

Third-Year Snapshot (2022-2023)

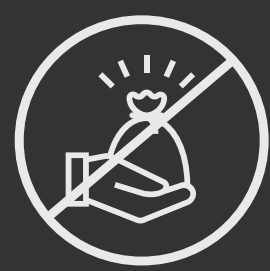
EU for Integrity Programme for the Eastern Partnership

COUNTRIES



The EU for Integrity Programme for the Eastern Partnership - jointly implemented by the Open Government Partnership Support Unit (OGP SU) and the OECD Anti-Corruption Network (OECD/ACN) - provides support and resources to reformers in the region advancing bold new open government initiatives and reforms in areas like anti-corruption, public service delivery, civic space, and access to justice.

POLICY AREAS



Anti-Corruption



Public Participation



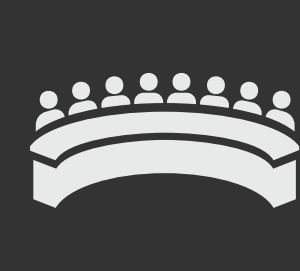
Public Service Delivery



Civic Space



Municipal Transparency



Legislative Openness



Open Data

OGP IN EAP | BY THE NUMBERS

4 active national members
1 permanently suspended member

21 national and **15** local action plans since 2011

381 reforms

13 local jurisdictions

EUR 3M+ worth of technical and financial support

PROGRAMME AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year Three

High-Level Political Support

In Year Three, OGP continued securing high-level political ownership for the open government agenda: 39 high-level bilateral or multilateral engagements at the national and local level were held to bolster political support for EU and OGP principles and promising reform commitments.

Supporting Open Gov Champions

OGP organised or facilitated 73 learning and networking opportunities to strengthen the dialogue between government and civil society and translate political commitments into domestic action. 1,173 representatives from government and civil society participated in these events, representing all five governments and a network of 254 civil society organisations across Armenia, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, as well as Azerbaijan. Additionally, 87 open government champions - both from government and civil society - received advanced skill-building support through peer exchange events, such as the Eastern Partnership Community Dialogue, a dedicated Transparency Fellowship exchange with Lithuania, and the Open Government Leadership Collaborative, providing learning and networking opportunities with other reformers from across the EU.

Implementation Support

With an active action plan in Armenia, OGP upgraded its support for the implementation of promising reforms, both through general consultancy support as well as dedicated funding to improve the capacity of budget reporting and participation; enhance compliance with access to information laws, and bolster whistleblowing protections in Armenia. Additionally, OGP brokered 20 implementation workshops with a total of 499 participants in Armenia, and four convenings with a total of 60 participants in Ukraine.

Showcasing Successful Reforms

OGP produced fifteen promotional videos and podcasts featuring key EaP reformers actively working on citizen engagement, inclusion of marginalised groups, anti-corruption, public service delivery, and protecting civic space, among others. A retrospective tribute video on Ukraine's decade-long open government journey celebrated the country's champions at the OGP Global Summit in Tallinn, Estonia. Additionally, the OGP in the Eastern Partnership quarterly newsletter reached 458 subscribers, while the Programme's social media presence hit a combined total of 11.2 million potential impressions.

Awarding Excellence

OGP recognised and rewarded reformers at the forefront of advancing open government with the Open Government Awards. In 2023, special emphasis was given to excellence in key thematic areas, including anti-corruption, public integrity, open justice, and inclusive participation in policy-making. Yerevan, Armenia won in the Asia-Pacific region among local governments with their "Green Seal-Green Deal" initiative, while Ukraine received a special recognition for their long-standing reform commitment.

OGP Local

In Year Three, OGP deepened its support to local-level open government efforts. As a result, reformers co-created six action plans (two in Armenia and four in Georgia) focusing on citizen engagement mechanisms, participatory budgeting, legislative oversight, and delivery of municipal public services, among others.

Engaging Donors and Development Partners

OGP continued to facilitate support from bilateral and multilateral partners. To better coordinate and align development funds, the OGP SU conducted 51 bilateral meetings with development partners supporting open government reforms in the Programme countries.

Open Gov Week

In May 2023, Open Gov Week brought together hundreds of EaP reform champions in a series of grassroots events raising awareness and advancing transparent and participatory governance. A total of 46 seminars, hackathons, public debates, and other events focused on the Eastern Partnership, planned by citizens, civil society organisations, and government institutions (out of a total of 1,000+ events worldwide organised in 103 countries).

The Programme's
#EU4Integrity

hashtag **total engagement rate**

239 tweets

239 unique authors

2,428 engagements

11.2M potential impressions

85.5% positive sentiment



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SUB-GRANTS

In Year 3, OGP provided **11 additional sub-grants** in support of civil society - reaching a combined **total of 19 initiatives** supported by **EUR 440,000** to improve action plans implementation, broaden civil society involvement in open government reforms, and help promote innovative mechanisms of civic oversight mechanisms. The following organisations received support:

ARMENIA

- **Boon Foundation** is advancing public policy dialogue through a series of televised discussions across key themes such as citizen engagement and inclusion; anti-corruption; justice; communication and media, and civic education - reaching a total of 700,000 viewers online and via social media.
- **The Armenian Center for Socio-Economic Studies and Economic Journalists Club** is improving the capacity of budget reporting and participation, creating a citizens' budget that reached a total of 1.5 million viewers.
- **NGO Center** used the sub-grant to monitor local reform commitments in Yerevan, Vanadzor, Gyumri, and Armavir.
- **Freedom of Information Center** improved access to information and promoted the use of beneficial ownership data by citizens, civil society organisations, and journalists.
- **Armenian Lawyers' Association** is strengthening the culture and structures of whistleblowing protection.

GEORGIA

- **ForSet** created AskGov.ge, the country's first citizen platform for freedom of information requests, facilitating citizen monitoring of good governance reforms, garnering 17,000 active users in just a few months, and winning the Copenhagen Democracy Summit Tech Award.
- **Georgian Institute of Politics** is improving youth engagement and vulnerable youth-oriented service delivery in Adjara, Shida Kartli, and Samtskhe-Javakheti regions.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

- **Association for Participatory Democracy** is providing user-friendly information about public utility services at the local level.

UKRAINE

- **Civil Society Development Forum** created a tailored toolkit ("UChange") to teach the principles of proper and effective participation in OGP, using gamified CivicLab methodology.

UP NEXT

Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova are co-creating their next action plans to be submitted in Year Four of the Programme - while Armenia progresses with implementing their current action plan. OGP continues to support them through co-creation workshops, educational webinars, mentoring, as well customised implementation support. The Programme builds on existing momentum and results to advance new ambitious open government reforms through the following support:

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.

Open Door Grants to Civil Society

While this funding instrument is no longer open for new submissions, current grantees will continue to implement their initiatives with OGP's support throughout Year Four.

Co-Creation Support

OGP will continue to provide support through outreach and engagement mechanisms, technical support, expert review of draft commitments, to promote new commitments with the donor and development support community, bringing co-creation processes to completion.

Peer Exchange Support

OGP will sustain peer-learning networks like the Beneficial Ownership Leadership Group, Democratic Freedoms Learning Network, Open Government Leadership Collaborative, and Transparency Fellows exchange. In Year Four, OGP will again organise the Eastern Partnership Community Dialogue to boost leadership capacity and foster cross-regional learnings.

Learning, Evaluation and Reform Design Support

OGP will continue to provide knowledge products - such as assessments of reforms to help EU convergence or mapping the regional open data for transparency landscape - along with country-specific evaluations of commitment design and implementation.

Implementation Support

OGP will continue to support the implementation of promising commitments across the region by mobilising international partners as well as tailored implementation consultancies in Armenia, Moldova, and Ukraine, and dedicated implementation funding in Armenia.

Enhanced Alignment of Reform Frameworks

OGP will continue working with partners to better align good governance commitments across various national reform frameworks, including international instruments such as EU accession recommendations, OECD-ACN reform areas, UNCAC implementation, Summit for Democracy pledges, etc. as well as domestic strategies.

Showcasing Reforms

OGP will enhance visibility activities to highlight outstanding reforms and reformers through promotional videos, impact stories, podcasts, and good practice documentation along with a continued quarterly newsletter and social media presence.