

# Open Government Leadership Collaborative Europe Mainstreaming Public Participation

Building a refreshed and ever-growing coalition  
of open government leaders.

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Are you passionate about driving positive change, shaping open governance and mainstreaming public participation in your country? Do you know someone who fits this description?

**The Open Government Leadership Collaborative (OGLC)** program seeks to enhance the leadership capacity of reformers within the context of their work in mainstreaming inclusive participation across governing institutions. This program is a transformative opportunity for individuals who want to hone their individual and collective leadership capacity as Open Government reformers.

## Program Highlights

- Peer-to-peer exchanges on leadership challenges and how others have navigated them
- Focused conversations with inspirational open government leaders, global thinkers and changemakers
- Tools for political economy assessment and coalition building to forge alliances within and outside government
- Tools for self-mastery (e.g., self-reflection, mindfulness) to enhance individual leadership capacity to reduce stress and enhance clarity, overcome obstacles and persist to results
- Practical tools for action planning and delivering concrete results (e.g., 90-day rapid results)
- Thematic focus on opportunities to advance participatory and deliberative democracy reforms in the region at a systemic level, through tailored skills/knowledge development and peer exchange

“I learnt techniques for building trust with the public and the value proposition which I’m using for my work. The most unexpected and crucial part of the program, the importance of leading self and learning tools for mindfulness, breathing and relaxation.”

— Natalia Domagala, Head Of Data Ethics, Cabinet Office, UK

## Who Should Apply?

The Open Government Leadership Collaborative welcomes reformers working in Europe who demonstrate a strong commitment to open government principles and have a track record of working to ensure consistent, intentional, and high-quality engagement of people in decision-making processes. Their initiatives may involve establishing:

- Laws or requirements promoting increased public participation in policymaking and establishing new participation mechanisms
- Participation teams or best practice centers enhancing institutional knowledge and participation mechanisms
- Public servant training and capacity building for effective public participation
- Government standards and guidance governing participation practices
- Culture change initiatives emphasizing participatory and open governance

Whether you are an emerging leader or an experienced professional, this program provides a unique platform to enhance your skills and contribute further to the global open government movement.

## Provisional Program Details

**Duration:** The program is a six-month intensive, immersive experience.

- In-person launch event: 2.5 days in Brussels, Belgium.
- Virtual core meetings: 4 monthly meetings, 2 hours each.
- Virtual concluding event: 3 hours.

**Location:** The program includes both in-person and virtual components.

**Eligibility:**

- Reformers working in Europe, inside or outside government.
- Reformers engaged in OGP national/local processes or regional networks, or actively involved in other open government reform initiatives.

## How to Apply

- Complete the **online application form**, providing all the required information.
- Attach your resume/CV and any supporting documents.
- Submit your application by **Friday, 30 June**.
- Successful applicants will be contacted for a diagnostic interview to better understand their perspectives, needs, and challenges in their role as an open government leader and as a person.

### How to Nominate Someone Else

Forward the **application form** to individuals who you believe are eligible before Friday, 30 June.

**To learn more about the program read our [blog](#).**

If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact us at [kyende.kinoti@opengovpartnership.org](mailto:kyende.kinoti@opengovpartnership.org) or [paul.braithwaite@opengovpartnership.org](mailto:paul.braithwaite@opengovpartnership.org).

Thank you for your interest in the Open Government Leadership Collaborative. We look forward to receiving your application and getting to know you better.



“I have attended many other leadership programs and they always focus on reducing a huge workload by prioritization, delegating – leaving things behind. This is the first time ever I have been taught tools for myself; tools which can help me accomplish more with more calmness and more energy. This is of utmost importance and very vital for OG work.”

— **Katju Holkeri, Head Of Governance And Leadership Policy Unit, Ministry Of Finance, Finland**