the institution's own budget.		

Correlation with other government programs / strategies	
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10. Risk factors that affect patient safety		
Timeline: 2021 - 2022		
Leading agency/institution for implementation		National Authority for Quality Management in Health
Point of contact within the leading institution		<i>Dicu Alexandru</i> <i>Counselor</i> <i>Quality Management Department</i> <i>alexandru.dicu@anmcs.gov.ro</i>
Partners	Central administration	
	Civil society	
	Others	<i>Name</i> <i>Point of contact</i> <i>Position, phone, e-mail</i>
Which public issue will be addressed by this obligation?		<p>Adverse events associated with healthcare (AEAH) are, according to international studies, the third leading cause of mortality from cancer and cardiovascular disease.</p> <p>In 2014, the EU Commission recommended five courses of action to prevent them. In 2014, none was implemented in Romania. NAQMH has initiated a series of activities in line with these directions.</p>
Description of the commitment		
What is the obligation?		Training health professionals to identify and analyze adverse events associated with healthcare to identify the root causes and learn from mistakes. Inform patients about how they can help reduce the risks associated with healthcare.
How will the fulfilment of the obligation contribute to the solving of the public		Implementing a reporting mechanism, without accusatory character, in the National Register of AEAH, established by



<b>problem?</b>	NAQMH, in all hospitals. Implementing “learning from mistakes” in the process of continuing medical education. Reducing serious adverse events.		
<b>What is the main objective?</b>	Improving patient safety by supporting healthcare professionals and the general public for a culture of transparency in assessing the quality of medical services.		
<b>Goals/activities</b>	<b>Responsible (institution / partner)</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>
1. Collecting AEAH information from health facilities.	NAQMH, accredited public and private sanitary units	2021	2021
2. Analysing and correlating the data in order to prepare the centralized results.	NAQMH	2021	2021
3. Developing a map of the AEAH situation.	NAQMH	2021	2021
4. Dissemination of the results through workshops, debates, meetings with patients' associations, etc.	NAQMH	2021	2021
<b>Other information</b>			
Required Budget (lei)  (source, if readily-available)	No separate budget is required from the institution's budget.		
Correlation with other government programs / strategies	The 2020-2025 NAQMH strategy.		

## Debureaucratisation

11. Development of a sustainable debureaucratisation mechanism at the level of central public administration	
Timeline: 2021-2022	
Leading agency/institution for implementation	<p>General Secretariat of the Government through the Directorate for Information Technology and Digitization, the General Directorate for Open Government, Public Relations and Cooperation - Open Government Service and the General Directorate for Public Policies, Strategies and Internal Managerial Control</p> <p>Chancellery of the Prime Minister through the Secretary of State for debureaucratization</p>
Partners	Ministries
	Interested NGOs
Which public issue will be addressed by this obligation?	<p>Currently, all fields of activity in Romania are directly affected by bureaucracy in public institutions. The main problems created by the cumbersome bureaucracy that is felt at the level of central administration (limited efficiency of civil servants, lack of transparency in decision making, significant bureaucracy costs to citizens and the private environment, poor internal and external communication of public institutions , the overlapping of many rules and regulations that hinder the smooth running of public institutions and thus private activities) can be improved or even eliminated by introducing mechanisms to reduce the current bureaucracy and prevent some of the future bureaucracy.</p>
Description of the commitment	
What is the obligation?	Identifying and eliminating cumbersome, unnecessary or redundant bureaucratic procedures at the level of the central public administration, as well as creating a mixed government-civil society mechanism to ensure the sustainability of the implementation of the new measures.
How will the fulfillment of the obligation contribute to the solving of the public problem?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- By developing a continuous way of evaluating forms and other administrative procedures for the interaction of citizens and economic operators with the central public administration, by creating a methodology for scaling the costs / benefits brought by their existence;</li> <li>- By creating a mixed government-civil society collaborative</li> </ul>

	mechanism with a high level of independence and sustainability, followed by the development of a methodology for assessing the level of bureaucracy existing in various public administration institutions.		
<b>What is the main objective?</b>	Increasing the efficiency of the functionality of the central public administration, as well as facilitating the interaction of the civil society and the economic operators in the relationship with the central administration.		
<b>Goals/activities</b>	<b>Responsible (institution / partner)</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>
<p>Evaluation, at the level of the target group consisting of central public administration institutions, of the current framework of administrative procedures used at the level of the ministries and institutions subordinated to them.</p> <p>(Questionnaires / Direct meetings)</p> <p>Proposed results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- scoring on the cost and benefits generated, at the level of the entire Romanian society, by the forms and procedures intended for the interaction of citizens &amp; economic operators with the central public administration;</li> <li>- mechanism for updating the parameters and variables used in the evaluation of costs / benefits, parameters from ministries and their subordinate institutions;</li> <li>- publishing dashboard with the evaluation performed</li> <li>- ensuring the sustainability of the mechanism.</li> </ul>	GDPPSIMC Ministries/ NGOs	2021	2022
<p>Creation of a joint collaborative mechanism government - consortium of NGOs monitoring the level of bureaucracy</p> <p>Proposed results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- joint collaborative mechanism government - NGO consortium;</li> <li>- development of a methodology for assessing the level of bureaucracy within each ministry and its subordinate institutions in collaboration with the proposed consortium</li> <li>- regular evaluation and publication of the results of the evaluation carried out on the basis of the</li> </ul>	GDOPPRC / NGOs	2021	2021

methodology, including on the websites of the respective ministries and subordinate institutions			
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12. Open data			
Timeline: 2021 - 2022			
Leading agency/institution for implementation	General Secretariat of the Government (Directorate for Information Technology and Digitization)		
Partners	Authority for the Digitization of Romania  Ministries, subordinate and / or coordinating authorities, according to the Annex (TBD)  Expert Forum  Civic Net  Iasi Civic Association  Digital Citizens Romania  Sabin Chiricescu  HERE Technologies  Association for Information and Communication Technology  Geo-spatial.org		
Which public issue will be addressed by this obligation?	The publication of open data managed by public authorities and institutions is one of the modern means of increasing transparency and efficiency in the administrative field, but this process is difficult. On the one hand, the administration does not provide open data in appreciable quantities, and on the other hand the civil society does not use / reuse the already-existing ones.		
Description of the commitment			
What is the obligation?	Centralized publication on data.gov.ro of open data sets, according to the Annex (TBD). Datasets can be new or updates to older datasets.		
How will the fulfillment of the obligation contribute to the solving of the public problem?	Increasing the quality and number of open data sets published by public institutions  Increasing the degree of reuse of the open data		
What is the main objective?	Increasing transparency and efficiency in the administrative field, as well as stimulating the degree of participation of all actors of society in the reuse of data published in open format.		
Goals/activities	Responsible (institution / partner)	Start date	End date

1. Publishing open data sets (according to Annex -TBD)	In accordance with the ANNEX	2021	2022
2. Analysing the current legislative framework in order to standardize and clarify the coordination tasks and the procedures for data collection, publication and updating of the data sets.  <b>Proposed result:</b> Directive transposition law and necessary related regulations (Government Decision, Open Data Strategy)	GSG/ADR/civil society	2021	2021
3. Organizing bimonthly working groups, including with the participation of the community, to identify high value data sets, progress in the field, needs at the level of institutions, but also the community, supporting the reuse of open data  <b>Proposed result:</b> organizing at least 6 working groups annually	GSG/ Ministries, subordinates and / or coordinating authorities / civil society	2021	August 2022
4. The implementation in the national open data portal of a mechanism for publishing derived data sets, as processed by re-users	GSG	2021	August 2022
5. Organizing an annual open data reuse competition - RO Datathon  <b>Proposed result:</b> 1 edition - 2022	GSG / civil society / business environment / academia	2022	July 2022
6. Identifying and centralizing the data sets published on the portals of the institutions, which should also be accessible from the national portal in order to ensure interoperability at a European level	GSG / civil society	permanent	permanent