



# EU for Integrity Programme for the Eastern Partnership

3-Year report



Open  
Government  
Partnership



# Introduction

The EU for Integrity Programme for the Eastern Partnership (EaP) aims to strengthen the support and resources available to country reformers to deepen reforms and advance bold ideas in anti-corruption, public service delivery, civic space, and justice. The programme is jointly implemented by the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and the OECD Anti-Corruption Network, supported by the European Union (EU). This report summarises the main support and accomplishments implemented by OGP.

## Countries participating in the EU for Integrity Programme



Armenia



Georgia



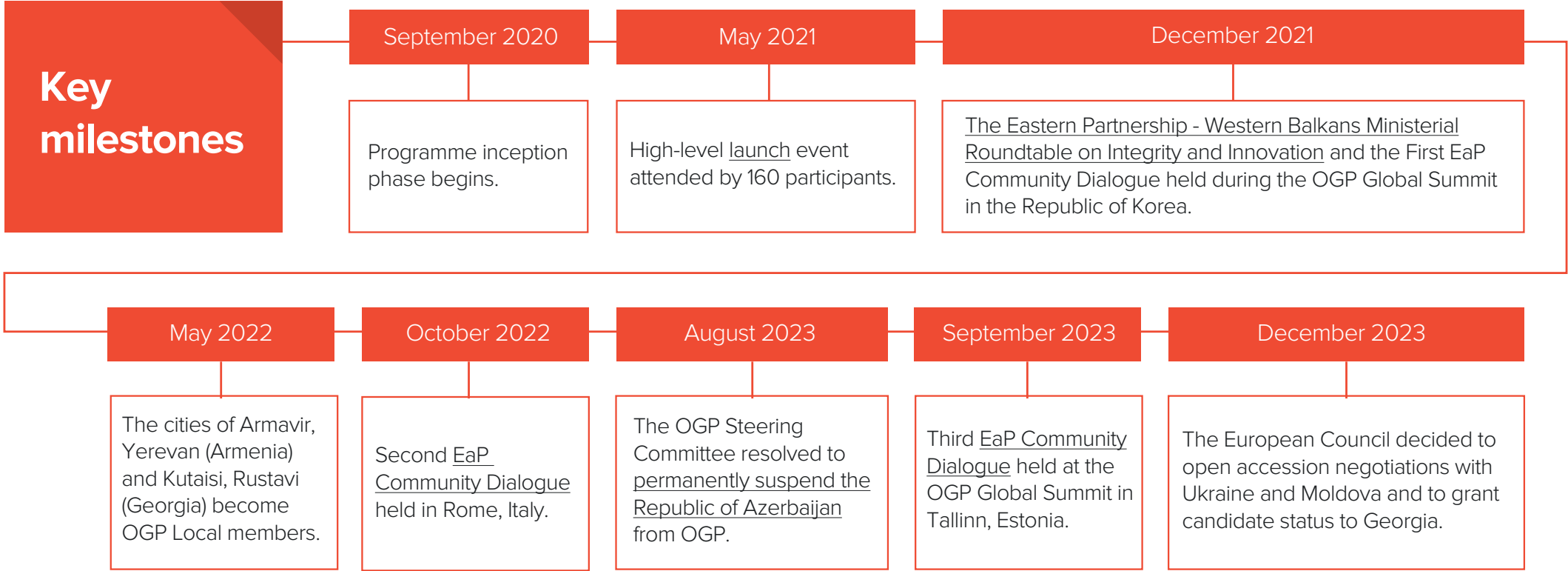
Moldova



Ukraine

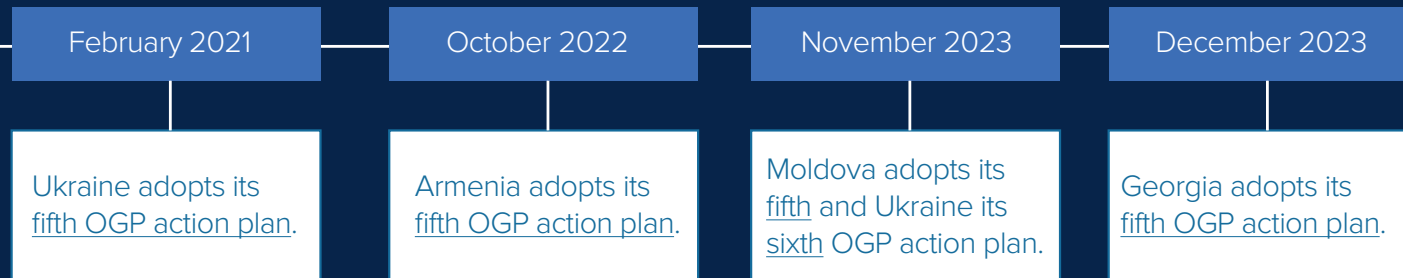


Azerbaijan  
(withdrawn in 2023)



# Action Plans

## Action plans from EaP countries.



## Local action plans from EaP countries.



# EU for Integrity in numbers

## MEMBERS

4



active  
national members

## REFORM IN ACTION

5

national action plans  
since 2020



457

reform commitments

13

local action plans  
since 2020



EUR 2M+

worth of technical  
and financial  
support

13



local members

## COMMUNITY

107

high-level bilateral  
or multilateral engagements



133

virtual and in-person  
learning and networking  
opportunities



1 984

government and civil society  
participants

254

civil society organisations engaged



2 152

posts by

460

unique authors using  
#EU4Integrity hashtag

19,88  
million

potential impressions across  
X, Facebook, LinkedIn  
and Instagram



# ADVANCING OPEN GOVERNMENT DOMESTICALLY AND REGIONALLY

The EU for Integrity Programme for the Eastern Partnership has been vital in advancing open government in the EaP region by providing tailored support, fostering collaboration, and building capacity to strengthen governance systems, promote transparency, and empower citizens in a variety of ways.

OGP has invested in multilateral and bilateral high-level political outreach at the ministerial level to secure political buy-in and deepen networks and synergies with international partners. Overall, OGP conducted over one hundred high-level bilateral and multilateral engagements with key leaders across the region.

# Securing High-Level Political Support



Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden and OSCE Chair Ann Linde participates in civic space and anti-corruption discussion meeting in Ukraine. June 2021.



Prime Minister of Armenia Nikol Pashinyan meets OGP's CEO Sanjay Pradhan. July 2021.



Prime Minister of Moldova Natalia Gavrilita speaks at the OGP Global Summit emphasizing the importance of open government principles. December 2021.



OGP's CEO Sanjay Pradhan meets with Armenia's President Vahagn Khachaturyan at the Davos World Economic Forum. May 2022.



High-level event of the Beneficial Ownership Leadership Group. July 2022.



"Participatory Governance" meeting chaired by Arayik Harutyunyan, Chief of Staff of the PM of Armenia and OGP high-level point of contact. April 2023.

# Bringing the Open Gov Community Together

OGP regularly brought together both the global and EaP community of reformers to share the latest open government best practices, learn from common challenges, and build skills and coalitions for bolder reforms.

The first EaP Community Dialogue took place at the OGP Global Summit in South Korea. EaP-oriented session on “Civic Innovations for Open Government in the Eastern Partnership” engaged the open gov community to foster ambition and collaboration in new and emerging themes. December 2021.

The second EaP Community Dialogue took place during the OGP Regional Meeting in Rome, Italy. Organised jointly with representatives from the Western Balkans, and in collaboration with partners from the European Commission, OECD, Open Contracting Partnership, Open Ownership, and the Tax Justice Network, the Dialogue convened key reformers to exchange on how to improve the implementation of open government reforms. October 2022.

The third EaP Community Dialogue took place during the OGP Global Summit in Tallinn, Estonia. It gave the reformers the opportunity to network and dive deep into regional open government practices, trends, challenges, and successes. September 2023.



# Building Reform Design and Implementation Capacity

OGP organised 133 learning and networking opportunities engaging a total of 1984 government and civil society participants on topics including anti-corruption, opening justice, civic innovations, democratic freedoms and public service delivery, with strengthening the dialogue between government and civil society across EaP countries. The programme provided stakeholders with skills, networks, and knowledge through trainings, co-creation workshops, webinars, peer exchanges, and implementation support.



Engaging EaP youth to role model open government values in difficult contexts at the 2022 Eastern Partnership Youth Conference, July 2022.



High-Level Beneficial Ownership Transparency Roundtable discussion on “What’s next for beneficial ownership transparency after the Pandora Papers? Leveraging the OGP Global Summit and Summit for Democracy to drive up global ambition”. December 2021.



Global Week For Justice 1st - 8th December 2021

**Global Dialogue of Justice Leaders**  
**Transforming justice for a vibrant social contract**

6th December 2021 8.30AM – 10.30 AM ET / 14.30 – 16.30 CET / 15.30 – 17.30 Riga

The Second Global Dialogue of Justice Leaders: “Transforming justice for a vibrant social contract” brought together ministers of justice and other justice leaders to shape the future of domestic and global cooperation for justice. December 2021.

A dedicated OGP Transparency Fellowship in cooperation with TI Lithuania’s School on Integrity enabled 10 professionals from the EaP region to learn from and exchange with hundreds of fellow anti-corruption experts. June 2023.



# Engaging Donors and Development Partners

The programme has forged partnerships with donors and development partners to leverage additional resources and expertise. Overall, OGP has conducted 153 bilateral meetings with the donors and development partners active in the Action countries, including with bilateral funders (USAID, FCDO, GIZ, SDC, national embassies, etc.), and multilateral development partners (Council of Europe, OECD, NDI, UNDP, European Commission and in-country EU delegations, etc.).

# Promoting Local Open Government

To support the co-creation of local open government reforms in the region, OGP engaged an increasing number of municipalities from EaP countries. Three Ukrainian, three Georgian and two Armenian municipalities joined OGP Local in late 2020, with four additional local governments (two from Armenia, including Yerevan and two additional ones from Georgia) joining in 2022. To support their onboarding and reform path, OGP organised orientation sessions, co-creation workshops, trainings and thematic exchanges on topics ranging from access to justice, to civic space, gender and inclusion, and fiscal openness.

“Thematic deep dives” to build the capacity of EaP OGP Local members. April - May 2021.



Tailor-made co-creation workshop for Georgian local governments. October 2022.

The Ukrainian municipalities of Vinnytsia and Khmelnytskyi at the “Open Government Partnership Local Dimension. Co-creation process” event. June 2021.



The Armenian NGO Armavir Development Center organised an OGP Reform Expo. August 2021.



E-learning module for OGP Local members in Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine on evaluating, learning and communicating progress and results. June 2023.

# Funding Civil Society Engagement and Innovation

The programme also supported the engagement and innovation of civil society organisations in advocating for transparency, accountability, and good governance.

From  
2021 to 2023

the EU For Integrity  
programme allocated

EUR 500 000 +

to 20  
sub-grants

for civil society organisations  
across Eastern Partnership.

**Boon Foundation**, Armenia received support to facilitate constructive dialogues between CSOs, subject-matter experts and the government to improve public policy development. Thanks to the grant, the Boon Foundation created 60 episodes of “Boon Talks”, policy dialogues on reform agendas, including state budgeting, strategic communication, NGO funding, and public oversight. The Talks reached over 700 000 Facebook and 10 000 YouTube viewers, providing broad exposure to the reforms, and the CSOs and government experts.



**ForSet** used support from the programme to create [AskGov.ge](#), Georgia’s first online platform that allows citizens to send Freedom of Information requests to any public authority - facilitating public engagement in monitoring reforms and holding the government to account. Currently, the tool has 18 000 active users.



In Moldova, **AGER** expanded the [Revizia.md](#) portal, boosting civic awareness and engagement in the fight against procurement fraud. Thanks to this innovative tool citizens can find essential information on common irregularities and legal frameworks, and a practical guide on reporting fraudulent activities to law enforcement institutions. The informational campaign about this comprehensive resource reached between 30 000 to 40 000 people.



# RECOGNISING AND SPOTLIGHTING REFORMS AND REFORMERS

## Promoting reformers and sharing inspiration

OGP showcased impactful open government initiatives through interviews with key reformers from across the region. 13 video interviews were produced and promoted on social media with a total of more than thirteen thousand views across YouTube, X, Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram.



**What would open reconstruction mean for Ukraine and the world**



**Open Government Agenda in Armenia**



**Why is it important to make public procurement open?**

In addition, OGP produced a series of videos spotlighting Ukraine's OGP reformers and their achievement over the past decade, as well as featuring Moldova's, Georgia's, and Armenia's open government journeys.



**An Open Ukraine,  
A Resilient Ukraine**



**Moldova's Road Towards  
Open Government**



**Armenia's Promising Open  
Government Commitments**



**Georgia's Path  
to Inclusive Governance**



OGP's "Faces of Open Government" profiles also featured reformers [Oleksii Sobolev](#) and [Khrystyna Zelinska](#) from Ukraine, as well as [local reformers](#) [Nana Tamvdukadze](#) (Ozurgeti, Georgia), [Valentyna Andriyishyna](#) (Khmelnystkyi, Ukraine), [Aripe Hakobyan](#) (Vanadzor, Armenia), and [Oleksandr Yarema](#) (Ukraine).



OGP's "Voices of Open Government" podcast series featured in-depth interviews with [Kadija Ismayilova](#) (Azerbaijan) and [Viktor Nestulia](#) (Ukraine), sharing insights on how to do government better.




VOICES OF  
**Open  
Government**



***Kadija Ismayilova***

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***Viktor Nestulia***

Additionally, OGP developed 14 impact stories covering promising reforms from EaP countries, including on [Georgia's public spending monitoring](#) and [Ukraine's empowerment of citizen watchdogs](#).

From July 2021 to the end of 2023, OGP published 10 issues of a quarterly [newsletter](#) dedicated to the EU for Integrity programme, reaching 461 subscribers.



# Recognising inspiring reforms

At the 2021 OGP Global Summit for Ukraine clinched top honours for transparent public asset sales and Khmelnytskyi won the OGP Innovation Award for their Green Course Action Plan. At the 2023 OGP Global Summit Yerevan's "Green Seal - Green Deal" initiative and Ukraine's OGP community received well-deserved accolades for its enduring commitment to open government reforms, setting a high bar for global peers.



# Testimonials



**Lado Jurkhadze, Mayor of Khoni, Georgia**

“OGP for me - it's a great opportunity to solve some problems [...] a chance to show what we can do for my municipality and the people.”



**Mikheil Darchiashvili, Director of Subnational Governance Systems, USAID Local Governance Program**

“OGP has proven to be a very practical, and important mechanism that motivates subnational governments.”



**Ani Harutyunyan, Director of Program Development at Armavir Development Center, Armenia**

“I think that OGP gave us a platform to become an active actor in finding solutions.”



**Oleksandr Yarema, State Secretary of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine**

“We have an Open Government Partnership where together, the state and civil society set a common agenda, identify common problems, and talk about the ways to solve these problems.”



**Liana Doydoyan, Co-founder of the Freedom of Information Center**

“The Open Government Partnership initiative is one of the best platforms that allows moving from words to actions.”



**Natalia Oksha - Secretary of the OGP Coordinating Council and Deputy Director of the Department of Information and Communication, Government of Ukraine**

“I certainly hope that the values of open government will be decisive in the development of our country.”



**Constantin Cearanovski - Board Member of Initiativa Pozitiva NGO**

“OGP is an immensely powerful tool to promote dialogue between the government and society.”



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