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### **INFORMATION ON PROGRESS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN LABEL OF GOVERNANCE EXCELLENCE (ELoGE) IN 2021**

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## Introduction

The **European Label of Governance Excellence (ELoGE)** is awarded to municipalities which have achieved a high level of good governance measured against a Council of Europe benchmark.

ELoGE relies on a partnership between the Council of Europe and an existing reputable regional, national, or transnational entity or an ad hoc platform with a substantive know-how, expertise, or experience in the field of good governance, especially at the local level.

In 2021, while some ELoGE projects were put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ELoGE processes were launched and/or continued in several member States. ELoGE was launched, awarded, and new accreditations were requested in a dozen states. The feedback from participating local authorities was overwhelmingly positive. Below is a short summary of recent developments. More details and reports are available on the [ELoGE](#) and [news](#) websites.

A revised and updated version of the benchmark will be prepared to incorporate recommendations from the CDDG Gender Rapporteurs and in light of feedback from accredited institutions responsible for implementation of ELoGE.

## Action required

Members of the CDDG are invited to take note of the information provided below, and to promote implementation of ELoGE in their countries.

## APPENDIX

### ELoGE: Current status and accreditation requests

Country	Status
<b>1. Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	Awareness-raising and capacity-building activities have been launched and an accreditation request is being prepared by the Mostar Local Democracy Agency in the context of the <a href="#">Link4Cooperation project</a> funded by the EU and supported by the Centre of Expertise for Good Governance.
<b>2. Bulgaria</b>	The fifth round of ELoGE is planned for 2022.
<b>3. Croatia</b>	Accreditation granted to ALDA - European Association for Local Democracy, implementation is planned from April 2021 to 2022.
<b>4. France</b>	Second round of ELoGE is to be launched by CNFPT in December 2021.
<b>5. Hungary</b>	<p>Accreditation granted to the association of local authorities TOOSZ. The <a href="#">first ELoGE Workshop in Hungary</a> took place in <b>July</b> 2021.</p> <p>The first Awards are planned for 10 November 2021, under the Hungarian Presidency of the CM.</p>
<b>6. Italy</b>	Accreditation granted to AICCRE – the Italian Chapter of CEMR. The launch is planned at beginning of 2022, under the Italian Presidency of the CM.
<b>7. Italy – FVG</b>	<p>ELoGE was launched by AICCRE FVG in cooperation with ISIG in the region of Friuli Venezia Giulia in October 2020. Award Ceremony took place in summer 2021.</p> <p><a href="#">ELoGE award ceremony in Friuli Venezia Giulia</a></p>
<b>8. Greece</b>	<p>The second round of ELoGE was launched by KEDE – Association of the local authorities of Greece – at the end of 2020. The Award Ceremony took place in summer 2021.</p> <p><a href="#">Second ELoGE Awards Ceremony in Greece</a></p>

<b>9. Kosovo*<sup>1</sup></b>	Accreditation granted to ALDA – European Association for Local Democracy – to begin implementation in 2022.
<b>10. Lithuania</b>	The first ELoGE round was implemented in 2020, the next round is planned for 2022. <a href="#">The Lithuanian Prime Minister Opens the ELoGE Award Ceremony</a>
<b>11. Malta</b>	The first ELoGE Ceremony took place in February 2021. <a href="#">Malta Celebrates its first ELoGE.</a> The second-round launch and a workshop for participating municipalities took place in summer 2021. The second award ceremony is planned at the end of 2021.
<b>12. North Macedonia</b>	Accreditation requested by ALDA, implementation is planned from April 2021 to 2022.
<b>13. Norway</b>	Last ELoGE round was held in 2014. <a href="#">Improving local democracy through ELoGE: Time's good governance journey in Norway</a>
<b>14. Poland</b>	The Polish Foundation for Local Democracy has requested a renewal of accreditation. The <a href="#">second ELoGE Award ceremony</a> took place on 28 September 2021.
<b>15. Portugal</b>	UDITE launched implementation in 2020, the first ELoGE Ceremony took place in summer 2021.  <a href="#">7 Portuguese municipalities awarded European Label of Governance Excellence</a>
<b>16. Romania</b>	New accreditation request is being prepared by the General Secretariat of the Romanian Government, Open Government Service.
<b>17. Slovakia</b>	The first round was implemented in 2020. The second round is planned for 2022. <a href="#">European Label of Governance Excellence: Slovakia Award Ceremony</a>
<b>18. Spain – Basque region</b>	<a href="#">Third round of ELoGE in the Basque Country, Spain</a> was conducted in 2020. The accreditation was renewed for EUDEL – Association of the Basque local authorities, the fourth round for all municipalities over 5000 was launched in September 2021.

<sup>1</sup> All references to Kosovo, whether the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

<b>19. Spain – Murcia region</b>	Accreditation granted to the Chair for Good Government and Public Integrity, University of Murcia, the implementation is planned to start by the end of 2021.
<b>20. Turkey</b>	Accreditation request is being prepared by the Arguden Good Governance Academy and the Marmara Union of Municipalities, under the Dutch-funded MATRA project “Integrated Municipal Good Governance Model”.