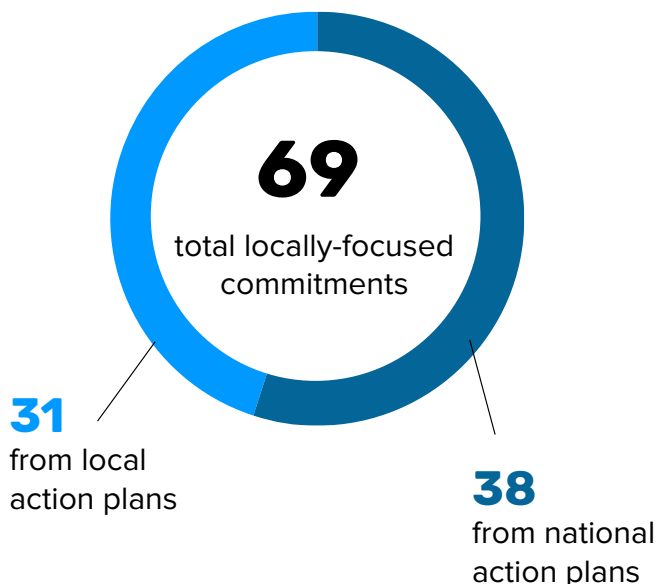


Locally-Focused Commitments in the Eastern Partnership Region

Overview

There have been a total of 69 locally-focused Open Government Partnership (OGP) commitments in the Eastern Partnership (EaP) in national action plans and among the OGP Local members from the region. Tbilisi joined the OGP Local program in 2016, and several municipalities from the Armenia, Georgia, and Ukraine have since joined and submitted action plans. Common themes across locally-focused commitments have been fiscal openness, public participation in policy-making, anti-corruption, and public service delivery. Locally-focused commitments in the EaP have achieved similar levels of ambition and results to nationally-focused commitments, with strong results seen in Georgia and Ukraine.



ARMENIA

12 locally-focused commitments
2 OGP Local members: Vanadzor and Gyumri

GEORGIA

34 locally-focused commitments
4 OGP Local members: Akhaltsikhe, Khoni, Ozurgeti, and Tbilisi

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

5 locally-focused commitments

UKRAINE

13 locally-focused commitments
3 OGP Local members: Khmelnytskyi, Vinnytsia, and Ternopil

AZERBAIJAN

5 locally-focused commitments

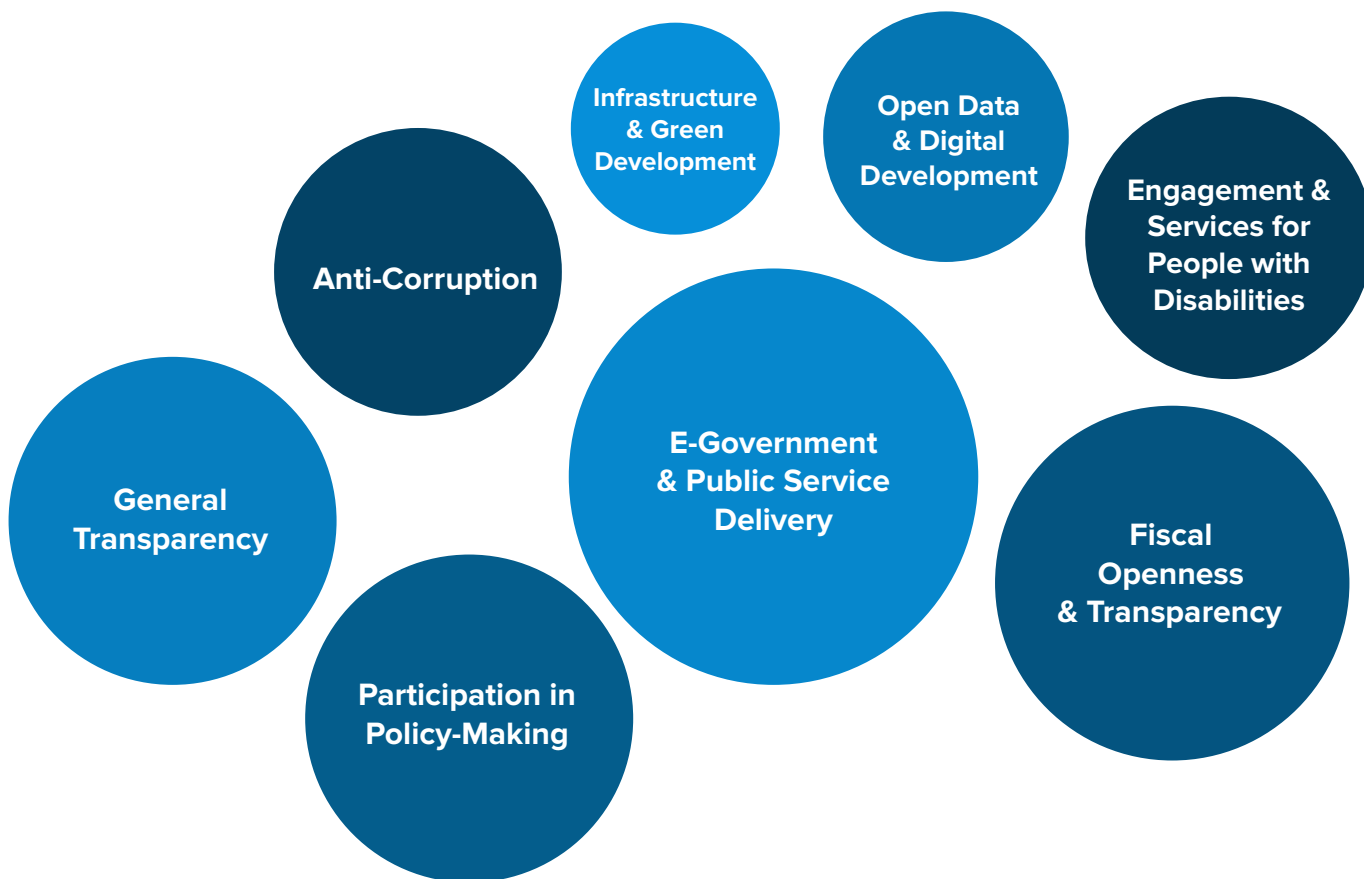


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Popular Themes



Trends and Results

Of the 69 locally-focused or OGP Local commitments in the Eastern Partnership region (EaP), 44 have been assessed by the OGP Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM).

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP LOCAL COMMITMENTS

57% of commitments are ambitious (similar to the global OGP average)

5 of 17 commitments achieved strong results (higher than the global OGP average but small sample)

ALL LOCAL COMMITMENTS

49% of commitments are ambitious (similar to the global OGP average)

23% of commitments achieved strong results (similar to the global OGP average)

ALL EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COMMITMENTS

47% of commitments are ambitious (similar to the global OGP average)

21% of commitments achieved strong early results (similar to the global OGP average)



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Commitments with Strong Results

UKRAINE

Open Budget Initiatives

The website, “The Price of the State,” educates citizens about their taxes and allows them to track how public finances are spent through the portal. The website, “Open City,” led to real-time reporting and resolutions of hundreds of local problems.

GEORGIA

Development of Community Centers

Local governments used community centers to organise public meetings. The meetings were well attended and covered topics like local services, the government’s village development program, and new local legislation that impacted rural citizens.

TBILISI, GEORGIA

Electronic Petitions

This user-friendly e-petitions portal is actively used by Tbilisi residents. After launching the portal, 415 ideas were submitted in a month, and two ideas gathered the required minimum number of signatures to be considered by the city government.

BATUMI CITY, GEORGIA

Participatory Budgeting

The idea.batumi.ge portal, allows citizens to engage and influence the city budget. Following the successful implementation of citizen initiatives in 2020, Batumi quadrupled the allocated budget and almost tripled the number of initiatives implemented in 2021.

OZURGETI, GEORGIA

Transparency of Assembly Meetings

The Manage from Home program increased residents’ access to information and opportunity to monitor local decision-making – from budget spending to petitions to cultural projects. Citizens can find the agendas of the Assembly meetings online and watch the meetings remotely.

KUTAISI, OZURGETI, BATUMI, AND AKHALTSIKHE, GEORGIA

Local Budget Planning

“Plan City Budget” seeks citizen input on budget priorities. Since 2018, Akhaltsikhe Municipality has received 78 budget proposals and Kutaisi Municipality received 28 proposals, which indicates active civic interest and participation.

Note: This map may show borders that do not reflect OGP institutional policy.

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