OGP Europe Fact Sheet

Europe Regional Meeting, October 2022

MEMBERS IN THE REGION

- **34** countries
- **35** local governments

Note that Eastern Partnership members are included for the purpose of this analysis.

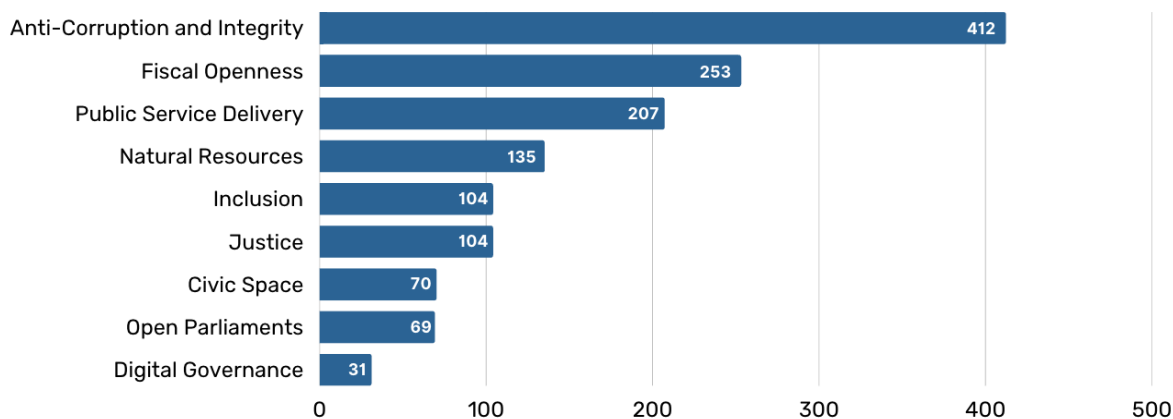For a complete list of members, see **OGP's Members webpage**.

COMMITMENT PERFORMANCE

According to OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM), national commitments in Europe:

- are more **complete** (63% in Europe vs. 54% in other regions),
- achieve similar strong **early results** (19% in Europe vs. 22% in other regions),
- and are less **ambitious** than those in other regions (39% in Europe vs. 47% in other regions).

OVERVIEW OF THEMATIC AREAS

Countries in Europe have made hundreds of commitments related to anti-corruption and fiscal openness, but fewer commitments in areas like civic space and digital governance.

Thematic Area	Total commitments
Anti-Corruption and Integrity	412
Fiscal Openness	253
Public Service Delivery	207
Natural Resources	135
Inclusion	104
Justice	104
Civic Space	70
Open Parliaments	69
Digital Governance	31

Total OGP commitments made by countries in Europe

TOP-PERFORMING THEMATIC AREAS

Listed below are the top-performing thematic areas in Europe according to assessments from OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM).

Fastest Growing	Most Ambitious	Strongest Early Results
• Automated decision-making • Disabilities • Digital governance • Youth • Inclusion	• Whistleblowing • Lobbying • Social accountability • Extractives • Beneficial ownership	• Extractives • Participatory budget • Social accountability • Open contracting • Whistleblowing

Open Government Partnership

THEMATIC HIGHLIGHTS

Anti-Corruption and Integrity

Topics include: asset disclosure, beneficial ownership transparency, open contracting, political finance, right to information laws

Standout commitments:
Madrid, Spain (2017): Lobby registry
Armenia (2018): Beneficial ownership register
Croatia (2018): Political finance transparency

Digital Governance

Topics include: algorithmic transparency, data protection, limiting disinformation, media freedom and transparency

Standout commitments:
Netherlands (2020): Open algorithms
France (2021): Forum on combatting disinformation

Environment and Climate

Topics include: open environmental data, citizen participation in creation of climate change and environmental policy

Standout commitments:
Germany (2017): Participatory environmental policy
Serbia (2020): Environmental impact assessments
Scotland, UK (2021): Climate stakeholder network

Fiscal Openness

Topics include: publication of accessible budget and fiscal information, participatory budgeting, budgetary oversight

Standout commitments:
Romania (2020): Transparency of investment funds
Italy (2021): Monitoring National Recovery funds

Inclusion

Topics include: gender equality, inclusive participation in decision-making, plain language, youth involvement

Standout commitments:
Albania (2020): Equal access to legal aid
Catalonia, Spain (2021): Open data for gender equality
Latvia (2021): Plain language in government

Open Parliaments

Topics include: open data on legislative information, public participation in legislative processes, accountability of parliament

Standout commitments:
Estonia (2018): Parliamentary transparency
North Macedonia (2021): Participatory platform for legislature

OGP PROCESS

- According to the IRM, **nine out of ten** countries in Europe used a multistakeholder forum to co-create their most recently evaluated action plan.

- Governments in over **three-quarters** of countries provided a reasoned response to stakeholders explaining why certain priorities, ideas or activities were or were not included in their action plan, as part of their most recently evaluated co-creation process.

LOCAL MEMBERS

- So far, **22** local members in Europe have submitted at least one action plan. Combined, they have made **112** commitments.

- Popular policy areas among participating local governments in Europe:

    - **Fiscal openness** (25 commitments)
    - **Inclusion** (24 commitments)
    - **Public services** (18 commitments)
    - **Anti-corruption** (14 commitments)
    - **Natural resources** (14 commitments)