

# **OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP**



## **ROMANIA NATIONAL ACTION PLAN**

**2016 –2018**

## **MID-TERM SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT**

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## Introduction

Accession to the Open Government Partnership in 2011 provided the Government of Romania with the support to create an auxiliary mechanism that would allow it to become more open, accountable and efficient.

OGP membership and the three national action plans drafted from 2012 to 2016 resulted in an increase of efforts to promote transparency and the fight against corruption, to encourage civic participation and the use of new technologies in administration, actions that were also included in national strategies.

In 2012, the OGP process in Romania was linked with the 2012-2015 National Anti-corruption Strategy and, in the following years, was correlated to other important objectives such as increasing the transparency of public administration – the 2014-2020 Strategy for strengthening public administration, ensuring the free access to national legislation, increasing transparency and efficiency in public spending or ensuring open access in education and research.

These lines of action were reflected in the commitments included in the national plans and were a result of consultation and collaboration between central public administration and civil society.

An important step for the open government process was the creation of the Ministry for Public Consultation and Civic Dialogue<sup>1</sup> in autumn 2015. The Ministry's attributions include: the increase of access to information and transparency in public administration, public consultation of the non-governmental sector and promotion of civil society participation to the decision-making process.

## NAP development process

The development of the 2016-2018 National Action Plan was based on the lessons learned from the implementation of the previous NAP, as well as, on the recommendations of the 2015 IRM Report and the proposals of the civil society.

The work of the governmental team was strengthened by the support received from the NGOs, particularly from the organisations that form the Open Data Coalition.

### **A. Participation and co-creation when developing the National Action Plan**

A first step was taken during the Open Government Week (5-11 March 2016)<sup>2</sup>, when the debates focused on the main themes of increasing transparency and efficiency in public administration by opening up data and information and on the commitments that should be included in the 2016-2018 NAP. The OGP Conference on 9 March was dedicated to the most important OGP subjects:

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<sup>1</sup> Presently: the Ministry for Public Consultation and Social Dialogue (MCPDS)

<sup>2</sup> <http://ogp.gov.ro/open-gov-week/>

from the assessment of the 2014-2016 commitments to the proposal of new ones for the future plan. The IRM researcher summed up the conclusions of the IRM report and the civil society representatives presented and published the official version of the proposed commitments. Their proposals included commitments on education, culture, health, justice, economy, energy, natural resources, access to information, budgetary transparency, subnational, open parliament and open data.

The drafting of the 2016-2018 National Action Plan was based on the proposals received from the public administration institutions and from the civil society, and was made in accordance with the OGP recommended timeline. The calendar was published on the [ogp.gov.ro](http://ogp.gov.ro) website in January 2016 and was agreed upon with the representatives of civil society during the first public debate held on the subject of the new NAP (28 January 2016). The timeline clearly stated the consultation dates and periods as well as the important milestones for the next 6 months until the publishing of the final version of the 2016-2018 NAP.

On 15 February, 2016, the online public consultation for the new NAP was launched on the [ogp.gov.ro](http://ogp.gov.ro) website. The consultation was open for two months, until 15 April 2016, as it was announced since January.

In this first phase of the consultations, the OGP team and partners laid the basis for the new plan: commitment proposals from the public institutions and from stakeholder meetings were added to the proposals already received from the civil society.

Public communications mentioned that the drafting of the plan would take into consideration the IRM Progress Report conclusions, as well as the commitment of the OGP member states to promote the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development principles. The start of the public debate in January was accompanied by a presentation of the UN 2030 Agenda: the Sustainable Development Goals.

Anyone was able to send commitment proposals relevant to the principles of the Open Government Partnership: to promote a more open, accountable and efficient government through increased transparency and fight against corruption, encourage public participation and the use of the new technologies in administration.

From January till March 2016, a public consultation was organised by the civil society, led by the Centre for Public Innovation. The first phase of the consultation was for raising ideas for the new plan, while the second phase saw most of these ideas being developed into full commitments, along with other partners from the civil society. Almost 200 people were involved in the process, both citizens and representatives of informal groups or non-governmental organisations. The input varied from a simple vote to rank the proposals to drafting the initial form of the commitments (according to the OGP model). The editors of the commitments were: the Centre for Public Innovation, the Centre for Independent Journalism, Funky Citizens, the Romanian Academic Society, Alex Lungu,

Smart City and Median Research. The final draft included 28 commitments, out of which 21 were fully developed, while 7 remained in concept form. The proposals were grouped under 13 domains.

The document was submitted to the Government, presented during the Open Government Week public debate and published online on the website of the Centre for Public Innovation. The document was also published by the OGP coordination team on the [ogp.gov.ro](http://ogp.gov.ro) website and was further sent by official letter to the line institutions. The OGP team has also organised a number of meetings with the institutions and stakeholders involved to discuss and draft official responses regarding the proposals and the new plan.

Following consultations with the public institutions, the proposals drafted by the civil society were accepted entirely or partially by the agencies as commitments to be implemented in partnership with the NGOs. There was no institutional commitment on proposals related to natural resources, state companies and energy.

The draft National Action Plan, that includes commitments developed from proposals of both civil society and public institutions, was published on the [ogp.gov.ro](http://ogp.gov.ro) website on 28 April 2016 and, according to the calendar, the following public debates and consultations were organised:

- 28 April – 31 May: online public consultation;
- 17 and 19 May: 4 thematic public debates on Culture and Education, Budgetary Transparency and Open Contracting, Access to information and Participation, Open Data / Technology and Innovation;
- 10 June: public debate on the commitments proposed by the Ministry of Justice.

For the final version of the Plan the following public debates and consultations were organised:

- 17 – 27 June: online public consultation;
- 23 June: public debate.

Starting from the proposal made by civil society regarding the coordination of OGP in Romania, the governmental OGP team initiated a public consultation process for the creation of an institutionalized mechanism for coordination and dialogue. According to the proposals, this should materialize in an OGP Coordination Committee and will work on the principle of continuous cooperation between Government and civil society in all its actions: co-creation of the national action plan, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

The documents on which the debates and consultations were based were published on the [ogp.gov.ro](http://ogp.gov.ro) in a timely manner.

## B. Consultations during implementation

Following NAP approval, the OGP Club<sup>1</sup> has hosted a series of debates on subjects related to NAP commitments: Subnational (in Timișoara), the MCPDS commitments, the National Steering Committee or Open Education.

There have also been a series of working group meetings on the Citizens Budgets. Open Education, Open Data and Open Parliament commitments.

The draft Recommendations for Open Government at the local level were available for public consultation before the final version was published.

The collaboration between the government OGP Unit and the civil society continued past the initial consultation on the NAP development to the implementation and evaluation of commitments.

This resulted in joint participation or organisation of events such as Upgrade My City Timișoara, Open Education Conference, DiploHack Bucharest, the ICUB seminar on OGP – state and civil society - along representatives of the civil society, as well as ongoing collaboration with the representatives of the foreign embassies in Romania that support the OGP process: the Netherlands, the US, the UK, France<sup>2</sup>. Another noted collaboration was with representatives of the public administration for the development of online applications<sup>3</sup>.

## C. Consultations on the Self-Assessment Report

The calendar published in January 2017<sup>4</sup> included the phases for the publication of the mid-term self-assessment report on the 2016-2018 NAP:

1-10 September: development of the draft report in collaboration with institutions and NGOs responsible for the NAP commitments;

11-24 September: consultation period and public debate on the draft Self-assessment Report;

30 September: publication of the final version of the Report.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://ogp.gov.ro/club-ogp/arhiva/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://ogp.gov.ro/noutati/ziua-datelor-deschise-bucuresti-4-martie-2017/>, <http://ogp.gov.ro/noutati/masa-rotunda-transparence-des-donnees-publiques-defi-moral-ou-politique/>

<sup>3</sup> <http://ogp.gov.ro/noutati/diplohack-9-septembrie-2016/>

<sup>4</sup> <http://ogp.gov.ro/planul-national/pna-2016-2018/>

On 5 September 2017, following consultations with all stakeholders responsible for NAP commitments, the draft Report was published on the ogp.gov.ro website and a 2-week consultation period was announced (5-20 September). The public debate was held on 14 September, in the framework of the OGP Club.

## IRM Recommendations

In drafting the commitments for the current NAP, the IRM recommendations from the 2015 Report were taken into consideration:

1. Give the next OGP national action plan a higher normative force, approving it by governmental decision.

The new National Steering Committee will analyse the need and opportunity of this recommendation.

2. Increase accountability and institutional capacity within the OGP process in order to extend the implementation both on a national and on a local level

In the first phase, a series of pilot projects will be implemented locally (Subnational). These will be the starting point and will help gather experience for the development of a larger scale program aimed at increasing the number of local OGP contact points, as well as training of public servants and public awareness-raising.

3. Make OGP/SNA (National Anti-corruption Strategy) actions more prominent and extend institutional responsibility by raising the number of responsible persons designated within institutions

Within the pilot project described above, the OGP coordination team from the Secretariat General of the Government will work in collaboration with the SNA team from the Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds that undertook similar actions through the 2012-2015 SNA campaign with local authorities, as well as with the team from the MCPDS.

4. Improve the role of public consultations

Starting 2015, the Ministry for Public Consultation and Social Dialogue was assigned attributions in this field and has developed a Guide on transparency and efficiency in the public consultation process, including the standardization of the public consultation procedure. The guidebook will be disseminated to all 3200 territorial and administrative divisions (municipalities).

The Government dedicated a section of this Plan to the public consultation process - Improving citizen access to the decision-making process.

#### 5. Increase public awareness on the OGP action plan in Romania

This objective is inherently linked to all OGP activities and, from the experience gained so far, it proved to depend on the number and degree of involvement of stakeholders. Unfortunately, efforts undertaken so far did not produce satisfactory results at the local level, where strategies and campaigns must be specifically designed to target regional/local issues.

## Implementation of National Action Plan Commitments

The plan includes actions continued from previous commitments such as open contracting, open data, access to information of public interest, but also includes measures in new domains such as anti-corruption, education, culture, subnational or open parliament.

The commitments are structured on the following main topics:

- Access to information
- Civic Participation
- Subnational
- Anti-corruption
- Culture
- Education
- Open Contracting
- Open Data

and reflect the principles of the sustainable development goals of Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, Quality Education, Innovation and infrastructure, Climate Action, No Poverty, Good Health and Well-Being, Sustainable Cities and Communities.

**The National Steering Committee** was created through the Memorandum for the approval of the 2016-2018 National Action Plan for the implementation of the Government's OGP commitments.

The Committee comprises, following the OGP model, an equal number of government and CSO representatives. There are 7 representatives of public institutions, at state secretary level, with alternate members from the technical staff of the ministries.



The public institutions that are members in the National OGP Committee are: the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Communication and Information Society, the Ministry of Public Consultation and Social Dialogue, the Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds, the Ministry of Public Finance, the Ministry of Justice and the Secretariat General of the Government.

The role of the Committee is to coordinate the implementation of actions related to the Open Government Partnership in Romania. Its attributions include the development of the national action plans, as well as the monitoring and evaluation of these plans.

The Committee is set to meet on a monthly basis. Depending on the subject of each meeting, other participants may be invited, whether from public institutions or NGOs.

The first meeting of the Committee with the current members took place on 14 June 2017 and the discussions focused on: the attributions of the Committee members; the invitation letter to be sent out to the NGOs for the designation of the 7 CSO members of the Committee; the status of the NAP commitments implementation.

Following the second meeting, held on 31 August 2017, the invitation letter to participate addressed to the NGOs was sent.

The representatives of the government currently designated as members established a series of eligibility criteria for the future NGO members. The criteria focus on the legal status of the organisations, their independence from political parties and ideologies and their expertise and past experience on OGP related issues.

The applications will be in the form of a Letter of intent, submitted by an NGO.

The timeline of the selection process was announced on the [ogp.gov.ro](http://ogp.gov.ro) website and was as follows:

1-15.09.2017 - submission of applications

18.09.2017 - list of applicants is published

6.10.2017 - list of selected NGOs is published

10.10.2017 - beginning of the first term of the fully assembled Committee\*

\*In the first phase, the 7 representatives of the NGOs will be selected to take part in the Committee for a 4 month mandate. In the second phase, the Committee as a whole will decide on the procedure to be followed for the rotation of members.

A page was set up on the [ogp.gov.ro](http://ogp.gov.ro) website for the National Committee<sup>1</sup> news and documents. The list of submissions was published on this page and so will be the summaries of the meetings.

Following proposals received during the consultation period, where possible, the start and end dates for the delayed commitments will be updated with new deadlines submitted by the leading agencies.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://ogp.gov.ro/comitetul-national-de-coordonare/>

## Access to Information

1. Improving the legal framework and practices regarding access to public interest information		
Start and End Date: 2016 - 2018		New commitment
Lead implementing agency		Ministry for Public Consultation and Social Dialogue (MCPDS)
Name of responsible person from implementing agency		Daniel Mîndruț
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Other Actors Involved	Government Ministries, Department/Agency	Secretariat General of the Government Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds (MDRAPFE) Călărași Municipality
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working	Associative entities from the public administration, such as the Association of Romanian Municipalities, Association of Romanian Towns, Association of Romanian Communes, Association of Romanian Prefects Asociația pentru Tranziție Urbană Asociația de Cooperare Transfrontalieră Euroregiunea Dunărea de Jos Calup

		<p>Asociația pentru Dezvoltarea Priorităților Locale Timiș</p> <p>Alianța Națională a Organizațiilor Studentești din România</p> <p>Asociația Pro Democratia</p> <p>Asociația Salvați Bucureștiul</p>
<p>Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment</p>	<p>Although started in 2001, the implementation of Law no.544/2001 on access to public interest information is still marked by a significant number of dysfunctionalities.</p> <p>The analyses made by MCPDC and other government structures before it, as well as those of non-governmental organisations, revealed the need to standardize the format in which all compulsory information is displayed. The research also revealed the necessity to integrate the expectations of civil society on this issue – this involves publishing by default datasets considered public information and mentioned in legislation complementary to the provisions of Law 544/2001.</p> <p>One month after Government approval of the Memorandum titled: Improving transparency and standardization of the way in which public interest information is displayed, initiated by the MCPDC in collaboration with the Chancellery of the Prime-Minister in March 2016, the first assessment of over 350 local and central public institutions showed that ministries implemented over 78% of the Memorandum’s provisions.</p>	
<p>Main objective</p>	<p>Increase transparency in the public sector by publishing extensive public interest information;</p> <p>Improve the institutional capacity to effectively implement the law on access to public interest information.</p>	
<p>Brief description of commitment</p>	<p>MCPDS will continue to develop the standards included in the Memorandum and will monitor their implementation. Concurrently, the Ministry will harmonize practices in the field of access to public information, for both the legal framework and its implementation.</p> <p>The standards will be developed following interaction with the</p>	

	<p>public authorities and the nongovernmental sector, drawing from the experience gained in practice.</p> <p>Actions to improve the professionalism of those involved in managing public interest information will also be taken.</p>			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	<p>Improve public sector integrity</p> <p>Efficient management of public resources</p> <p>Improving public services</p>			
Relevance	<p>The commitment contributes to the uniformization of practices in publishing public interest information and to the development of a proactive communication culture in public authorities. Access to information of public interest, as an important sequence of the organizational practice that materialises the implementation of the principle of transparency in the public system, is an essential component of the open government process.</p>			
Ambition	<p>Creation of a minimal standard, for both citizens and public authorities, regarding the way public information is displayed.</p> <p>Reduce the number of access to information requests for information that is already available on the websites of public institutions.</p> <p>Improve the process of informing citizens and ensure better information management in public institutions.</p>			
Completion Level	Not Started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
			✓	
Milestone - Activity with a verifiable deliverable and completion date			Start Date:	End Date:
1. Monitor the implementation of the Memorandum's provisions in all institutions of the executive (over 1800 institutions)				Aug 2016
<b>Status</b>			<b>Completion level</b>	

<p>34.860 indicators (documents to be published) were individually verified, more precisely 20 items per each local and central public entity (budget, salaries, procurement plans, contracts and contract implementation, the agenda of the head of the institution etc.). The centralised data for 10 August 2016 is available at: <a href="https://goo.gl/MqEUj8">https://goo.gl/MqEUj8</a>.</p>	Completed	
<p>2. Identify the conflicts existing in the current legal framework related to access to information and harmonize the legislation (changing of norms, regulations, decisions)</p>		Oct 2016
<p><b>Status</b></p>	<b>Completion level</b>	
<p>Following a broad public consultation in Bucharest and at the local level, based on written proposals and direct discussions with civil society and professionals from the field of public transparency, it was decided that the Government Decision no.123/2006 for the approval of the detailed provisions for the implementation of Law no. 544/2001 on access to public information has to be amended and supplemented. The details of the process can be found at: <a href="https://goo.gl/3jQVB9">https://goo.gl/3jQVB9</a>.</p>	Completed	
<p>3. Develop standards regarding the quality of information provided to citizens and disseminate them, as well as the changes occurred in the legal framework, to central and local public authorities</p>	Aug 2016	Dec 2016
<p><b>Status</b></p>	<b>Completion level</b>	
<p>For the development of standards regarding the quality of information provided to citizens, a "Practical guide for sustainable measures to promote local governance based on transparency and integrity" was published (<a href="https://goo.gl/mmcmpX">https://goo.gl/mmcmpX</a>). The guidelines were disseminated to 4000 local public authorities.</p>	Completed	
<p>4. Improve transparency in communication between citizens requesting information and public authorities by developing a platform on the model of AskTheEU</p>	Aug 2016	Dec 2016
<p><b>Status</b></p>	<b>Completion level</b>	
<p>Currently, the specifications for the platform are being developed, taking into account similar initiatives (<a href="https://nuvasuparati.info/">https://nuvasuparati.info/</a>).</p>	Not started	

Updated start/end date		Dec 2017
5. Training sessions for the staff in charge with implementing Law 544/2001 on access to public interest information	Jan 2017	Aug 2017
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
As part of the EU funded project SIPOCA 35 – “Transparent and participative governance – standardisation, harmonisation, improved dialogue”, the MCPDS conducted a series of interviews with designated people from the ministries and municipalities to clarify specific aspects related to the implementation of the legislation on transparency in the decision-making process and access to public information. More on this process: <a href="http://dialogsocial.gov.ro/proiect-sipoca-35/">http://dialogsocial.gov.ro/proiect-sipoca-35/</a> .	Limited	
Updated start/end date		Dec 2017
6. Create maps of good practices in displaying public interest information	Aug 2017	Dec 2017
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	Not started	
7. Initiate a national competition for good practices, in order to advance progress in this field, with awards consisting in assistance in the implementation of the new measures.	Aug 2017	June 2018
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	Not started	

2. Centralized publishing of public interest information on the gateway <a href="http://transparenta.gov.ro">transparenta.gov.ro</a>		
Start and End Date: 2016 - 2017	Ongoing commitment	
Lead implementing agency	Secretariat General of the Government (SGG)	
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Radu Puchiu	
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Other Actors Involved	Government Ministries, Department/Agency	Ministry for Public Consultation and Social Dialogue (MCPDS) Ministry for Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds (MDRAPFE)
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working	NGOs with relevant experience and work in this field
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	<p>Although most of the information subject to compulsory disclosure may be accessed on the websites of public institutions, there are major drawbacks. Most institutions agree that the formats of public information documents are not clearly defined. In addition, there is a lack of clear internal procedures to identify what types of information qualify for default publishing. The different approaches of ministries in publishing these documents results in displaying different information, in incompatible formats, that cannot be easily exported to the single gateway.</p> <p>This commitment was first included in the 2014-2016 NAP,</p>	



	<p>however, due to the lack of a clear legal framework and of uniform procedures within public institutions, it was not completed.</p>			
Main objective	<p>Facilitate the public's access to information of public interest by collecting and publishing it on a single government gateway.</p>			
Brief description of commitment	<p>To facilitate the access of citizens and assist public institutions, an online platform will be developed for the centralisation of information that is subject to Law no.544/2001 on the free access to public interest information.</p> <p>Following the standardization process and the harmonization of legislation, the pre-requisites for centralized publishing will be achieved.</p> <p>The MCPDS will provide methodological assistance based on its activity and experience, while the SGG will develop the platform.</p> <p>The commitment will result in the implementation of a tool to manage the flow and to improve communication of public interest information.</p>			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	<p>Improving public sector integrity</p>			
Relevance	<p>Publishing information of public interest on a single government portal will facilitate citizens' access to information. In addition, the project will contribute to the reduction of costs and efforts required to obtain information and will increase accountability in public institutions.</p>			
Ambition	<p>Publishing on a single government portal: <a href="http://transparenta.gov.ro">transparenta.gov.ro</a> all information that is subject to compulsory disclosure according to Law no. 544/2001 on the access to public interest information. The portal should also contribute to the reduction of reporting costs and simplify existing procedures, as uploaded information can be accessed by other institutions as well.</p>			
Completion Level	Not Started	Limited	Substantial	Completed

	✓			
	<p>The development of a single government portal: <a href="http://transparenta.gov.ro">transparenta.gov.ro</a> for the publication of all information that is subject to compulsory disclosure according to Law no. 544/2001 on the access to public interest information, as well providing assistance for the improvement of internal capacity for the publication of standardised information, is one of the main activities in the EU-funded project SIPOCA 35 - "Transparent and participative governance – standardisation, harmonisation, improved dialogue". The project is implemented by the MCPDS in partnership with the SGG and MAI, and its implementation period was extended until July 2018. The deadlines for the platform operationalization have been set back.</p>			
<b>Milestone</b>	Activity with a verifiable deliverable and completion date		<b>Start Date:</b>	<b>End Date:</b>
	Establish the platform's functionalities			Aug 2016
<b>Status</b>			<b>Completion level</b>	
			Not started	
	Development of the portal <a href="http://transparenta.gov.ro">transparenta.gov.ro</a>		Aug 2016	Nov 2016
<b>Status</b>			<b>Completion level</b>	
			Not started	
	Pilot testing on a representative sample of central and local public institutions and authorities		Oct 2016	Dec 2016
<b>Status</b>			<b>Completion level</b>	
			Not started	
	Drafting and publishing a Guide on the use of the portal		Jan 2017	Feb 2017
<b>Status</b>			<b>Completion level</b>	

	Not started	
Attract a significant number of central and local authorities to publish on the platform	Feb 2017	June 2017
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	Not started	

3. Promoting Open Parliament principles		
Start and End Date 2016 –2018	New commitment	
Lead implementing agency	Secretariat General of the Government (SGG)	
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Radu Puchiu	
Title, Department	State Secretary	
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Phone	+4021.314.34.00/1018	
Other Actors Involved	Government Ministries, Department/Agency	Department for Liaison with the Parliament Ministry for Public Consultation and Social Dialogue (MCPDS)
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working	Fundația Median Research Centre National Democratic Institute – Romania Asociația Institutul pentru Politici Publice (IPP) Asociația Smart City – ASC
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	Although it is considered the fundamental institution of democracy, in Romania, less than one in five citizens trust the Parliament. This lack of trust stems from the absence of public information on the activity of the Parliament. In the absence of Parliamentary transparency, positive efforts remain unappreciated, and the failure to fulfil the role and attributions of representation cannot be punished.	
Main objective	Increase the transparency of public information and citizens' trust in public institutions	

Brief description of commitment	The government will encourage dialogue between citizens and representatives of the civil society and representatives of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies, in order to adopt policies that ensure the proactive dissemination of information related to the functioning and activity of the institution, including regulations on the format in which the information is made available.			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Increase public sector integrity			
Relevance	Access to information; Accountability; Civic Participation			
Ambition	Adoption by the Parliament of the Open Parliament principles			
Completion Level	Not Started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
	✓			
Milestone - Activity with a verifiable deliverable and completion date			Start Date:	End Date:
Organisation of at least 3 public debates on the Open Parliament subject with all interested stakeholders			Sept 2016	June 2018
<b>Status</b>			<b>Completion level</b>	
<p>Due to the December 2016 Parliamentary elections, there have been delays in the activities included in this commitment.</p> <p>In May 2017, following talks between the Secretariat General of the Government and the Ministry for Public Consultation and Social Dialogue, it was jointly agreed that the lead agency for the implementation of this commitment would change to SGG.</p> <p>Apart from the debates that are planned to take place, some of the stakeholders involved have proposed a series of recommendations for concrete actions. These include: adoption by the Parliament of a policy</p>			Not started	

<p>on parliamentary transparency that would guarantee the proactive dissemination of information related to the activities of the institution, and which would also include regulations on the publication format of the information.</p>		
<p>Drafting and proposal of an agreement between Government and Parliament, similar to the "Better Regulation Agenda", existing in the European Union between the European Commission and European Parliament, a document focusing on transparency in the decision-making process and public consultation.</p>	<p>Nov 2016</p>	<p>July 2017</p>
<p><b>Status</b></p>	<p><b>Completion level</b></p>	
	<p>Not started</p>	

4. Improved management of the applications submitted for granting citizenship	
Start and End Date 2016 - 2017	New commitment
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Justice (MJ) – National Citizenship Agency (ANC)
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Gelu-Mugurel Dascălu, Sabin Andrei-Mihai IT and Communication Department
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	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working Centre for Public Innovation
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	<p>Citizenship applicants face numerous issues in the citizenship granting process. One of the biggest problems is the limited possibilities to track the evolution of the citizenship application file.</p> <p>This is often caused by the fact that applicants do not know the file registration number, especially those submitting the application at diplomatic missions or consular posts abroad, where the applicant receives a registration number different from the one the file eventually gets at the Agency. On the other hand, there are no available resources within the Agency to manage an efficient communication system with</p>

	the applicants.			
Main objective	Increase transparency and institutional efficiency			
Brief description of commitment	<p>The commitment regards the development of a computerised system that will give applicants access to information about the status of their application file, as well as the dates set for the oath of loyalty.</p> <p>The information system ROCRIS, dedicated to the Romanian criminal records and launched in 2013, will be used by the ANC to check the situation of the applicants.</p> <p>In addition, statistics regarding the number of accepted citizenship applicants will be uploaded on the open data portal data.gov.ro.</p>			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	<p>Improve public services;</p> <p>Increase public sector integrity</p>			
Relevance	<p>Access to information;</p> <p>Technology and innovation</p>			
Ambition	<p>Develop a computerised system for better management of the files of citizenship applicants.</p> <p>Publication of open data.</p>			
Completion Level	Not Started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
				✓
Description of the results	<p>From 12.06.2017 to 29.06.2017, the ANC has conducted a survey on its stakeholders to assess the level of satisfaction for Romanian citizenship applicants that use the online programming service. The large majority of answers proved that the implementation of the service was successful.</p>			



Milestone	Activity with a verifiable deliverable and completion date	Start Date:	End Date:
	Consultations between the government institutions involved (ANC, IGPR, IGI, MAE) and NGOs to understand and assess the needs of public servants working on this matter and the needs of citizenship applicants		Sept 2016
<b>Status</b>		<b>Completion level</b>	
		Completed	
	Online programming for the submission of files at each regional office and at the central office in Bucharest:  <a href="http://cetatenie.just.ro/index.php/ro/centru-de-pres-a-2/depunere-cereri/list">http://cetatenie.just.ro/index.php/ro/centru-de-pres-a-2/depunere-cereri/list</a>		2016
<b>Status</b>		<b>Completion level</b>	
		Completed	
	Use of the ROCRIS information system, dedicated to the criminal records, to check the status of the applicants		Oct 2016
<b>Status</b>		<b>Completion level</b>	
		Completed	
	Implementation of the application "Stadiu dosar" (File Status), that will inform the applicants on the status of their file, the phases and the periods allowed for solving the submissions.  <a href="http://cetatenie.just.ro/index.php/ro/centru-de-pres-a-2/dosar-articol-11">http://cetatenie.just.ro/index.php/ro/centru-de-pres-a-2/dosar-articol-11</a>	Nov 2016	Feb 2017
<b>Status</b>		<b>Completion level</b>	
	On the ANC website, <a href="http://www.cetatenie.just.ro">www.cetatenie.just.ro</a> , under the File Status menu, a submenu was introduced that contains the lists for all diplomatic missions of Romania, with the registration numbers and submission dates for the citizenship files submitted, as well as the ANC registration number for each file. In this manner, the applicant can check online the real-time status of his/her file.	Completed	

<p><a href="http://cetatenie.just.ro/index.php/ro/centru-de-pres-a-2/nr-dosar-consulat-anc">http://cetatenie.just.ro/index.php/ro/centru-de-pres-a-2/nr-dosar-consulat-anc</a></p>		
<p>Development, within the technical specifications of the online platform, of a module that will allow the collection, anonymisation and upload of data to the open data portal.</p>	<p>Jan 2017</p>	<p>Dec 2017</p>
<p><b>Status</b></p>	<p><b>Completion level</b></p>	
<p>Presently, the data is uploaded manually on the open data portal by the representatives of the ANC. There are 11 data sets that are published and updated regularly. The ANC is also on the ruti.gov.ro platform, and its account is updated to include all the activities and meetings of the institution with the civil society.</p>	<p>Completed</p>	

## Civic Participation

5. Standardization of transparency practices in the decision-making procedures	
Start and End Date 2016 - 2017	New commitment
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	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working
	Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds Ministry of Justice Academia de Advocacy Asociația Împreună pentru Dezvoltarea Comunității – AIDC CMPP - Centrul pentru Monitorizarea Politicilor Publice Federația Organizațiilor Neguvernamentale pentru Servicii Sociale – FONSS Fundația pentru Dezvoltarea Societății Civile Romanian Youth Movement for Democracy Associations of public servants
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	Transparency of the decision-making process in public administration is regulated by Law no.52/2006, one of the most modern laws in the field. However, the act is not put to the best use for the potential to implement democratic,

	<p>participatory, sustainable, efficient and representative decision-making processes.</p> <p>As current practices still reveal lacks in the activity of public authorities to ensure a representative / participatory decision-making process, following an extensive research on the implementation of legal provisions, the Ministry has developed a Guide for the experts in the public system that, through their work, create a link between citizens and government. In this respect, MCPDC has set up an inter-ministerial working group with representatives of central authorities. Its sessions led to the conclusion that an amendment of the law is not needed. However, it is necessary that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- there is a uniform interpretation of the law in public consultation processes;</li> <li>- the practice should be extended to the good practices recommendations.</li> </ul>
<p>Main objective</p>	<p>Public integrity; Legislative and normative coherence;</p> <p>Accountability of public authorities</p>
<p>Brief description of commitment</p>	<p>MCPDS will first identify all the deficiencies existing in the implementation of Law no.52/2003, drafting instruments to standardize practices in this field and increase the importance of civil society engagement in the decision-making process.</p>
<p>OPG challenge addressed by the commitment</p>	<p>Increase public sector integrity</p> <p>Efficient management of public resources</p>
<p>Relevance</p>	<p>The commitment is directly related to the civic participation of citizens to the decision-making process.</p>

Ambition	Setting standards for the organisation of the public consultation process and for the organisation of public debates. The creation of an organisational culture of civil society consultations.			
Completion Level	Not Started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
			✓	
Milestone Activity with a verifiable deliverable and completion date	Start Date:	End Date:		
Identify deficiencies in public consultation processes at public authorities level  Drafting support documents for the standardization of practices in the implementation of legislation on the public consultation process		Dec 2016		
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>			
The MCPDS has included its experience with the public consultation process for the adoption of legislation in a “Practical Guidelines for the implementation of Law no.52/2003 on the transparency of the decision-making process in public administration”. The document offers specialists standard formats and recommendations for all public administration to follow each step included in the provisions of Law no.52/2003, with the purpose of establishing efficiency standards in the public system for the adoption of legislation. The guidelines are available here: <a href="https://goo.gl/TzggDP">https://goo.gl/TzggDP</a> .	Completed			
Organise training sessions, based on the support documents, with the public servants in charge with the public consultation process	Jan 2017	Aug 2017		
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>			
The guide on “Efficient Public Consultation in Central and Local Administration – for the implementation of Law no.52/2003” was disseminated to the local public authorities by the Ministry for Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds.	Substantial			
Updated start/end date				Dec 2017

Provide technical assistance to central institutions in public consultation practices	Aug 2017	June 2018
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
Ongoing	Substantial	

6. Centralised publication of legislative projects on the single gateway <a href="http://consultare.gov.ro">consultare.gov.ro</a>		
Start and End Date 2016 - 2017	New commitment	
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Other Actors Involved	Government Ministries, Department/Agency	Secretariat General of the Government
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working	NGOs with relevant experience and work in this field
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	<p>Assessment of the implementation of Law no.52/2003 on transparency of the decision-making process revealed shortcomings in the working practices, and generally, in the activity of public authorities in ensuring a participative / representative decision-making process.</p> <p>Some of the problems identified in public debates and national and international assessments are the lack of uniformization, insufficient communication to the public on initiated consultations and lack of standardization in obtaining citizen feedback.</p> <p>As such, the development of a single government gateway for citizens to find all legislation on debate, is highly</p>	

	necessary.
Main objective	Increasing the transparency of the decision-making process by streamlining access to the legislative projects on debate.
Brief description of commitment	<p>By developing the online platform <a href="http://consultare.gov.ro">consultare.gov.ro</a>, legislative projects of public institutions will be collected on a single gateway, according to the phases of the process: public consultation, institutional opinion, approval and publication of the official form.</p> <p>Such a gateway would allow citizens to send comments directly to the ministry or agency that is in charge with a particular public consultation.</p> <p>The portal will also be used for consultation on other matters of public interest and, depending on the result of this process, new legislative documents may be initiated.</p>
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	<p>Increase public integrity</p> <p>More effectively managing public resources</p> <p>Improving Public Services</p>
Relevance	<p>This commitment will contribute to increased public integrity by improving citizen participation in the decision-making process. Publishing on a single gateway facilitates access to information and allows the institutions to hold public consultations in all phases of the drafting and adoption of public policies.</p> <p>In implementing this commitment, new technologies will be used to improve opportunities of information dissemination, public participation and collaboration.</p>
Ambition	<p>Publishing on a single government portal: <a href="http://consultare.gov.ro">consultare.gov.ro</a> all legislative projects that are subject to Law no. 52/2003 on the transparency of the decision-making process in public administration.</p> <p>The portal will allow citizens to send feedback to the</p>



	ministry or agency that is monitoring the public consultation.			
Completion Level	Not Started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
			✓	
Milestone Activity with a verifiable deliverable and completion date			Start Date:	End Date:
Establish the platform's functionalities with the methodological assistance of the MCPDC and based on interactions with public authorities and NGOs				Sept 2016
<b>Status</b>			<b>Completion level</b>	
			Completed	
Development of the portal consultare.gov.ro - needs analysis and development of technical specifications; - development, configuration and implementation phase				April 2017
<b>Status</b>			<b>Completion level</b>	
The centralization of legislation from the websites of all ministries is done once a week, and the newsletter containing all information is sent to the data base.  Over 2000 people have subscribed to the weekly newsletters.  Over 1000 legislative projects have been centralized from 1 January to the present date.  Currently, the platform does not include the institutional approval, adoption and official publication phases. However, it is estimated that these steps will be included by December 2017.			Substantial	
Launch of the platform and public promotion actions			Apr 2017	Apr 2017

Status	Completion level	
Over 2000 people have subscriptions to the weekly newsletters, and the platform is promoted through the social media and MCPDS webpage.	Substantial	
Pilot testing on a representative sample of central and local public institutions and authorities	April 2017	Aug 2017
Status	Completion level	
The platform includes 47 public institutions.	Completed	
Drafting and publishing a User Guide for the portal	April 2017	Aug 2017
Status	Completion level	
The link: <a href="http://consultare.gov.ro/p/despre">http://consultare.gov.ro/p/despre</a> includes information on how the platform should be used.	Completed	
Development of a mobile app for the consultation process in central administration	Aug 2017	June 2018
Status	Completion level	
	Limited	

7. Citizens Budgets	
Commitment Start and End Date 2016 - 2018	New commitment
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	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working Funky Citizens Centre for Public Innovation
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	Public budgets are drafted based on the economic and functional structure of public administration and are used as such in the accounting system of public institutions. The budget is presented to the public in this same format.  Even when the draft budget is published in a timely manner for public debate, the format of the document is complicated, even for citizens with high education but not trained in this particular field. This issue is a major hindrance for relevant citizen engagement in budgetary allocation decisions.

Main objective	Initiate the use of Citizens Budgets as a compulsory mechanism of fiscal budgetary transparency in the adoption of public budgets.			
Brief description of commitment	The commitment aims to promote Citizens' Budgets – public budgets presented in a manner that is understandable to the public, in both central and local administration, to ensure fiscal and budgetary transparency.			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Effectively managing public resources; Improving public services			
Relevance	The commitment is introducing an efficient tool to facilitate citizen engagement in one of the most important decision-making processes: the adoption of public budgets.			
Ambition	The intended result is a major change in the public budgets adoption mechanism.			
Completion Level	Not Started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
	✓			
Milestone Activity with a verifiable deliverable and completion date	Start Date:		End Date:	
Draft a model for the Citizens Budget based on the 2016 national budget			Oct 2016	
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>			
On 21 March 2017 the Ministry of Public Finance hosted a meeting of the working group for this commitment. 10 representatives of public institutions and 9 representatives of NGOs participated in the meeting.  The representatives of the participants NGOs requested further information on the communication objectives of this project and asked that these should be extended to include greater access to data both at the central and local level, as well as the development of the consultation platform before the approval of the Law on the National	Not Started			

<p>Budget.</p> <p>Thus, it was proposed that the Citizens Budget include information and infographics on data considered important by the MFP, as well as information requested by the civil society. It was agreed that all parties continue to collect ideas / issues / good practices that would improve the CB, and that would make it useful for the local budgets.</p> <p>The MFP sent a proposal of CB to the working group in September 2017, and, following feedback from the members, the agreed form will be available for public consultation.</p>		
Updated start/end date		Oct 2017
Gather citizens and civil society feedback on the proposed Citizens Budget model and develop a Guide for drafting CBs	Oct 2016	June 2017
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	Not Started	
Pilot CB in at least 15 municipalities (varied types)	Oct 2016	April 2017
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	Not Started	
Drafting and presenting the CB for the 2018 national budget	June 2017	Oct 2017
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	Not Started	
Public awareness actions to promote the CB	Oct 2017	Dec 2017
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	Not Started	
Drafting and adoption of norms introducing CB for all public authorities	June 2017	Dec 2017
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	

	Not Started	
Develop, start and implement a training / assistance program for public authorities regarding CB	June 2017	June 2018
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	Not Started	

8. Improve youth consultation and public participation	
Start and End Date 2016 - 2017	New commitment
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CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working	Consiliul Tineretului din România
	Asociația Impact Bistrița
	Asociația Tinerilor Bucureșteni
	Asociația Altium
	Asociația Viitorul Tinerilor
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	<p>Currently, young people face numerous problems, especially at local level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- lack of local/ regional mechanisms to ensure a structured dialogue between youth and public authorities;</li> <li>- lack of promotion of a structured dialogue at national / regional / local level;</li> <li>- lack of specificity in implementation of youth related</li> </ul>

	public policies.			
Main objective	Achieve an open decision-making process in developing youth public policies at national level			
Brief description of commitment	<p>The commitment aims to implement a series of actions that will strengthen collaboration between public authorities, young people and organisations working with youth, to produce specifically targeted action plans, through dialogue and use of new technologies.</p> <p>The implemented actions and tools will lead to development of skills in both young people and public servants working in this field, contributing to an open, diverse, intercultural and connected society.</p>			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	<p>Effectively managing public resources;</p> <p>Improving public services</p>			
Relevance	Civic participation			
Ambition	<p>Initiate structured dialogue for drafting and monitoring the implementation of youth related public policies, at local and county level;</p> <p>Setting up and operation of consultative councils for youth issues: 41 operating by the county councils, 41 operating by municipality councils, 1 operating by the General Council of the Bucharest municipality;</p> <p>Selection of at least 1000 beneficiaries of MTS youth projects, on objective criteria and transparent methodologies, using online apps.</p>			
Completion Level	Not Started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
			✓	
	Initiate structured dialogue for drafting and monitoring the implementation of youth related public policies, at local			



	and county level – Limited	
	Selection of at least 1000 beneficiaries of MTS youth projects, on objective criteria and transparent methodologies, using online apps – completed	
<b>Milestone</b>	Activity with a verifiable deliverable and completion date	Start Date: End Date:
	Hold public consultations initiated by the National Working Group and youth workers	Nov 2016
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	<p>As part of the project Structured Dialogue financed by the MTS and Erasmus+ and of the project Youth Worker, 121 consultation and training events have been organised all over the country.</p> <p>A network (tineRETEA) dedicated to young people was also created, and following a call for applicants, 2 youth workers/county were selected.</p>	
	Setting up 83 local consultative councils for young people	Jan 2017 Dec 2017
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	<p>Under the current Law for Youth no.350/2006, the set-up of local consultative councils is not mandatory. However, the law is now about to be amended and supplemented, and the councils will become mandatory.</p> <p>At the moment, there are at least 10 consultative councils for young people that are functioning at the local level. Following the adoption of the amendments to the law, the MTS plans to offer assistance to the local institutions that will set up the new consultative councils.</p>	
	Selection of at least 1000 beneficiaries of MTS youth projects, on objective criteria and transparent methodologies, using online apps.	Oct 2016
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	Most of the projects initiated by the MTS at the central level have been implemented with the help of young people selected following a national call to participate. 22 projects have been implemented so far, involving	

<p>1488 participants. The methodology for the selection of the participants was available online, as well as the whole submission and selection process.</p>	
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## Subnational

9. Subnational open government	
Start and End Date 2016 - 2018	New commitment
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	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working Open Data Coalition Smart City and other NGOs with relevant experience
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	At the level of local public authorities, knowledge of the open government principles is low. There are several initiatives and good practices, but these are not replicated, due to the lack of information and communications on this topic.
Main objective	Increase citizen engagement in the decision-making process of local authorities and increase the involvement

	of local authorities in the OGP process.			
Brief description of commitment	A set of recommendations regarding open local government will be drafted based on the OGP principles, and a pilot program modelled on the OGP Subnational Pilot will be initiated for 8 local governments.			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Improving public services; Increasing Public Integrity; More Effectively Managing Public Resources			
Relevance	Civic Participation; Accountability; Access to public information			
Ambition	Increase the number of local authorities that are committed to implement measures related to OGP principles; Increase the number of social actors that participate in the decision-making process.			
Completion Level	Not Started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
		✓		
Milestone Activity with a verifiable deliverable and completion date	Start Date:		End Date:	
Co-creation of set of recommendations on OGP principles for local public administration	Sept 2016		Oct 2016	
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>			
In October 2016, the partners involved in the implementation of this commitment developed the Draft Recommendations on Open Government Partnership at the Subnational level, which were published for consultation on November 2016. The final form of the document	Completed			

was published and debated during the OGP Club, in June 2017.		
Dissemination of information regarding these recommendations to local authorities	Nov 2016	June 2018
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
In the first phase, the Recommendations are to be disseminated by email to all local public authorities, as well as posted on the ogp.gov.ro and the MDRAPFE websites.  At the beginning of 2018, the Recommendations will be printed in 3228 copies to be sent by mail to all local authorities.	Limited	
Updated start/end date	Sept 2017	June 2018
Organise regional information sessions with public authorities, NGOs, academia and other stakeholders to promote the OGP subnational principles (8 sessions)	March 2017	June 2017
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
The costs of the regional information sessions will be supported through EU funding. Since this type of funding requires public procurement procedures, the information sessions will be held at the beginning of 2018.	Not Started	
Updated start/end date	July 2017	March 2018
Based on the model of the OGP Subnational Program process, launch an application session followed by the selection of 8 local public authorities that will be assisted in the development and implementation of local action plans	Aug 2017	Sept 2017
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	Not Started	
Updated start/end date	March 2018	April 2018
Implementation of local action plans developed by the local governments, with the support of NGOs and the OGP Coordination	Oct 2017	Apr 2018

Unit: - hold local public debates and consultations; - identify local specific problems and priorities with the participation of all stakeholders; - set up local mixed action teams to draft and propose projects / solutions and implement them.		
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
Financial resources for this activity were allocated through the EU-funded project "Strengthening the integrity systems – best strategy to prevent corruption in public administration", currently in the public procurement stage.	Not Started	
Updated start/end date	April 2018	Oct 2018
Select and award the best practices in OGP Subnational	May 2018	May 2018
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
Financial resources for this activity were allocated through the EU-funded project "Strengthening the integrity systems – best strategy to prevent corruption in public administration", currently in the public procurement stage.	Not Started	
Updated start/end date		Nov 2018
Based on gained experience, develop an OGP action plan for local authorities for 2018-2020	May 2018	June 2018
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	Not Started	
Updated start/end date	Nov 2018	Feb 2019
Analysis of the opportunity and necessity, as well as identification of funding sources, for: - the development of a set of standardized, open-source tools to	Nov 2016	April 2017

<p>facilitate the online presence of local public authorities (website based on the provisions of the Memorandum on transparency; user interface allowing the update of the page even without having technical expertise; widgets that automatically retrieve particular information from centralised databases; instruments for participatory democracy. - the development of a cloud service, managed by the MDRAP, including maintenance, that will host free of charge the local public authorities' websites that use the standardised solution</p>		
<p><b>Status</b></p>	<p><b>Completion level</b></p>	
<p>As part of the EU-funded project "Strengthening the integrity systems – best strategy to prevent corruption in public administration", over 200 local events are planned for local civil servants, contractual staff and elected officials. It is planned that, during these events, surveys will be used to determine the opportunity for the development of digital instruments for the local public administrations.</p>	<p>Not Started</p>	
<p>Updated start/end date</p>	<p>Jan 2018</p>	<p>Dec 2018</p>

## Anti-corruption Measures

<b>10. Promoting transparency in the decision-making process by setting up a Unique Interest Groups' Transparency Register (RUTI)</b>	
Start and End Date  2016 - 2017	New commitment
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	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working Private sector partners and NGOs that will join the process following public consultations
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	Presently, there is not sufficient transparency in the interactions between public institutions and interested parties from the private sector that promote their interests in relation to various legislative initiatives. Equally, the central public administration has limited resources to proactively identify interested parties from the private sector with which to maintain transparent communications and consultations in the various phases of initiating and developing public policies initiatives.
Main objective	Ensure transparency and integrity in the decision-making process



<p>Brief description of commitment</p>	<p>Improve the transparency of the public decision-making process by disclosing interactions between high public officials and interested parties from the private sector that promote their interests in relation to various legislative initiatives.</p> <p>RUTI is a register of interest representatives from the private sector that willingly provide data about the entity they represent. The RUTI also includes information about the registrants' interactions with decision-makers from the public sector.</p> <p>In this respect, dignitaries, high-level public servants and general directors of state companies will also publish on this platform information about their meetings with groups from the private sector, the subject of the meeting and brief conclusions.</p> <p>This aspect is a continuation of MCPDS's efforts to publish the agendas of high-level officials from the central government, a requirement that was included in the Memorandum for on improving transparency and standardizing public interest information. The register will managed by the MCPDS.</p>			
<p>OPG challenge addressed by the commitment</p>	<p>Increasing public integrity</p>			
<p>Relevance</p>	<p>Access to information and accountability by improving transparency in the decision-making process</p>			
<p>Ambition</p>	<p>Ensuring transparency in the decision-making process</p>			
<p>Completion Level</p>	<p>Not Started</p>	<p>Limited</p>	<p>Substantial</p>	<p>Completed</p>
				<p>✓</p>
<p>Milestone Activity with a verifiable deliverable and completion date</p>	<p>Start Date:</p>		<p>End Date:</p>	

Develop the concept of the Transparency Register (RUTI)		Aug 2016
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
Operationalization of the RUTI was achieved with the approval of the <a href="#">Memorandum on the creation of the Transparency Register</a>	Completed	
Development of the ruti.gov.ro platform		Aug 2016
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
The platform was launched on 14 October 2016.	Completed	
Public consultation with the civil society and private sector on the proposed mechanism		Aug 2016
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
During the consultation process, that took place online on the MCPDS website and offline in working group meetings, 44 recommendations were received, out of which 31 were included in the text of the Memorandum. Taking into account the expertise of the European Union on the subject of participatory democracy and decision-making transparency, as well as its experience with the management of the Commission's Transparency Register, the MCPDS conducted a working visit to Bruxelles, on 30 June 2016. The visit included meetings with Commission and Parliament representatives, directly involved in the management of the Transparency Register.	Completed	
Launch and testing of the platform	Sept 2016	Jan 2017
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
RUTI was launched in October 2016. The numbers for 2017 are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- over 11.000 users have visited the platform in 2017;</li> <li>- over 140 decision-makers registered;</li> <li>- over 145 specialised groups registered;</li> </ul>	Completed	

<p>- around 1000 meetings reported;</p> <p>- over 1700 persons from specialized groups and 1000 persons from public institutions took part in the meetings registered in the RUTI.</p>		
<p>Assessment of the results</p>	<p>Jan 2017</p>	<p>Feb 2017</p>
<p><b>Status</b></p>	<p><b>Completion level</b></p>	
<p>The MCPDS is organising ongoing information/training sessions with the personnel that is in managing the decision-makers' accounts. At the same time, the RUTI activity is monitored and assistance is provided to the specialized groups as well.</p>	<p>Completed</p>	

<b>11. Access to performance indicators monitored in the implementation of the National Anti-corruption Strategy (SNA)</b>	
Start and End Date 2016 - 2018	New commitment
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Justice (MJ)
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Other Actors Involved	Government Ministries, Department/Agency
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	<p>From 2012 to 2015 the Technical Secretariat of the National Anti-corruption Strategy monitored the implementation of anti-corruption preventive measures and the evaluation indicators.</p> <p>Until 2020, approximately 4000 central and local public institutions will have to make a mandatory self-assessment of the anti-corruption preventive measures and answer 122 indicators, resulting in 488.000 open data sets. In this respect, the SNA platform will be developed to facilitate centralization of data, uploaded by public institutions, in an open format. The institutions will include subordinate agencies, state-owned companies, municipalities, county councils, hospitals etc. and the resulted data will be made available to the public.</p>
Main objective	Institutional transparency

Brief description of commitment	Ensuring access to information regarding the implementation of anti-corruption preventive measures and the SNA indicators.			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Increasing public integrity			
Relevance	Access to information			
Ambition	<p>Development of the SNA platform that will centralise open data provided by public authorities and institutions, from the central and local level, regarding the monitoring indicators for the implementation of anti-corruption preventive measures.</p> <p>Uploading the collected data on the open data portal data.gov.ro.</p>			
Completion Level	Not Started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
			✓	
Description of results	The sna.just.ro portal is operational. The central institutions and local public authorities can access the portal via username and password that were sent out by the MJ in collaboration with the MDRAPFE. The role of the portal and the active engagement of institutions and authorities is to improve the informational flow of data relevant from the implementation of the 2016-2020 SNA.			
Milestone Activity with a verifiable deliverable and completion date	Start Date:		End Date:	
Develop the new SNA platform to ensure the centralised collection of open data	Jan 2017		Dec 2017	
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>			
The sna.just.ro platform is functional, and the data is collected in a data base.	Completed			

Develop a guide for the upload of data	Sept 2016	Dec 2016
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
<p>The sections of the portal are created in such way that does not allow incorrect filling of the fields. Furthermore, the monitoring methodology of the SNA implementation includes guidelines for public institutions on how the information should be submitted.</p> <p>The Methodology for the monitoring of the 2016-2020 SNA was approved by Order of the Minister in 2017. The technical Secretariat for the SNA within the MJ provides ongoing assistance to all public authorities and institutions.</p>	Completed	
Publish data in an open format on sna.just.ro and data.gov.ro	Jan 2017	Dec 2017
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
The first reports on the 2016-2020 SNA will be published at the beginning of 2018	Not started	
Develop IT applications to facilitate the implementation of the SNA	Sept 2017	Dec 2017
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
<p>The Ministry of Justice and Code for Romania signed a partnership agreement in December 2016, covering 3 years, for the development of digital products that would increase transparency of the public interest data and the activity of the Ministry, facilitate public consultation and communication with civil society and citizens, and improve the services provided by the Ministry.</p> <p>As far as the 2016-2020 SNA is concerned, the agreement includes the development of web applications that will present to the public, on a friendly format, the data produced from the SNA process.</p> <p>The developer of the app reported its completion in August 2017, and the MJ will test it and make it public in the following weeks ((<a href="http://sna.code4.ro/">http://sna.code4.ro/</a>)).</p>	Substantial	
Revision of the monitoring indicators (once every 2 years), in	June 2018	Dec 2018

collaboration with civil society		
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	Not started	

12. Improve transparency in the management of seized assets	
Start and End Date 2016 - 2017	New commitment
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Justice (MJ) through the National Agency for the Management of Seized Assets (ANABI)
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Other Actors Involved	Government Ministries, Department/Agency
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	<p>According to art. 40 of Law no.318/2015 for the setting up and operation of the National Agency for the Management of Seized Assets, (1) ANABI publishes in an open format and on a quarterly basis data and public interest information generated from the national integrated information system for recording proceeds of crime. (2) Until the information system is operating, the Agency publishes, on a quarterly basis, data and public interest information regarding its activities.</p> <p>In addition, to ensure transparency in the process of reuse of immovable property, according to art.31, (3) "the Agency publishes on its website updated information about each immovable property seized from criminal proceedings, including its legal situation, position, photographs, the date when it became private state</p>



	property, as well as other relevant data” .			
Main objective	Institutional transparency			
Brief description of commitment	ANABI will develop a platform that will ensure access to information regarding the management of proceeds of crime			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Increasing public integrity More Effectively Managing Public Resources			
Relevance	Access to information			
Ambition	Ensuring access to information by publishing open data regarding seized immovable assets and their social reuse and public interest information about the Agency’s work.  Uploading the data on the open data portal data.gov.ro.			
Completion Level	Not Started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
		✓		
Milestone Activity with a verifiable deliverable and completion date			Start Date:	End Date:
Develop the ANABI website, including publishing open data and public interest information.				Sept 2016
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>			
The ANABI website is operational, and the publishing of data and public interest information is updated on a regular basis: anabi.just.ro.	Completed			
Develop the national integrated system for the registration of proceeds of crime.				June 2017
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>			
The development of the ANABI integrated system is part of an ongoing project that provides assistance in achieving the SNA goals by increasing the amount of proceeds of crime. The project is implemented in	Limited			

collaboration with Swiss partners from the Basel Institute and is in the first phases of implementation.

Until the system is fully developed, the ANABI is keeping records of data from the Prosecutor's Offices and courts of law. At the moment, there are 150 courts that are regularly reporting relevant data on proceeds of crime.

13. Annual mandatory training of civil servants on integrity matters	
Start and End Date 2016 - 2018	New commitment
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Other Actors Involved	Government Ministries, Department/Agency Ministry for Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds (MDRAPFE) – The National Agency of Civil Servants National Institute of Magistracy Al. I. Cuza Police Academy University of Bucharest – Faculty of Philosophy
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working Professional training agencies
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	Implementation of the National Anti-corruption Strategy (SNA) 2012-2015 revealed that the level of anti-corruption knowledge among public servants is low. Therefore, one of the objective of the 2016-2020 SNA is to hold online training modules for management and executive staff from central and local public institutions and authorities, as well as from their subordinate or coordinate agencies.
Main objective	Improve the level of anti-corruption knowledge among

	public servants			
Brief description of commitment	The Ministry of Justice will provide the e-learning platform and will develop the supporting materials for the online training courses on integrity. These interactive modules will improve the knowledge the users already have and will provide new information on the topics of ethics and integrity. Participants will take a test upon finishing the courses.			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Increasing public integrity			
Relevance	Accountability			
Ambition	Ensuring access to personnel from central and local public institutions and authorities to online training. Provide anti-corruption education courses for a significant number of staff from central and local public institutions and authorities.			
Completion Level	Not Started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
	✓			
Milestone Activity with a verifiable deliverable and completion date			Start Date:	End Date:
Develop partnerships with institutions competent in professional training			Sept 2016	Nov 2016
<b>Status</b>			<b>Completion level</b>	
<p>The implementation of this commitment was included as part of request for European funds that was submitted for approval in March 2017. The request was approved and the financing contract is about to be signed. The project is planned to last 22 months from the moment the contract is signed.</p> <p>The objective of the project is the strengthening of administrative capacity of the technical secretariat of the 2016-2020 National Anti-corruption Strategy, to assist in the implementation of the anti-</p>			Not started	

<p>corruption measures</p> <p>The project will also provide support to public institutions and authorities in achieving the three main objectives of the SNA – prevention, fight and education.</p> <p>Two of the proposed activities included in the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- increase anti-corruption education levels of civil servants from the central public authorities and institutions through training sessions;</li> <li>- develop e-learning materials that can be used on the Ministry’s e-learning platform</li> </ul>		
Updated start/end date	2017	2019
Develop the training program	Dec 2016	Jan 2017
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	Not started	
Develop guidance for the public servants that will take the mandatory courses	Feb 2017	Mar 2017
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	Not started	
Develop the courses	Feb 2017	Apr 2017
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	Not started	
Ensure participation of at least 50% of central and local public institutions and authorities’ staff to online training provided through this platform.	May 2017	June 2018
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	Not started	

## Culture

14. Improving access to cultural heritage	
Start and End Date 2017 - 2018	New commitment
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Other Actors Involved	Government Ministries, Department/Agency Public cultural institutions subordinate to the Ministry of Culture Devolved departments of the Ministry of Culture National Archives
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working Open Data Coalition Inițiativa România
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	Romania has submitted only 7,66% of the digital material that should be published on Europeana.eu, the Digital European Library, as pledged in the National Strategy for the Digital Agenda for Romania (2014). According to Romania's targets, 750.000 items should have been submitted by 2015.  Given the fact that some of the public cultural institutions have already digitised a large part of their specific cultural

	resources, but did not report or communicate this fact, there is a clear need to analyse the publishing conditions for this digitised material, under the provisions of the PSI directive (implemented in national legislation through Law no. 299/2015 on the re-use of public information).
Main objective	Improve accessibility and re-use of cultural heritage through digitisation.
Brief description of commitment	<p>The massive digitisation of cultural resources (particularly the movable heritage) that will be done within the eCultura project will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- development of a single online platform that will host a catalogue and a digital library and will be available to all cultural institutions in Romania and open to the public;</li> <li>- digitisation and publishing online (until 2020) in the Digital Library of Romania and the European Digital Library (europeana.eu) of over 750.000 digital objects.</li> </ul> <p>Drafting the analysis regarding the publication of public resources in an open format and under an open license, followed by the actual publication, will result in boost of the access to knowledge, creativity and innovation.</p>
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	<p>Improving public services;</p> <p>More Effectively Managing Public Resources</p>
Relevance	<p>Access to information;</p> <p>Civic participation;</p> <p>Technology and Innovation;</p>
Ambition	<p>Improving the visibility of the national cultural heritage;</p> <p>Implementing a national shared catalogue of the collections owned by public cultural institutions, ensuring a uniform update of the indexing system and eliminating</p>

	double recordings; Identifying the collections that can be published as open works.			
Completion Level	Not Started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
		✓		
Milestone Activity with a verifiable deliverable and completion date			Start Date:	End Date:
Development of a single online platform that will host a catalogue and a digital library and will be available to all cultural institutions in Romania and open to the public			Sept 2016	June 2018
<b>Status</b>			<b>Completion level</b>	
<p>This commitment is part of the E-Culture: Digital Library of Romania project. The project is currently under implementation – at the feasibility study, technical project and technical specifications phase.</p> <p>The above documentation is now awaiting approval from the Technical-Economic Committee of the Government. The application for financing is being developed.</p>			Limited	
Digitisation and publishing online (until 2020) in the Digital Library of Romania and the European Digital Library (europeana.eu) of over 750.000 digital objects.			Sept 2016	2020
<b>Status</b>			<b>Completion level</b>	
			Not started	
Analysis and drafting of an action plan for the development of a collaborative tool regarding the publication of cultural digitised resources of public cultural institutions as open works			Sept 2016	Dec 2017
<b>Status</b>			<b>Completion level</b>	
			Not started	



## Education

15. Open data and transparency in education	
Start and End Date 2016 - 2017	New commitment
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of National Education (MEN)
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Other Actors Involved	Government Ministries, Department/Agency Schools inspectorates
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working Open Educational Resources Coalition Romania
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	<p>Educational policies and the perception of citizens about the public education system are encumbered by the lack of concrete, certified information about the system. Without relevant indicators, the debate on the educational system cannot have real substance and the sectorial policies can hardly be assessed.</p> <p>In the past years, new computer systems that allow the generation of data have been introduced or improved in</p>

	the public education system.			
Main objective	Improving transparency in the public education system			
Brief description of commitment	The objective of the commitment is the publishing in an open format of the education data and indicators owned by the MENCS and subordinate institutions			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Efficient management of public resources; Improving public services			
Relevance	The commitment improves the access of the public to information from the education sector, increases public accountability of the decision-making authorities and makes use of new technologies.			
Ambition	The commitment brings transparency to internal processes that are already started, but also contributes significantly to the internal coherence of policy adoption and implementation.			
Completion Level	Not Started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
		✓		
Milestone	Activity with a verifiable deliverable and completion date		Start Date:	End Date:
Identification of all computer systems and databases of the MEN and subordinate institutions that are either already in use, being implemented or being prepared.				Oct 2016
<b>Status</b>			<b>Completion level</b>	
The inventory of all computer systems used by the MEN was completed.			Completed	
Determine, following public consultation, which are the essential datasets from the education system that are to be published on the national open data portal.			Oct 2016	Dec 2016

Status	Completion level	
In 2017, two public consultations took place that resulted in the identification of the essential datasets from the education system, as well as the publication of some of them. The list will be published on a later date.	Limited	
Updated start/end date		Dec 2017
Establishing the internal procedures and publishing the datasets.	Jan 2017	June 2017
Status	Completion level	
The internal procedures were established.	Limited	
Regulation of an internal policy of the MEN to establish that any new computer system to be introduced will have a compulsory component that will allow export of data to the open data portal	Jan 2017	June 2017
Status	Completion level	
Internal procedures are to be developed and approved by Order of the Minister.	Not started	
Updated start/end date		Jan 2018

16. Virtual School Library and Open Educational Resources	
Start and End Date	New commitment
2016 - 2017	
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Other Actors Involved	Government Ministries, Department/Agency
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working
	National Centre for Assessment and Examination Education Sciences Institute
	Open Educational Resources Coalition Romania
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	<p>Open educational resources (OER) are freely accessible, openly licensed documents and media that are useful for teaching, learning, and assessing as well as for research purposes. These materials can be found in any medium, digital or otherwise, and reside in the public domain or have been released under an open license that permits no-cost access, use, adaptation and redistribution by others with no or limited restrictions.</p> <p>Using OER can, at low costs, bring significant advantages to the public education system, especially in the secondary education sector: improvement of access to quality</p>

	<p>education, increasing citizens' interest in education, improving the quality of education through peer assessment and innovation.</p> <p>Through the Law on national education no. 1/2011, Romania has created the legal framework for the use of OER: the Virtual School Library. However, the provisions of the law have not yet been implemented.</p>
<p>Main objective</p>	<p>Creation of the Virtual School Library and its population with open educational resources</p>
<p>Brief description of commitment</p>	<p>By creating the Virtual School Library and defining a national policy regarding open educational resources, the commitment aims to increase access to quality education and foster innovation.</p> <p>The sources for these materials will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- documents produced by the MEN and subordinate agencies, particularly curricula and textbooks that the ministry buys directly;</li> <li>- resources produced in EU funded programs, regardless of the beneficiary. The financing contracts will included clauses stating that the produces resources will be published under an open license and will be uploaded on the national portal;</li> <li>- new resources created by teaches and used for teaching activities, including school inspections. It is well known that teachers are permanently creating a host of teaching materials, and these materials can also be uploaded to the portal;</li> <li>- resources that are already developed by teachers and are distributed to other communities. The users of these communities will be encouraged to to transfer the most valuable resources to the national portal;</li> <li>- educational resources that resulted from the</li> </ul>

	<p>implementation of EU funded projects will be part of this library;</p> <p>- starting a public consultation process regarding the acquisition of textbooks, so that the content of the textbooks is also bought and becomes the property of MEN;</p> <p>The implementation terms will be discussed and agreed within the MEN.</p>			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	<p>More effectively managing public resources;</p> <p>Improving public services</p>			
Relevance	<p>The commitment improves the quality of education through open access to educational resources that are created with public funds, increases public accountability of the decision-making authorities and makes use of new technologies.</p>			
Ambition	<p>Improve student performance by facilitating access to educational resources for teachers.</p>			
Completion Level	Not Started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
	✓			
Milestone	Activity with a verifiable deliverable and completion date		Start Date:	End Date:
	Create the technical support for the Virtual School Library			Sept 2016
<b>Status</b>			<b>Completion level</b>	
	The commitment will be included in a future EU funded project.		Not started	
	Collect, from public and private sources, and publish the initial repository for the Library			Dec 2016
<b>Status</b>			<b>Completion level</b>	

	Not started	
Select an open licence for the Library		Dec 2016
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	Not started	
Introduction in all operational programs funded from the EU of a contractual clause stating that any educational resource that is created will be published under an open license and uploaded to the Library		Sept 2016
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
In 2016, the civil society has made a series of proposals on this subject that were submitted to the Ministry in charge with European funds.	Not started	
Regulation of the way in which educational resources will be entered in the Library, a mandatory clause for projects developed with public funds and on demand for private projects		Dec 2016
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	Not started	
Review, following public debates, of the procedures for buying school textbooks, so that they are available to the public under an open licence		Dec 2016
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
The MEN and the representatives of the civil society had effective discussions on this topic in 2017. In September 2017, the Ministry launched the public consultation on the law on textbooks that should regulate the procurement of textbooks for pre-university schools.	Limited	
Draft and adopt a national strategy for the development of the Virtual School Library and the use of OER in the public education system	Jan 2017	Sept 2017
<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion level</b>	
	Not started	

## Open Contracting

17. Open Contracting	
Commitment Start and End Date 2016 - 2018	Ongoing commitment
Lead implementing agency	National Agency for Public Procurement (ANAP) Digital Agenda Agency (AADR)
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Other Actors Involved	Government Ministries, Department/Agency
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	As public procurement represents one of the most important topics related to government transparency, the Government of Romania is in the process of implementing the Open Contracting Data Standard, as a tool to increase the transparency of public acquisitions and for the correct transposition of European directives.
Main objective	Increase the transparency and efficiency of public



	spending			
Brief description of commitment	<p>The commitment is a continuation of one of the priorities of the 2014-2016 NAP and its objective is to increase the transparency and efficiency of public spending by opening data collected through the electronic procurement system in the OCD standard, as well as by engaging citizens in the process.</p> <p>Data will cover planning, award, implementation, performance, and completion of public contracts.</p> <p>OCDS data will be directly accessible in the eLicitatie platform, even for users unskilled in automatic data collection / processing, by applying search filters on criteria such as contracting authority, economic operator, procurement name etc.</p>			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	<p>Increasing public integrity</p> <p>More Effectively Managing Public Resources</p>			
	<p>Access to information; Public Accountability;</p> <p>Civic Participation; Technology and Innovation</p>			
Ambition	<p>Implementation of Open Contracting principles in a pilot conducted in one or more public institutions;</p> <p>Implementation of the Open Contracting Data Standard in the national public procurement system.</p>			
Completion Level	Not Started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
	✓			
Milestone	Activity with a verifiable deliverable and completion date		Start Date:	End Date:
	Informing and training the public procurement staff in local and central public institutions			Dec 2016

Status	Completion level	
	Not started	
Implementation of the OCDS in the e-licitatie.ro portal (public procurement portal). Following the JSON standard, a webservice will serve API calls according to the OCDS, covering: <i>Buyer Information, Tender/Initiation, Award, Contract, Implementation, Planning, Document, Budget, Item, Amendment, Classification, Contact Point, Value, Period.</i>		Ongoing
Status	Completion level	
Operationalisation of the new platform is planned for January 2018.	Not started	
Publishing the datasets resulted from the OCDS implementation, on the data.gov.ro portal	September 2016	Ongoing
Status	Completion level	
	Not started	
Selection of one or more public institutions for the implementation of a pilot on applying the OC principles (for all phases of the contracting process)	Aug 2016	Sept 2016
Status	Completion level	
	Not started	
Piloting the implementation of OC principles in one public institution, in collaboration with civil society, in all phases: development/planning, awarding, execution, implementation/monitoring, completion, assessment	Oct 2016	June 2018
Status	Completion level	
	Not started	

## Open Data

18. Increasing the quality and quantity of published open data		
Commitment Start and End Date 2016 - 2018	Ongoing commitment	
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Other Actors Involved	Government Ministries, Department/Agency	Ministries; Local public authorities
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working	Coalition for Open Data
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	Publishing open data from the public authorities and institutions represents one of the modern means to increase transparency and efficiency in public administration. Law 109/2007 on the re-use of public information, that was the first regulation of the open data framework in Romania, is not widely known nor implemented, and Romania's open data publishing and re-use commitments are deemed unsatisfactory by both civil society and international researchers.	
Main objective	The main objective of this commitment is to promote and	

	<p>increase transparency in public administration and improve citizen dialogue by improving the means and procedures to publish open data from the public institutions and authorities.</p>
<p>Brief description of commitment</p>	<p>The commitment is part of the project "Improving the quality and number of datasets published by public institutions" that will be funded through the European Social Fund 2020 and aims to:</p> <p>A) improve the open data publishing methodology;</p> <p>B) provide a series of training sessions and support documents for open data management for the staff in public central and local institutions;</p> <p>C) improve the quality of data published on data.gov.ro;</p> <p>D) Encourage the re-use of data;</p> <p>E) increase the number of datasets published on data.gov.ro</p>
<p>OPG challenge addressed by the commitment</p>	<p>Increasing public integrity;</p> <p>More effectively managing public resources</p>
<p>Relevance</p>	<p>Access to information; Public Accountability; Civic participation; Technology and Innovation</p>
<p>Ambition</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development of an open data methodology and a public policy that would represent landmarks for the public institutions publishing open data;</li> <li>2. Training for 200 persons from the local and central public administration</li> <li>3. Improve the quality and number of open datasets;</li> <li>4. Advance the re-use of available datasets in the benefit of both public institutions and citizens.</li> </ol>

Completion Level	Not Started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
		✓		
Milestone Activity with a verifiable deliverable and completion date			Start Date:	End Date:
Improve the open data publishing methodology by updating and improving the 2015 Guide and assessing the framework for a public policy proposal that would ensure implementation of procedures in all public institutions, publication of datasets on a regular basis and correlation with the linked governmental strategies.			Jan 2017	March 2017
<b>Status</b>			<b>Completion level</b>	
Due to delays in the procurement of consulting services in the EU-funded project, this activity could not be completed on time. The estimated start and end date are: Sept 2017 – Feb 2018.			Not started	
Organise 13 training session for staff in local and central public administration (200 persons)			May 2017	July 2017
<b>Status</b>			<b>Completion level</b>	
Due to delays in the procurement of consulting services in the EU-funded project, this activity could not be completed on time. The estimated start and end date are: April – July 2018.			Not started	
Pilot the automatic publishing on the data.gov.ro portal of open data from public procurement (open contracting), tax registers and air quality (through APIs)			Sept 2016	Apr 2017
<b>Status</b>			<b>Completion level</b>	
			Not started	
Encourage and assist public institutions in organising competitions (hackathons) using open data, to develop solutions for specific issues. At least 4 hackathons will be organised, in sectors where institutions already showed interest in promoting the re-use of data, and civil society representatives agreed on the utility of such competitions (culture, education, local government, anti-corruption, citizens budgets etc.)			Sept 2016	June 2018

Status	Completion level	
Two hackathons were organised in September 2016 and March 2017, on the following topics: health, social policies, environment, smart cities, culture, policies/strategies and education.	Limited	
Centralised publishing on the national open data portal of priority, high value datasets (budget, education, culture, health, labour, environment and others). Monitoring of regular updates of datasets that are already published. Identify and publish new datasets, in collaboration with civil society.	Ongoing	Ongoing
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<p>Compared to 2016, when the number of datasets published on the data.gov.ro portal was 633, in September 2017 the number has reached over 1040. The published datasets belong to priority sectors such as: procurement, budget, education, health, environment, emergency situations. It was established that the datasets with annual or semi-annual update periods are regularly updated, however, datasets with more frequent update periods are not as constantly updated.</p> <p>The Annex to this Report (Romanian version) includes the list of 259 datasets the institutions committed to publish for the 2016-2018 NAP. Out of the 259, 208 have been published as planned.</p>	Limited	