

Eastern Partnership Fact Sheet

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MEMBERS IN THE REGION

Armenia

+ Armavir, Gyumri, Metsamor*, Vanadzor, and Yerevan

Moldova

+ Causeni* and Leova*

Georgia

+ Akhaltsikhe, Khoni, Kutaisi, Ozurgeti, Rustavi, and Tbilisi

Ukraine

+ Khmelnytskyi, Kyiv*, Orzhytsia*, Ternopil, Vinnytsia, and Zviahel*

* New to OGP Local in 2024

AT A GLANCE

→ **38** action plans

→ **348** national commitments

→ **55** local commitments

COMMITMENT PERFORMANCE

Across all three key metrics assessed by OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism, commitment performance in the Eastern Partnership is similar to the global average. Notably, commitment ambition in the region is higher than in the European Union, and completion rates are higher than the global average.

	Eastern Partnership	OGP EU Average	OGP Global Average
High Ambition¹	40%	35%	39%
High Completion²	67%	68%	59%
Strong Early Results³	14%	14%	13%

CURRENT ACTION PLANS

Country	Most Recent Action Plan	Noteworthy Areas of Work
Armenia	2022–2024	Data Policy, Participatory Budgeting, Political Integrity, Public Procurement and Beneficial Ownership Transparency
Georgia	2023–2025	Open Data, Social Inclusion, Extractive Industries Transparency
Moldova	2023–2025	Access to Information, Public Consultations in Decision-Making, Anti-Corruption
Ukraine	2023–2025	Open Reconstruction and Restoration, Extractive Industries Transparency, Open Data, Youth Participation

¹ Commitments that are relevant to open government and have substantial potential for results.

² Commitments that were substantially or fully implemented by the end of the action plan period.

³ Commitments that achieved major or outstanding changes in government openness.

ANTI-CORRUPTION

Countries in the Eastern Partnership have made over 50 OGP commitments on anti-corruption. Many of these commitments have related to open contracting, asset disclosure, and anti-corruption institutions.

● = made at least one commitment

★ = achieved strong early results

	OGP Commitment?	Most recent commitment in this area
Armenia	★	Integrating Public Procurement and Beneficial Ownership Data (2022)
Georgia	★	Improving Standards for Proactive Publication of Information (2023)
Moldova	★	Open Data across the Public Procurement Cycle (2023)
Ukraine	★	Digital Tool for Managing Reconstruction of Infrastructure Projects (2023)

COMMITMENT EXAMPLES FROM THE REGION



Improving Beneficial Ownership Transparency in Armenia: In April 2020, Armenia piloted a [beneficial ownership register](#) in the extractives sector. Following its success, Armenia passed legislation in 2021 that requires companies across all economic sectors to submit information on their real owners to an [open national registry](#). Now, Armenia is implementing a [commitment](#) to integrate public procurement and beneficial ownership data, which will allow users to automatically retrieve information about the beneficial owners of companies with government contracts.



Increasing Public Procurement Transparency in Moldova: In its [2016–2018 action plan](#), Moldova committed to publish public procurement data on an e-procurement system. The implementation of the commitment has changed government practices in this field in a major way by opening the entire public procurement process, making public tenders fully transparent, and bringing the system in line with international best practices.

RELATED RESOURCES



The [Open Gov Guide](#)—OGP’s go-to resource for detailed reform recommendations and examples of good practice from OGP members—features chapters on asset and interest disclosure, company beneficial ownership, lobbying, and open contracting.



Partners: OGP collaborates with many partners on anti-corruption reforms, including [Open Ownership](#), the [Open Contracting Partnership](#), [Transparency International](#), the [International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance](#), and the [OECD’s Anti-Corruption Network](#).



MEDIA FREEDOM & CIVIC SPACE

Eastern Partnership countries have made few civic space commitments in their OGP action plans, especially in recent years. Ukraine has made several commitments related to freedom of association, while Armenia and Moldova have yet to make a commitment in this area.

● = made at least one commitment

★ = achieved strong early results

	Civic Space	Media Freedom	Most recent commitment in this area
Armenia			No commitments in these areas
Georgia	★		Proactive Publishing of Surveillance Data (2014)
Moldova			No commitment in these areas
Ukraine	●	●	Online Platform for Executive Bodies and CSOs (2018) & Law on Public Broadcasting (2012)

COMMITMENT EXAMPLES



Publishing Surveillance Data Georgia committed to publishing surveillance data that was previously unavailable to the public. The commitment, part of its [2014–2016 action plan](#), was completed by its midterm point, with the Supreme Court beginning to produce statistics on phone tapping in January 2014. There had been frequent reports about the Georgian government’s illegal and covert phone tapping of its citizens, and local civil society demanded transparency in this area.



Public Broadcasting in Ukraine: Ukraine committed to publicly discuss and finalize the draft law on public broadcasting in its [2012 action plan](#). The law was discussed in roundtables and at meetings with participation from both the government and CSOs. The draft law was made publicly available on the State Committee of Television website.

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Partners: OGP collaborates with many partners on civic space reforms, including [Article 19](#), [CIVICUS](#), the [International Center for Not-for-Profit Law](#), [the European Center for Not-for-Profit Law](#), [the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum](#), and [the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development](#).



ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Countries in the Eastern Partnership have made almost 60 OGP commitments on access to information. A large majority of these are open data commitments.

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★ = achieved strong early results

	OGP Commitment?	Most recent commitment in this area
Armenia	★	Self-Assessment System on Freedom of Information Performance (2022)
Georgia	★	Improving Standards for Proactive Publication of Information (2023)
Moldova	★	Implementation of Access to Information Law (2023)
Ukraine	★	Expand Uses for e-Democracy Platform (2020)

COMMITMENT EXAMPLES FROM THE REGION AND BEYOND



Information Processing in Ukraine In its [2014–2016 action plan](#), Ukraine set out to improve public access to government-held information, establish a more transparent process for handling official information, and reduce unjustified denials of information requests. This was to be done by improving the transparency of the regulations and transposing the progressive provisions of the Access to Public Information Law to the bylaws. The government approved a model procedure for recording, storing, and using documents and other physical information media containing official information.



Freedom of Information at the local level: In its [2019–2022 action plan](#), the Philippines committed to passing a freedom of information law to help citizens access government-held information from all three branches of government and local governments. Although the bill did not pass at the federal level, the number of local governments with an FOI ordinance or executive order has tripled since the beginning of the implementation period, rising from 20 to 61 local governments, exceeding the commitment's target.

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The [Open Gov Guide](#)—OGP's go-to resource for detailed reform recommendations and examples of good practice from OGP members—features chapters on the right to information and open data for climate, gender, and justice reforms.



Partners: OGP collaborates with many partners on access to information reforms, including [Access Info Europe](#), [Article 19](#), [Centre for Law and Democracy](#), [Programme d'Appui aux Gouvernements Ouverts Francophones \(PAGOF\)](#), [Red de Transparencia y Acceso a la Información](#), [The Carter Center](#), [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization \(UNESCO\)](#)



WHISTLEBLOWING

Currently, no countries in the Eastern Partnership have made OGP commitments related to whistleblowing. However, countries in Europe and beyond have successfully made ambitious whistleblowing commitments that have achieved important results.

COMMITMENT PERFORMANCE

Commitments related to whistleblowing have been generally ambitious both in the EU and globally.

	Eastern Partnership	OGP EU Average	OGP Global Average
High Ambition ⁴	N/A	63%	60%
High Completion ⁵	N/A	91%	64%
Strong Early Results ⁶	N/A	55%*	18%

* Sample size is less than 25 (20).

COMMITMENT EXAMPLES



Latvia's 2018 Whistleblower Protection Act: This Act, included in their [2017-2019 action plan](#), promotes effective whistleblowing and whistleblower protection mechanisms via outreach activities that promote awareness of whistleblowing, including opportunities to raise the alarm to the competent authorities and efficient whistleblowing mechanisms.



Protection of Persons Reporting Corruption in Croatia: In their [2018-2020 action plan](#), Croatia committed to passing an Act protecting whistleblowers by establishing an institutional framework for reporting irregularities and protecting those who report them. In 2019, the government adopted the Act on Protection of Persons Reporting Corruption, which effectively created different channels and opportunities for whistleblowing, which has the potential to increase public accountability.

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ABOUT OGP

The Open Government Partnership is an organization of reformers inside and outside of government working to transform how government serves its citizens. OGP is a broad partnership that includes members at the national and local level and thousands of civil society organizations. Through the Partnership, these powerful forces work together to co-create two- or four-year action plans with concrete steps—commitments—across a broad range of issues.

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