

# Terms of Reference | Proactive Disclosure Coalition

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## Vision & Aim

As more countries establish rules and regulations to guarantee the right to access information, the frontrunners have the opportunity to lead on progress in the field at a time of heightened need for transparent and trustworthy information. This Coalition believes that proactive disclosure, where the government actively informs society about its actions and decision-making is an important right for citizens, in addition to disclosure upon request. By sharing information more proactively and in a meaningful way, transparency around policy choices increases without people having to ask for it, trust in government can be enhanced and the workload related to access to information is reduced, since users do not need to request what is already available.

The Coalition's aim is to **collectively improve standards and practices around meaningful proactive disclosure of public information**. This is achieved through informed debate, peer learning, evidence-based analysis and common standards that feed into **impactful commitments through the OGP platform**, both through action plans and the Open Gov Challenge. The Coalition supports the development of an internationally recognised standard, OECD's **Good Practice Principles** on proactive disclosure.

## Governance and Membership

The Coalition is led and strategically coordinated by the **Netherlands**.

The **OGP** acts as the custodian of the Coalition, supporting the mobilisation of members, facilitating their collaboration, and coordinating an approach to implementation and monitoring of the developed instrument.

The **OECD** is a strategic partner and lead for technical guidance, given its valuable experience in standard-setting and facilitating structured dialogue and exchange among governments.

Membership of the Coalition is open to countries that share the aims of the Coalition and have taken meaningful steps towards proactive disclosure through legislation and government practices. Members are expected to contribute to the sharing of best practices and to early implementation of the upcoming OECD Good Practice Principles.

As of December 8, 2025, this Coalition includes the following countries: **Armenia, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Spain and Scotland.**

The Coalition will be expanded to include leading expert organisations from **civil society and multilateral platforms** in accordance with the timeline for developing the Good Practice Principles on proactive disclosure.

Governments and other stakeholders who wish to join the Coalition should get in touch with the OGP Support Unit.

## Ways of working

The Coalition is a network of frontrunner governments and expert organisations in the field of proactive disclosure of public information.

Each member nominates **one working level lead** and at least one **alternate** as contact persons to the Coalition. Members are expected to actively contribute to the aims and objectives of the Coalition.

Meetings are **convened by OGP**, in collaboration with the Netherlands and OECD.

Meetings take place **twice a year or in alignment with the objectives**, such as key moments around developing and implementing the Good Practice Principles on proactive disclosure.

The Coalition convenes **virtually**. In-person meetings will be organised only in alignment with other major international gatherings such as OGP Global Summits or OECD events.