Second-Year Snapshot
EU for Integrity Programme for the Eastern Partnership

COUNTRIES

UKRAINE (implementing 5th action plan)

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA (co-creating 5th action plan)

GEORGIA (co-creating 5th action plan)

ARMENIA (implementing 5th action plan)

AZERBAIJAN (suspended)
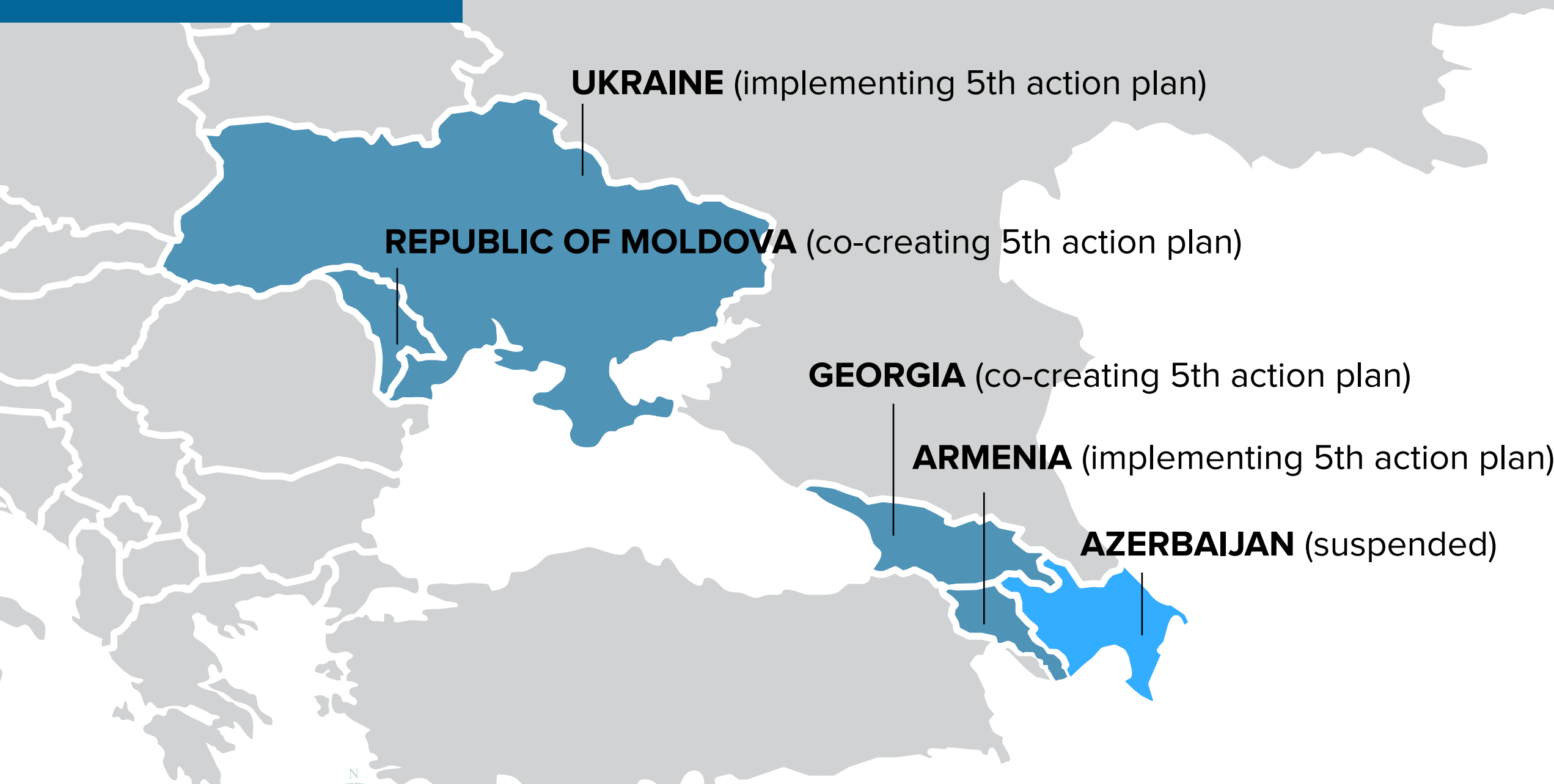
The EU for Integrity Programme for the Eastern Partnership is jointly implemented by the Open Government Partnership Support Unit (OGP SU) and the OECD Anti-Corruption Network (OECD/ACN). The collaboration aims to strengthen the support and resources available to reformers in the region to advance bold, new ideas and reform commitments in areas like anti-corruption, public service delivery, civic space, and access to justice.
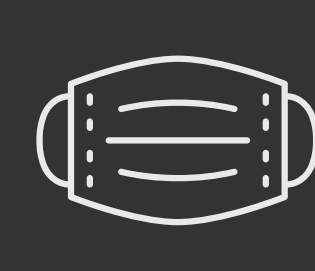
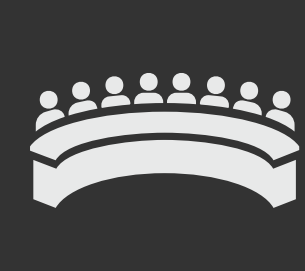## POLICY AREAS
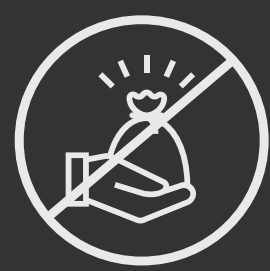
Anti-Corruption | Justice | Public Service Delivery | Civic Space | Open Response + Open Recovery | Legislative Openness | Open Data

OGP IN EAP | BY THE NUMBERS

4 active national members **1** suspended member	**17** action plans since **2011**	**371** reforms	**13** local jurisdictions	**EUR 2M+** worth of technical support

PROGRAMME AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year Two: August 2021 - August 2022

High-Level Political Support
High-level engagement was a significant priority in Year 2 of the Programme. The OGP SU held meetings with the President of Armenia and the Prime Ministers of the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, as well as a total of 56 high-level bilateral or multilateral engagements with national and local leaders to ensure political support for EU and OGP principles and promising reform commitments.

Supporting Open Gov Champions
The OGP SU organised or facilitated 40 learning and networking opportunities to strengthen the dialogue between government and civil society and translate political commitments into domestic action. The events involved 811 government and civil society participants, representing all five governments and a network of 80 civil society organisations across Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine.

Implementation Support
The OGP SU continued to support the implementation of promising reforms: organising, facilitating, or brokering nine implementation planning events in Ukraine, with a total of 330 participants; supporting the beneficial ownership verification process in Ukraine; strengthening the institutional and procedural framework of participatory governance in Armenia; and enhancing transparency in the educational sector in Georgia, among others.

Engaging Donors and Development Partners
The Programme also secured support from bilateral and multilateral partners for the reform agendas. For better coordination and alignment of development funds, the OGP SU conducted 48 bilateral meetings with development partners active in the Programme countries.

Featuring Successful Reforms
The OGP SU and members of the community published 13 features on OpenStories, including stories on monitoring public spending in Georgia, empowering citizen watchdogs in Ukraine, bringing transparency to the business sector in Armenia, and bringing down the price of life-saving medicine in the Republic of Moldova.

Awarding Excellence
Global best practices from the region were acknowledged through the 2021 Open Government Awards. Ukraine won first place for Europe in the OGP Impact Awards for the transparent sale of public assets. Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine won first place for Europe in the OGP Local Innovation Awards for their Green Course Action Plan.

OGP Local
In May 2022, Yerevan and Armavir from Armenia and Kutaisi and Rustavi from Georgia joined OGP Local – bringing the total number of active OGP Local members from the region to thirteen. EaP members now make up 12% of all OGP Local members.

Open Gov Week
Each year OGP calls for its member countries to raise awareness and advance governance transparency and participation during a week of events and engagements. This May, Open Gov Week brought together thousands of open gov champions in the EaP. Reformers in Armenia recognised the women behind key open government reforms at the "She Faces of OGP" event. Young people in Yerevan created street art to raise awareness around freedom of expression and access to information. Despite the ongoing war in the country, reformers in Ukraine came together to strategise how to continue open governance approaches and understand emerging priorities in the new reality. Prozorro.Sale organised an event exploring opportunities to support businesses that decided to relocate in the country because of the war. The Cabinet of Ministers and the Council of Europe organised a roundtable on youth engagement in local self-governance.

Social Media Presence: Through the Programme, OGP engages in visibility activities with the EU's digital network across the region and shares its information through web and social media channels of the EU delegations, EU4Country websites, and EUDigitool.

OGP has a dedicated EaP Programme webpage, shares updates on the organisation's social media channels, which ensures reaching a wide audience and its active engagement.

OGP in the Eastern Partnership Newsletter: A quarterly newsletter that features socio-political updates, knowledge products, engagement opportunities and reformer profiles for open government champions in the region. The newsletter has 439 subscribers and a 45.8% open rate.

The Programme's
#EU4Integrity
hashtag **total engagement rate**

247 tweets
89 unique authors
725 engagements
3.58M potential impressions
90% positive sentiment

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SUB-GRANTS

OGP aims to support co-creation and implementation of nationally or locally-led commitments with potentially high impact that improve government transparency, accountability, citizen engagement, and government responsiveness in EaP countries.

The Programme has provided civil society with **nine subgrants** amounting to 272,480 EUR to develop and promote innovative models for civic oversight and expand civil society engagement in OGP.

ARMENIA

- Digital Armenia NGO is developing a digital platform to make an impact assessment of Armenian e-tools.
- Armavir Development Centre is supporting OGP co-creation processes of the upcoming fifth action plan through wide-scale awareness-raising, evidence-based policymaking and advocacy, and a constructive public-private dialogue.
- Boon Foundation is facilitating a constructive dialogue between CSOs, the expert community, and the government and communicating the public polices and reform agendas to the general public.

GEORGIA

- CCIIR (The Center for Civil Integration and Inter-Ethnic Relations) supported school communities and active citizens in Georgia to monitor educational public services through the development of an innovative online platform and associated mobile app.
- ForSet is creating Georgia's first Freedom of Information (FOI)-request tool.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

- Association for Efficient and Responsible Governance (AGER) worked on increasing civic awareness for detecting and reporting frauds and law infringements.
- Mediapoint is launching the local versions of Alerte.md platform so that citizens can report issues to their city hall.

UKRAINE

- Transparency International Ukraine developed a business intelligence application allowing activists, public procurement experts and regulatory and controlling bodies to identify problems in the public procurement contracts.
- The Infrastructure Transparency Initiative (CoST Ukraine) was developing an online platform to help the monitoring of state and local authorities in the construction of social infrastructure projects.

UP NEXT

Armenia, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine intend to submit an OGP action plan in Year 3 of the Programme. The OGP SU continues to support them through co-creation workshops, educational webinars, mentoring, and customised help in commitment design and communication support. The following support is planned throughout the next year of the Programme:

Co-Creation Support
OGP will continue to support and guide participatory co-design events for national and local action plans, through workshops, outreach and engagement, technical support and expert review of draft commitments, and multi-stakeholder discussions of country strategies and action plans.

Dedicated Eastern Partnership Awards
OGP will reward outstanding achievements in open government reforms in each country through a dedicated EaP Open Gov Excellence Award, including youth initiatives.

Implementation Support
OGP will continue to support the implementation of promising commitments across the region through mobilising international partners and tailored consultancies.

Open Government Leadership Collaborative
OGP will convene a set of high-level reform champions from across the EaP region, as well as the Western Balkans, Central-Eastern Europe and the Baltics, to enhance leadership capacity for spearheading transformative reforms and advancing cross-regional learnings.

Global Spotlight
OGP will feature reforms and reformers from the EaP region at its global and regional events, such as the Europe Regional Meeting in Rome in the autumn of 2022 and the 8th OGP Global Summit in Estonia in 2023.

Open Door Grants
OGP launched an ongoing call for project proposals for EaP OGP members with a focus on using the OGP platform for expanding civil society engagement and building cross-sectoral partnerships in the areas of integrity, anti-corruption, public service delivery, justice, COVID-19 response and recovery, and civic space.

Learning and Awareness-Raising
OGP will continue to provide knowledge products - such as on commitment design to help EU convergence or mapping the regional open data for transparency landscape - and thematic peer-to-peer networks. OGP will also spotlight outstanding reforms through impact stories, blog posts, and videos.

Communication
OGP will continue to publish its quarterly newsletters, which feature regional news, reform updates, and promote outstanding reforms and champions.

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