bE-Open
Open local government
A tool for action

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What is bE-Open?

🔗 www.coe.int/congress/beopen

bE-Open is an online tool aimed at supporting local authorities in their efforts to improve the quality of local democracy by providing practical guidance on public ethics, accountability, transparency and citizen participation.
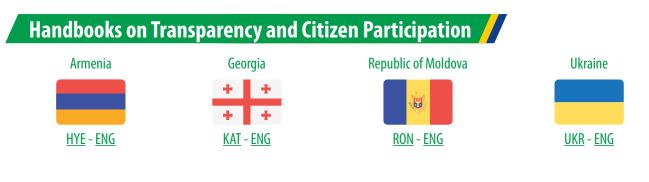
Local governments play a crucial role in building citizen trust and fostering participatory decision-making, especially in the absence of strong institutional frameworks that promote public ethics and accountability. Without their concerted action, corruption and malpractice can thrive, undermining the foundations of a peaceful and prosperous society. Thus, the integrity of local elected representatives and their administrations, and their ability to function in a transparent and accountable manner is all the more important to provide fair services to citizens.

How does it work?

bE-Open provides quick and easy access to relevant international standards and domestic context, legislation, case law, guidelines and good practices in Armenia, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine – categorised in four themes: Public ethics and accountability, Corruption risks, Transparency and Citizen participation.

Who is it aimed at?

Local and regional governance actors in their efforts to improve the quality of local democracy in their villages, towns, cities and regions, as well as citizens interested in public ethics and open local government. **bE-Open** is available in English and in the local languages.

Handbooks on Transparency and Citizen Participation

Armenia	Georgia	Republic of Moldova	Ukraine
HYE – ENG	KAT – ENG	RON – ENG	UKR – ENG

Additional Resources

📄 The European Code of Conduct for all Persons Involved in Local and Regional Governance
📄 Preventing Corruption and Promoting Public Ethics

The **bE-Open** online tool was developed by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe in line with its priorities on public ethics and preventing corruption as well as its continued work on raising awareness on the respect of human rights at the local level. It aims to foster a sound functioning of democratic institutions based on transparency, accountability and the development of citizen participation, thus aiming to restore citizens' trust in public authorities.