

Annex:  
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## YEREVAN LOCAL OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE ACTION PLAN

### Introduction

The Government of the Republic of Armenia joined the [Open Government Partnership \(OGP\) initiative in 2011](#) and has implemented [four national action plans](#) since then.

The action plans aimed to improve the reform agenda undertaken by the government, making it more transparent, accountable, participatory and innovative.

[OGP-Armenia 2018-2020 being the fourth action plan](#) was rated as the most reformative in the [Independent Accountability Mechanism \(IAM\) report](#). The fourth plan was notable for its good fulfillment of commitments, despite the challenges of the pandemic and the war. Since joining the Open Government Partnership initiative, Armenia has improved its action plan development, implementation, commitment making processes, the processes of making more targeted and ambitious commitments. The government of the Republic of Armenia has implemented 4 national action plans.

[In February 2022](#), an announcement was posted on the official website and Facebook page of the Yerevan Municipality on joining the "Local OGP" initiative.

[On March 4, 2022](#), a meeting and a discussion was held in Yerevan Municipality, in which representatives of OGP-Armenia secretariat, the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia, and representatives of civil society participated. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the rationale of Yerevan Municipality joining the "Local OGP" initiative. As a result, on March 15, 2022, Yerevan Municipality, together with representatives of civil society and non-governmental organizations, applied to the members of the managing committee of the "Open Government Partnership" initiative in order to become a member of the "Local OGP", and [on May 17, 2022](#), became a member of the "Local Open Government" initiative.

[On June 20, 2022](#) in the frameworks of "Local OGP" initiative a meeting and a discussion

with OGP regional Deputy Director Shreya Basu took place in Yerevan Municipality. In June 2022, international conference titled "[Decentralization in Armenia: a new agenda after territorial and administrative reforms implemented in Armenia](#)" was held. The aim of the conference was to assess Armenia's challenges in policy development, decentralization strategy, role of stakeholders and ensuring interaction between them. The process of Open governance and its characteristic features at the local level were also discussed at the conference, addressing the issues such as integrity, participation, accountability and corruption at a local level.

[A Facebook page of Yerevan Local OGP initiative](#) was created in order to provide access to information related to the initiative and ensure awareness of current activities among Civil society representatives, non-governmental organizations, and active citizens.

On August 18, 2022, an online meeting and discussion was held with Rudi Borman, Deputy Director of the "Local OGP" initiative and coordinators/contact people of the Yerevan Municipality "Local OGP" initiative processes, representatives of the Civil Society who had submitted proposals, as well as with other active citizens. The preliminary directions for the development of the action plan, the possible alternative options for informing the wider population, the options for working more flexibly with the representatives of the Civil Society, the conformity of the presented proposals with the principles of the OGP, the deadlines for the development of the Action plan, etc. were discussed at the meeting.

[An announcement](#) about the submission of proposals within the frameworks of the "Local OGP" initiative was posted on the official website and Facebook page of Yerevan Municipality in order to develop the "Local OGP" initiative action plan.

The Yerevan Municipality proposed 9 directions on which citizens could present their suggestions. About 12 Civil Society Organizations applied and expressed their willingness to participate.

In total, about 45 proposals were collected, most of which were either repetitive in terms of content, or did not comply with the principles of the OGP, or were subject to clarification and amendment. The proposals were aimed at the improvement of public transport, services provided to the population, transparency, accountability, innovation, participation in the fields of health care, sustainable social environment development and innovation in the fields of garbage removal, green economy. Taking into account the situation, [a meeting and a discussion was held in Yerevan Municipality](#) between the Yerevan Mayor's advisor, employees of the Department of Development and Investment Projects and the coordinator of the OGP-Armenia office, as well as representatives of Civil Society. The meeting was organized by Yerevan Municipality. The participants discussed the proposals and classified them into digitalization, participation and innovation groups.

## Strategic Vision

The Yerevan Municipality has made considerable efforts within its competence to establish **mechanisms at the local level based on democratic, fair and broad participation**. Those reforms could not be implemented without the direct participation of citizens, Civil Society representatives and other interested parties.

In 2002, Armenia ratified the European Charter of Local Self-Government, and in 2013, the additional protocols of the Charter on the right of participation in local self-government affairs. Corresponding changes were also made in the Law "On Local Self-Government" of the Republic of Armenia in order to ensure and encourage the participation of citizens in the decision-making process at the local level, ensuring the equal development of all administrative districts of Yerevan.

Yerevan is also an active member of the European Covenant of Mayors, which aims to promote "green economic development" in communities, improve the quality of life of residents through the use of modern energy-saving technologies and renewable energy sources.

Yerevan is considered to be a member of European sister cities and actively cooperates with leading European cities at all levels. Yerevan Municipality cooperates with more than 50 foreign cities and is a member of 8 international organizations, creating an extensive field of contracts and projects implemented jointly.

Recently, the initiatives are aimed at increasing the effectiveness of cooperation with Yerevan's sister and partner cities and further expansion of international ties.

New partnership relations were established or expanded with dozens of European, Asian and CIS cities and organizations, for example: International Assembly of CIS Capitals and Large Cities, International Association of Mayors of French-Speaking Cities /AIMF/, Lighting Urban Community International Association /LUCI/, Association of European Cities /EUROCITIES/, with the GOSPEL sub-program of the CIUDAD project implemented by the European Commission, with the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the European Council, the "Strasbourg Friendly Cities Club", the World Heritage Cities Organization, etc. Yerevan has also joined and continues to join international initiatives and declarations of different orientations.

As a member of the Union of Armenian communities Yerevan constantly shares and promotes the principles of good governance among local self-government bodies. Within the frameworks of the decentralization reforms of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia, Yerevan has introduced the **process of drawing up the budget of the city with the participation of citizens - the participatory tool "Active Citizen", as well as established the live broadcasting of the community council sessions**.

OGP has always been in the field of vision of Armenian communities. Local Civil Society Organizations have been an integral part of the national target groups of the OGP.

In order to join the sub-legislative network of the OGP, with the support of donor partners

the Government of Armenia has attached an exceptional value to open governance by key communities. An assessment of governance commitment, civil society maturity levels, as well as economic potential and citizen participation were carried out. **Yerevan will be given the opportunity to conform and improve the public service delivery system and involve Armenian citizens in that process by joining the OGP partnership.**

Yerevan has made an active contribution to the democratic process of Armenia, especially after the escalation of 2020, as well as in addressing the problems related to COVID-19.

Correct management policy has become a priority for Yerevan Municipality. Policies for **environmental protection, waste management, public utility service provision, as well as business development policies** were jointly developed and implemented by municipal authorities, local Civil Society and private organizations.

Below are some of the main achievements assessed by Yerevan Municipality.

✚ **Organization of public hearings to enable citizens to participate in the decision-making processes** during the development of five-year and one-year development plans, community budgets. In this way, citizens are given the opportunity to express their opinion and participate in the decision-making process of projects of public importance, procedures of services provided by the city, tax obligations, reports, management of community property, etc.

✚ **The tool of "Active Citizen"** – an online gateway for citizens' electronic participation and decision making.

✚ **Ensuring transparency of information on official websites** with regular publications of council and mayor's draft decisions, as well as enabling citizens to provide feedback on projects, procedures and fees of service delivery, tax obligations, reports, community property management, etc.

✚ **The European Union's Sustainable Energy Week** is a traditionally organized and high-profile series of activities aimed at raising awareness of climate change mitigation, adaptation, energy conservation, and renewable energy. It is already the 3rd year that Yerevan Municipality joined the initiative and, highlighting the development of environmental education, organized intellectual, drawing and photography competitions, "Energy City" hackathon, "Students for the Climate" educational event, "Informed Generation: Sustainable Future" a two-day training seminar-event, a month-long sectoral awareness campaign and an expo-exhibition under the theme "Sustainable Technologies", ensuring the involvement of thousands of people in the activities and raising awareness.

✚ **The "EU: Solar Community for Yerevan" project** which aims to reduce energy consumption in public places through the implementation of energy efficiency measures and the installation of rooftop photovoltaic systems (PV).

✚ **"Yerevan Green City Action Plan"** aim is to contribute to the economic and social development of the city, in particular, to the sustainable development of the city, improvement and planting of trees and greenery, increasing the quality of public utility services, public transport reforms, optimizing the capital's road infrastructure, reducing the risks of disasters and increasing sustainability against natural disasters, protecting the environment and population health by solving the environmental problems of the capital city.

✚ **Online broadcasting of the City council sessions.**

✚ **Awareness raising project for members of women and youth advisory bodies** under the head of the community. The project was designed and developed in collaboration with UNDP.

Strategic programmes such as the Yerevan Climate Change Adaptation Programme have been developed to identify current and projected local climate hazards and to formulate adaptation and mitigation programmes, The Sustainable Energy Development Action Programme, the Green City Action pan and the "Doughnut" economic model, which, taking into account the challenges facing the city, define priorities, where the city will be able to achieve systemic change through sustainable development.

The Yerevan community has extensive experience in Civil Society involvement and cooperates with a number of nationally recognized NGOs, such as "Center for Freedom of Information" NGO and "Transparency International Anticorruption Center" NGO.

However, it is necessary to **further strengthen** the process of improving the active **communication between the citizens and municipality** and promoting their participation in the most important socio-economic areas in order to ensure the stability of the policy, to also ensure increased levels of representation and participation for vulnerable groups.

The community of Yerevan and all stakeholders give big importance to the **promotion of citizens' participation** in the meetings, discussions and hearings held in the community. In this sense, it is recommended to ensure a participatory decision-making process among residents and young people in the fields of community management and democratic processes. The proposal also aims to support the formation of human-centered policies, raise the level of awareness among citizens and form accountable public administration through enhanced community-resident dialogue.

One-year, five-year community development projects are a benchmark for community development and advancement. According to Clause 1 of Article 83 of the Law "On Local Self-Government in the City of Yerevan", the Mayor of Yerevan presents one-year and five-year development plans of Yerevan to the City Council. Public hearings are held before plans are presented to the City Council. In order to ensure the transparency of the process of public hearings in the Yerevan Municipality, as well as to inform citizens and other interested organizations, before conducting public hearings in accordance with the law announcements on public discussions are published on official websites (Unified



website for publication of legal act's drafts- e-draft.am, Yerevan Municipality official web-page-yerevan.am, as well as in a daily newspaper).

However, in order to raise awareness about that process and implement it more efficiently, it is considered necessary to make it more transparent, more accessible to citizens, and more accountable within the framework of the "Local OGP" initiative. Regular public discussions and open hearings are held in Yerevan Municipality regarding the municipal budget, development projects, drafts of local fees and tax rates.

In cooperation with the authorized management body of the Government coordinating the given field and mobile operators of the Republic of Armenia, it is proposed to create a direct connection in order to expand the scope of the citizens' awareness of the public hearing process within the framework of the "Local OGP" initiative. It will contribute to more affordable access to information among citizens, transparency, public accountability, increasing public participation in the decision-making process, as well as providing innovative mechanisms.

The process of **establishing a system of integrity** among community servants is also considered one of the important commitments. In this context, in cooperation with USAID's ARMENIA INTEGRITY PROJECT, it was decided to organize a series of trainings on the conduct of community servants for municipal servants of the Yerevan Municipality (including the employees of administrative districts), members of the Ethics Committee of the Yerevan Municipality, and integrity officers. Within the scope of the action plan, it is expected that a integrity system will be introduced in Yerevan Municipality, the degree of integrity of Yerevan Municipality servants will improve, the integrity abilities of Yerevan Municipality servants will improve, as well as their perception of integrity. This will contribute to ensuring the principles of transparency and accountability.

The effective operation of the Ethics Officer and the Ethics Committee is important from the point of view of the full institutionalization of the ethics and integrity system in Yerevan Municipality, which is in line with the paragraph 3.16: full institutionalization of the ethics and integrity system in the State system of Appendix 2 (Pillar 3: human resource management and public service) of the RA Government Decision No. 691-L "Strategy of public administration reforms, roadmap and result framework for 2022-2024 on approving the list of people providing coordination and strategy implementation control" as of May 13, 2022. One of the prerequisites for the effective implementation of the integrity system is to provide the necessary knowledge and skills to the integrity officers and to the municipal employees of Yerevan Municipality. Thanks to the implementation of the corruption risk assessment system in the Yerevan Municipality, an assessment of corruption risks will be carried out at regular intervals in the staffs of the Municipality and administrative districts, which will help highlight corruption risks and implement measures aimed at their prevention, thereby increasing the effectiveness of the prevention of corruption phenomena.

The main source of greenhouse gas emissions is energy sector, and most greenhouse

gases are produced in the urban environment, especially in cities with high levels of urbanization. In this sense, Yerevan is considered to be a target city. Cities use most of the world's energy supply and are responsible for about 70 percent of global energy-related greenhouse gas emissions. Increasing levels of these emissions already cause climate changes.

Therefore, in the framework of the fight against climate change, it is very important to take steps to increase the level of energy saving and energy efficiency in the urban environment and to develop renewable energy, reducing the level of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Over the past few years, Yerevan has taken significant steps towards climate change mitigation, energy efficiency, renewable energy and climate adaptation specific measures. We have developed strategic plans that are unprecedented in this region. One of them is the "Green City" action plan, which was developed for the first time in the CIS region and is based on the EBRD methodology, in cooperation with the International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. This project developed for Yerevan is the first application of EBRD's Green Cities approach. "Green City" action plan is a strategic document of green actions to be implemented until 2030, and a targeted policy is applied by the community for its implementation. The process of drafting a strategic adaptation plan for the city is currently under development.

Large-scale works have been carried out and are being carried out in the direction of using renewable energy sources, thermal insulation of apartment and public buildings, increasing the level of energy efficiency, modernizing the transport system and using smart solutions.

Within the framework of the "Local OGP" action plan, it is planned to create a **platform called "Green Development"** on the official website of the Yerevan Municipality (yerevan.am), where information on reduced greenhouse gas emissions and saved electricity will be displayed as a result of energy-efficient projects implemented by the city authorities. The platform will be regularly updated and inform citizens about the current environmental situation of the city. As a result of the implementation of this commitment, **awareness of the implementation and monitoring of "green" projects** will be improved.

An important contemporary problem is the low level of awareness of environmental protection and actions.

To this end, it is planned to create a platform called "Green Development" on the official page of the Yerevan City Hall, which will consist of three components ("Green Actions", "Green Seal", "Green Procurement") and will include an integrated approach to sustainable practices at all levels of municipal government. The Platform will be regularly updated and will contain information on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, energy savings resulting from energy efficiency projects implemented by the city authorities, will encourage municipal organizations to comply with sustainable development standards and receive the appropriate Green Seal, will

facilitate the purchase of goods and services through the «green» procurement procedure, which can promote sustainable consumption and production.

**Implementation of the commitment will improve awareness of "green" programs operation and control.**



<b>Commitment 1: Organization and implementation of open, transparent and participatory public discussions</b>	
<b>Denomination of the Commitment</b>	<b>Initiate the increase of the participation and awareness of the population in public discussions during 2023-2024</b>
<b>The body implementing the commitment</b>	Yerevan Municipality
<b>The person in charge for the commitment implementation organ</b> <b>Email:</b> <b>Tel:</b>	Yerevan Municipality Deputy Head of Development and investment programs department Meri Harutyunyan <a href="mailto:zargacum@yerevan.am">zargacum@yerevan.am</a> 011514227
<b>Other interested members, participants</b>	<b>State management and other bodies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RA Government authorized state administration body coordinating the given field</li> <li>• “Telecom Armenia” CJSC</li> <li>• “Ucom Telecommunications Company” CJSC</li> <li>• MTS Armenia CJSC.</li> </ul>
	<b>NGOs, private sector, other organizations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Transparency International, Anticorruption Center” NGO, USAID’S ARMENIA INTEGRITY PROJECT (AIP), <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Freedom of Information Center" NGO</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Other NGOs and organizations who will join the commitment</p>
<b>Definition of the Problem</b>	To promote publicity, participation, awareness and transparency in the process of organizing and implementing public discussions in the local self-government system by introducing a new public and transparent notification system (pilot version). In order to ensure the transparency of public hearings in the Yerevan Municipality, before they are held, announcements are posted to the official websites e-draft.am, yerevan.am, as well as in the daily newspapers. Taking into account the low indicators of citizens'

	<p>awareness that have arisen from the organized discussions, apart from the use of awareness measures determined by law, additional mechanisms have been established in order to increase citizens' interest in public processes and the interest due to them.</p> <p>In order to more effectively implement the process of informing the population, the process of making the mentioned process more transparent, more accessible for citizens, and more accountable is initiated within the framework of the OGP.</p> <p>Regular public discussions and open hearings are held in Yerevan Municipality regarding the consideration of the municipal budget, development plans, drafts of local fees and tax rates. The purpose of cooperation with the OGP is to expand the scope of awareness of the citizens through addressed messages and behavioral interventions.</p>
<p><b>Main goal</b></p>	<p>The main goal of the proposal is to ensure a participatory decision-making process among residents and young people in the fields of community management and democratic processes. The proposal also aims to support the formation of human-centered policies, raise the level of awareness among citizens and support the accountable public administration through enhanced community-resident dialogue.</p> <p>Yerevan Municipality will apply behavioral science tools in all 12 administrative districts, which will stimulate citizens' interest and promote active participation.</p>
<p><b>Short Description of the Commitment</b></p>	<p>Develop the conceptual foundations of communication and information policy, modernize the functional system of institutional management and introduce innovative models of communication, public awareness, information addressing process at public discussions organized by the Municipality through planning and implementation of the communication. It is planned to introduce additional mechanisms,</p>

	<p>in addition to the use of awareness measures defined by the law so far, to increase the interest in participating in discussions and to apply more flexible methods of awareness.</p> <p>Results expected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The readiness of Yerevan Municipality to work more flexibly and willingly with citizens, NGOs, Civil Society Organizations will be confirmed,</li> <li>• The continuity of ensuring participatory, transparent, accountable management practices will be confirmed through the use of innovative mechanisms.</li> <li>• With the implementation of the commitment, we expect that the activities between Yerevan Municipality and citizens will become more transparent, information about the services provided by the Municipality will become more accessible, public participation will be ensured in the decision-making process, innovative mechanisms will be used and community-citizen cooperation will become more effective and accountable.</li> </ul>
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**The Stages of Verification and Measurement of Commitment Performance, Sub actions**

Carry out an analysis of public discussions organized by the Yerevan Municipality	March-April, November-December, 2023
Carry out an analysis of what percentage of citizens, NGOs, and Civil Society Organizations were informed about public discussions through the Internet, daily newspaper, and mobile communication	April-May, October-November, 2023
Carry out an analysis, comparing the indicators of participation of citizens, NGOs, Civil Society Organizations in the process of public discussions in previous years	March, December, 2023

Publish information about citizens, NGOs, Civil Society Organizations involved in the public discussion process on the official page of Yerevan Municipality		March, December, 2023	
Behavioral Science informed messaging to citizens to test and verify best approaches of citizen engagement		September-October, 2023	
<b>Commitment 2. Establishment of an Integrity system</b>			
<b>Commitment Denomination</b>		Establishment and Implementation of Integrity System in Yerevan Municipality for 2023-2024	
<b>The body implementing the commitment</b>		Yerevan Municipality	
<b>The person in charge for the commitment implementation organ</b>		Yerevan Municipality Deputy Head of Development and investment programs department Meri Harutyunyan	
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<b>Other interested members, participants</b>	<b>State management and other bodies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RA Deputy Prime Minister's Office,</li> <li>• RA Prime Minister's Administration: Civil Service Office</li> <li>• State management bodies</li> </ul>	
	<b>NGOs, private sector, other organizations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USAID'S ARMENIA INTEGRITY PROJECT (AIP)</li> <li>• "Transparency International Anticorruption Center" NGO</li> <li>• "Freedom of Information Center" NGO</li> </ul>	Other NGOs and organizations who will join the commitment

<p><b>Definition of the Problem</b></p>	<p>The effective operation of the Ethics Officer and the Ethics Committee is important from the point of view of the full institutionalization of the ethics and integrity system in Yerevan Municipality, which is in line with the paragraph 3.16. Full institutionalization of the ethics and integrity system in the State system of Appendix 2 (Pillar 3: human resource management and public service) of the RA Government's May 13, 2022 Decision No. 691-L "Strategy of public administration reforms, roadmap and result framework for 2022-2024, on approving the list of persons providing coordination and strategy implementation control". One of the prerequisites for the effective implementation of the integrity system is to provide the necessary knowledge and skills to the integrity officers and to the municipal employees of Yerevan Municipality.</p>
<p><b>Main Goal</b></p>	<p>To introduce integrity system in the Yerevan Municipality which will improve the degree of integrity of Yerevan Municipality community servants, the integrity abilities of Yerevan Municipality community servants, as well as their perception of integrity.</p>
<p><b>Short Description of the Commitment</b></p>	<p>Organize series of trainings on the conduct of community servants for municipal servants of the Yerevan Municipality (including for the employees of administrative districts), members of the Ethics Committee of the Yerevan Municipality, and integrity officers in a phased version.</p> <p>The results expected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formation of an integrity system among community servants.</li> <li>• Creation of an electronic tool for the assessment of integrity</li> <li>• Development of the first phase of educational modules, guidelines</li> <li>• Ensuring transparency of activities and information provision</li> </ul>

	among community service and decision-makers through the integrity system
<b>The Stages of Verification and Measurement of Commitment Performance, Sub actions</b>	
Implementation of thematic and practical courses in cooperation with the Human Resources Management Department of Yerevan Municipality and relevant CSOs, NGOs	February, March, 2023
Implementation of thematic verification tasks among community servants, through which it will be easy to find out the effectiveness of the implemented courses	March, 2023
Evaluation and development of a periodic evaluation mechanism based on results	May, 2023
Creation of an electronic tool for assessing well-being	May, 2023
Development of the first phase of educational modules, guidelines	April-May, 2023
<b>Commitment 3. Establishment of The "Green development" Platform</b>	
<b>Commitment Denomination</b>	Create a platform called "Green development" on the official page of Yerevan Municipality



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<b>Other interested members, participants</b>	<b>State management and other bodies</b>	"Yerevan City Management Technology Center" CJSC	
	<b>NGOs, private sector, other organizations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Transparency International Anticorruption Center" NGO</li> <li>• "Freedom of Information Center" NGO</li> </ul>	Other NGOs and organizations who will join the commitment
<b>Definition of the Problem</b>		<p>In the framework of the fight against climate change, it is very important to take steps to increase the level of energy saving and energy efficiency in the urban environment and to develop renewable energy, reducing the level of CO2 emissions.</p> <p>Over the past few years, Yerevan has taken significant steps towards climate change mitigation, energy efficiency, renewable energy and climate adaptation specific measures. We have developed strategic plans that are unprecedented in this region. One of them is the "Green City" action plan, which was developed for the first time in the CIS region and is based on the EBRD methodology, in cooperation with the International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. This project developed for Yerevan is the first application of EBRD's Green Cities approach. "Green City" action plan is a strategic document of green actions to be implemented until 2030, and a targeted policy is applied by the community for its implementation. The process of drafting a strategic adaptation plan for the city is currently under</p>	

	<p>development.</p> <p>Large-scale works have been carried out and are being carried out in the direction of using renewable energy sources, thermal insulation of apartment and public buildings, increasing the level of energy efficiency, modernizing the transport system and using smart solutions. So, it is necessary to create a unified, transparent, innovative system called "Green development" platform, which will enable all interested parties to be aware of the works mentioned above and the measures implemented.</p>
<p><b>Main goal</b></p>	<p>Yerevan Municipality suggests to launch a "Green development" program, which would include a comprehensive approach towards sustainable practices at all levels of municipal management. The project will have three main components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green actions – a web report of the Municipality on greenhouse gas emissions reflected through the measures taken by the municipality to reduce the negative impact;</li> <li>• Green Seal – Yerevan Municipality will award annual Green Seals to the institutions and departments within its mandate based on their compliance to sustainability standards. The target is that all structures of Yerevan Municipality will be fully compliant with the Green Seal standards by 2028;</li> <li>• Green Procurement – Yerevan municipality will commit to purchase goods and services that can make a contribution to sustainable consumption and production.</li> </ul>

## Short Description of the Commitment

Within the framework of the "Local OGP" action plan, it is planned to create a platform called "Green development" on the official website of the Yerevan Municipality, yerevan.am, where the information on how much the greenhouse gas emissions has reduced as a result of energy-efficient projects implemented by the municipality will be displayed.

The platform will be regularly updated and will contain information on reduced greenhouse gas emissions, electricity saved as a result of energy efficiency projects implemented by the municipality, will encourage municipal organizations to meet sustainability standards and receive the appropriate "Green Seal", will facilitate the purchase of goods and services through "Green procurement" procedures that can contribute sustainable consumption and production. As a result of the implementation of the commitment, awareness of the implementation and monitoring of "green" programs will be improved.

The main source of greenhouse gas emissions is energy sector, and most greenhouse gases are produced in the urban environment, especially in cities with high levels of urbanization. In this sense, Yerevan is considered a target city. Cities use most of the world's energy supply and are responsible for about 70 percent of global energy-related greenhouse gas emissions. Increasing levels of these emissions already cause climate changes.

Large-scale works have been carried out and are being carried out in the direction of using renewable energy sources, thermal insulation of apartment and public buildings, increasing the level of energy efficiency, modernizing the transport system and using smart solutions. Results expected:

- There will be an opportunity to get acquainted with the projects

	<p>implemented by the municipality in the field of energy saving and renewable energy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced energy indicators as a result of the projects implemented in the energy sector will be confirmed.</li> <li>• Sustainability standards will be developed and invested, compliance with which will be an incentive for community-based organizations</li> </ul>
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**The Stages of Verification and Measurement of Commitment Performance, Sub actions**

Organization of the "Green development" platform creation together with "Yerevan City Management Technology Center" CJSC	March, 2023
Localization of implemented "Green development" projects and implementation of a clear toolkit, through which it will be possible to assess the expected results of the project on an annual basis	December, 2023
Regularly updating and analyzing the data obtained as a result of the project	On a semi-annual basis 2023 last week of June 2023 last week of December
Development of sustainability criteria	April, 2023
Ensuring transparency of data publication	On a semi-annual basis 2023 last week of June 2023 last week of December