



Strasbourg, 11 April 2023

DG-AP(2023)3

## **ELoGE ACCREDITATION PLATFORM**

### **REPORT OF THE 8th MEETING 24 March 2023, Strasbourg**

#### **1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting was opened with Mr Paul Rowsell (United Kingdom, Chair of the CDDG) in the Chair. He welcomed the participants, whose list appears in Appendix 1.

#### **2. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted, as it appears in Appendix 2.

#### **3. Report of the 7th meeting (25 March 2022)**

The Chair recalled the main decisions that had been taken by the European Stakeholder' Platform at its last meeting, as outlined in the meeting report [\[DG-AP\(2022\)3\]](#)

#### **4. Information on [ELoGE](#) progress and implementation in 2023**

The Secretariat presented the ELoGE progress and implementation in 2023, referring to document *DG-AP(2023)1*. It informed the Platform members about the most recent and on-going ELoGE projects and provided an update on the intended process and calendar of work for the revision of the ELoGE Benchmark which dates back to 2009. Those involved in the process (experts, Secretariat etc) would make the broadest use of the [E-DEN platform](#) and feedback from a dozen of countries. The resulting document would then be presented to the CDDG at its 18<sup>th</sup> plenary at the end of the year. The Platform members were further encouraged to support those efforts to introduce ELoGE in more member states. In response to a question from the Congress representative, it was explained that the new Benchmark would involve an updating process rather than a full revision. The Bureau concurred that it should be no problem for the accredited entities to run ELoGE on the basis of the current Benchmark and then later use the updated one.

The Bureau also considered that there was a need to adapt paragraph 7 of the ELoGE Regulations and the following text was considered, and subsequently approved: "7. *ELoGE is awarded for a term of up to three years, subject to a decision by the accredited entity*".

As further adjustments to the Platform's rules appeared to be desirable and timely, including on the quorum and voting, the Secretariat would prepare some draft amendments to be discussed at the next Platform meeting.

## 5. Renewal and new requests of accreditations

The Platform examined accreditation requests presented by the Secretariat, as set out in document [DG-AP(2023)2]:

### A. Requests for renewal

- **North Macedonia:** after examining the request, the Platform agreed **to grant the accreditation for 3 years (April 2023-April 2026)** to ALDA-Skopje, the local branch of the European Association for Local Democracy.
- **Kosovo\*:** after examining the request, the Platform agreed **to renew the accreditation for 3 years (April 2023-April 2026)** to ALDA, the European Association for Local Democracy.
- **Malta:** as the renewal request was delayed, the Platform agreed that **it would consider the request through the written procedure when all the necessary information becomes available.**
- **Poland:** after examining the request, the Platform agreed **to renew the accreditation to the Foundation in Support of Local Democracy (FRDL) to run ELoGE in Poland for 3 years, from 2024** (when the period of validity of the current accreditation lapses) **until 2027.**
- **Portugal:** the European Federation of Local Chief Executives (UDiTE) had submitted a request to slightly prolong the accreditation – expired on 31 December 2022 – so as to enable it to complete the second ELoGE round and to award the label to two municipalities; after examining the request, the Platform agreed to **extend the accreditation until the end of 2023.**
- **Türkiye:** after examining the request, the Platform agreed **to renew the accreditation for 3 years (April 2023-April 2026)** of the Argüden Governance Academy to run ELoGE in Türkiye.

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\* All references to Kosovo, whether to 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. New requests for accreditation

- **Finland:** after examining the request, the Platform agreed to grant the accreditation **for 3 years (April 2023-April 2026)** to the Finish Institute of Public Management to run ELoGE in Finland, subject to the approval of the adaptation of the Benchmark, as announced by the applicant.
- **Lithuania:** after examining the request for accreditation of the Ministry of Interior to run a second ELoGE programme in the country, the Platform agreed **to grant it the accreditation for 3 years (April 2023-April 2026)**, with the proviso that the composition of the new platform is agreed, as announced in the application.

## **6. Any other business**

None

## **7. Next meeting**

The Platform agreed to hold its next meeting tentatively, depending on requests for accreditation, after the CDDG Bureau meeting in the Autumn, i.e on 17 October 2023 afternoon.

**APPENDIX 1**  
**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

**CDDG BUREAU MEMBERS / MEMBRES DU BUREAU DU CDDG**

Mr Paul ROWSELL - *Chair /président*

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Mr Peter ANDRE, Ministry of Interior, Senior Expert for Legal Affairs, Vienna, Austria

Mr Georgios CHRYSAFIS, Directorate of Organising and Functioning of Local Government, Ministry of the Interior, Athens, Greece  
*(Apologised for absence/excusé)*

Ms Gordana GAPIKJ-DIMITROVSKA, State Advisor, the Ministry of Information Society and Administration, Skopje, North Macedonia  
*(Apologised for absence/excusée)*

Ms Puck GORRISSEN, Policy Officer Democracy, Democracy and Governance Division, Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, The Hague, Netherlands

Mr Edwin LEFEBRE, Deputy Director, Ministry of the Flemish Community, Agency for Home Affairs, Brussels, Belgium

Mr Markku MÖLLÄRI, Ministerial adviser, Department for Local Affairs and Regional Administration, Ministry of Finance, Helsinki, Finland

**CONFERENCE OF INGOS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE / CONFERENCE DES OING DU CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE**

Mr Christoph SPRENG, Representative of the INGOS Conference to the CDDG, Initiatives of Change-International

**CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES / CONGRES DES POUVOIRS LOCAUX ET REGIONAUX**

Roman CHLAPAK, Secretary of the Governance Committee

**PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE / ASSEMBLEE PARLEMENTAIRE DU CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE**

*(Apologised for absence / excusé(e))*

**SECRETARIAT**

Ms Alina TATARENKO – Head of the Democratic Governance Division / Secretary of the CDDG / Directorate of Human Dignity, Equality and Governance / Directorate General of Democracy

Mr Christophe SPECKBACHER, Administrator – Democratic Governance Division / Directorate of Human Dignity, Equality and Governance / Directorate General of Democracy

Mr Niall SHEERIN, Administrator – Democratic Governance Division / Directorate of Human Dignity, Equality and Governance / Directorate General of Democracy

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Ms Isabelle ETTER - Assistant

**APPENDIX 2****AGENDA****1. Opening of the meeting by the Chair****2. Adoption of the agenda***[DG-AP(2023)0J1]***3. Report of the 7th meeting of the Enlarged Bureau  
(25 March 2022)**[\[DG-AP\(2022\)3\]](#)**4. Information on [ELOGE](#) progress and implementation in 2023***[DG-AP(2023)1]***5. Renewal and new requests of accreditations***[DG-AP(2023)2]**A. Renewal of accreditation*

- North Macedonia
- Malta (tbc)
- Poland
- Portugal
- Türkiye
- Kosovo\*

*B. New requests for accreditation*

- Finland
- Lithuania

**6. Any other business****7. Next meeting** (depending on accreditations: pm: CDDG Bureau 16-17 October)