

## PRINCIPLES OF GOOD DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

- 1. Participation, Representation, Fair Conduct of Elections
- 2. Responsiveness
- 3. Efficiency and Effectiveness
- 4. Openness and Transparency
- 5. Rule of Law
- 6. Ethical Conduct
- 7. Competence and Capacity
- 8. Innovation and Openness to Change
- 9. Sustainability and Long-Term Orientation
- 10. Sound Financial Management
- 11. Human Rights, Cultural Diversity and Social Cohesion
- 12. Accountability
- The 12 Principles of Good Democratic Governance encapsulate fundamental values defining a common vision of European democratic governance.
- Enshrined in the Strategy for Innovation and Good Governance at Local Level, the 12 Principles assist public authorities in improving governance and enhancing service delivery to citizens.
- Toolkits, training materials and benchmarks, developed by the Centre of Expertise, are available to governments at local, regional and central level alike.



www.coe.int/good-governance/



