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(ELoGE)**

PROGRESS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ELoGE IN 2022

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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 was launched, awarded, and new accreditations were requested in a dozen of member states. The feedback from participating local authorities was overwhelmingly positive.

This trend has continued with a request for renewal from France and a further 4 Accreditation requests from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Latvia, Romania, and Turkey. The appendix to this document contains a short summary of recent developments by member state. More details and reports are available on the [ELoGE](#) and [news](#) websites of the Good Governance Division.

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.

A dedicated section of the revised [E-DEN platform](#) has been created to serve as a repository for ELoGE reports and as a networking opportunity for accredited entities and awarded municipalities.

Action required

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

APPENDIX

ELoGE: Current status and accreditation requests

Country	Status
1. Bosnia and Herzegovina	Awareness-raising and capacity-building activities were organised in 2021. An accreditation request has been submitted by the Mostar Local Democracy Agency in the context of the Link4Cooperation project funded by the EU and supported by the Centre of Expertise for Good Governance (CEGG). A formal launch event will take place on 17 March 2022.
2. Bulgaria	The fifth round of ELoGE is planned for 2022 and will be organised in the context of a new joint project to be implemented by the CEGG with funding from the European Union.
3. Croatia	Accreditation was granted to ALDA - European Association for Local Democracy. A launch event took place in October 2021 and the first award ceremony is planned for autumn 2022.
4. France	The CNFPT submitted a request to renew accreditation to deliver ELoGE and intend extending the scope to apply to "intercommunalitiés". A launch event is planned for 8 April 2022.
5. Hungary	Accreditation granted to the association of local authorities TOOSZ. The first ELoGE Workshop in Hungary took place in July 2021. The first award ceremony took place on 10 November 2021, under the Hungarian Chairmanship of the CM.
6. Italy	Accreditation granted to AICCRE – the Italian Chapter of CEMR. A large-scale launch event is planned for 11 April in Venice under the Italian Chairmanship of the CM.
7. Italy – FVG	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. EloGE award ceremony in Friuli Venezia Giulia

8. Greece	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.
9. Kosovo*¹	Accreditation granted to ALDA – European Association for Local Democracy –implementation will begin 2022 with a launch event in Kosovo* planned for April 2022.
10. Lithuania	The first ELoGE round was implemented in 2020, the next round is planned for 2022. The Lithuanian Prime Minister Opens the ELoGE Award Ceremony
11. Malta	The second-round of ELoGE was launched in Malta with a workshop for participating municipalities in summer 2021. The second award ceremony is planned for 2022.
12. North Macedonia	Accreditation was granted to ALDA and a launch event took place in November 2021 . The first award ceremony is planned for autumn 2022.
13. Norway	Last ELoGE round was held in 2014. Improving local democracy through ELoGE: Time’s good governance journey in Norway
14. Poland	The Polish Foundation for Local Democracy was granted renewal of its accreditation to deliver ELoGE. The second ELoGE Award ceremony took place on 28 September 2021. A third round is planned to be launched in 2022
15. Portugal	UDITE launched implementation in 2020, the first ELoGE Ceremony took place in summer 2021. 7 Portuguese municipalities awarded European Label of Governance Excellence

¹ 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.

16. Romania	A new accreditation request has been submitted by the General Secretariat of the Romanian Government, Open Government Service, with a launch event planned in April 2022 with the support of the CEGG.
17. Slovak Republic	The first round was implemented in 2020. The second round is planned for 2022. European Label of Governance Excellence: Slovakia Award Ceremony
18. Spain – Basque region	Third round of ELoGE in the Basque Country, Spain 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.
19. Spain – Murcia region	Accreditation granted to the Chair for Good Government and Public Integrity, University of Murcia, and the first round was launched in March 2022 .
20. Turkey	Awareness-raising and capacity-building activities were organised in 2021 by the CEGG, including participation in the Marmara Urban Forum . An accreditation request has been submitted by the Arguden Governance Academy and the Marmara Union of Municipalities, under the Dutch-funded MATRA project “Integrated Municipal Good Governance Model”.