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Estonia hosts the Open Government Partnership Global Summit 2023 focusing on transparency and participation in the digital age

The Open Government Partnership Global Summit is taking place on 6–7 September in Tallinn, Estonia with more than 2,000 participants from over 70 countries expected to join.

This OGP Global Summit brings together heads of state and government, civil society organisations, and policymakers around the world. The Summit will focus on open government in the digital age, the potential of technology to make governance and policy-making more transparent and accountable, and the preservation of democracy. Around 50 sessions will focus on topics such as anti-corruption, civic space and participation, climate and environment, digital governance, open justice, and democratic resilience.

As societies around the world are facing some of the biggest challenges of our time, a strong civil society and transparent, inclusive and accountable governance and policymaking practices are essential. OGP members vary greatly in their levels of open government. By engaging in open discussions and collaboration, OGP global partners can share their ideas and best practices to inspire others and adopt new approaches.

The Summit programme features panels, keynotes, various discussions, workshops, and informal meetings on the topics of anti-corruption, civic space and participation, climate and environment, digital governance, open justice, and democratic resilience.

“A strong and open civil society is essential in a democratic state, especially in times of crisis and uncertainty. At the summit, we all can contribute to the promotion of open democracy worldwide and stand against authoritarian threats united,” said Prime Minister of Estonia, Ms **Kaja Kallas**.

“It is an honor for us to be hosting such a major event in the field of open government. Estonia stands as a perfect example of the importance of committing to open, transparent, and inclusive governance when building a thriving modern democracy. This is particularly pertinent considering that these principles are precisely what Ukraine is fighting for in our region, which is in direct opposition to how Putin and other autocrats rule,” said Estonian Secretary of State Mr Taimar Peterkop.

“The Open Government Partnership Global Summit is a unique event that catalyzes change through collaboration between governments and civil society organizations. This collaboration is key for OGP members to address the biggest challenges on topics like anti-corruption, public participation, civic space, and digital governance,” said OGP co-chair, Ms **Anabel Cruz**, Founder and Director of the Communication and Development Institute of Uruguay.

A number of prominent figures will attend the Summit, including Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas, the Administrator of USAID **Samantha Power**, Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine **Mykhailo Fedorov**, UK’s Parliamentary Secretary in Cabinet Office **Alex Burghart**, Chief justice of the Philippines **Alexander Gesmundo**, Indonesian entrepreneur and Minister for National Development Planning **Suharso Monoarfa**, Moroccan Delegate–Minister in charge of Digital Transition and Administration Reform **Ghita Mezzour**.

Ms Cruz and the government of Estonia are co-chairing OGP for a year, until September 2023. Estonia has been a member of the OGP since 2011 and is represented in OGP by the Secretary of State on behalf of the Government Office. OGP unites 76 countries, 104 local governments and thousands of civil society organizations.

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Country profile:

Estonia – Impactful Tech Hub in Northern Europe

Estonia in the OGP

- 5 completed action plans;
- 57 commitments;
- 40% of commitments had strong early results;
- 93% of commitments were completed.*

* as per the **Independent Reporting Mechanism's report**

Estonia joined the Open Government Partnership (OGP) in 2011 and has since developed six action plans. Here's a glimpse of its most significant achievements within those action plans:

Online platform empowering citizen voices in policy-making

As of 2016, Estonian citizens have been able to create and discuss citizen-led grassroots initiatives, gather public support, and submit ideas to their local government through a digital platform called **rahvaalgatus** ("Citizen initiative"). All initiatives with at least 1000 signatures must be addressed by the parliament, while local level initiatives require support from 1% of the municipality's residents. Citizens aged 16 and above have the right to sign these initiatives using their fast and secure e-ID (fun fact: 98% of Estonians have an ID card and digital signatures save the country 2% of its GDP annually). By 2022, people had already created initiatives in 27 out of 79 local municipalities, collecting 50,373 signatures (representing 4% of the population) in support of various initiatives.

Instilling open government practices at the local level

The Estonian Ministry of Finance has launched the "**Minuomavalitsus**" ("My Local Government") dashboard, providing citizens, advocacy groups, and policymakers with a user-friendly overview of the performance of all Estonian municipalities in 16 public services, including education, housing, and public health. Additionally, it offers insights into the open government performance of each municipality, specifically in areas like participatory budgeting or public procurement. Fun fact: The number of Estonian municipalities practicing participatory budgeting increased from 18 in 2018 to 51 in 2022, encompassing 65% of all municipalities. Currently, the methodology and indicators for measuring local open government are being updated.

Transparency and Accountability to combating corruption

As of 2021, Estonia has successfully implemented a lobby registry, ensuring transparency in interactions between lobbyists and top officials. Central government institutions now publish information on these meetings quarterly on their websites, promoting openness and accountability. To further encourage disclosure and prevent conflicts of interest, the Ministry of Justice has developed **guidelines** for public officials and a code of good practice.

In addition to the lobby registry, Estonia has also introduced the **Public Procurement Register**, a free and self-service platform. This platform allows easy access to published procurements, notices, contract information, and review committee decisions. In 2022, the Register facilitated over 8,825 public procurements, totaling over 5.6 billion euros, a significant portion of the Estonian state budget, which is around 16 billion euros.

Everything you need to know about Estonia

Estonia is one of three Baltic states, located in Northern Europe, just a short ferry trip from Finland. The country's population is about 1.3 million and the GDP is 38 billion US dollars. Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, home to about a third of the nation's population, is renowned for its medieval old town, also a designated UNESCO World Heritage site.

The official language is Estonian — a unique language in Europe, part of the Finno-Ugric language family along with Finnish and Hungarian. Estonian is written in Latin script and is one of the official languages of the European Union. To date, the Estonian language has about 1 million speakers, majority living in their native Estonia. About 68% of the population consider themselves ethnic Estonians, 22% as Russians and 10% as all other ethnicities.

The country originally gained its independence amidst WW1 in 1918, breaking away from the Russian Empire. About two decades later, on the eve of WW2, Estonia's sovereignty was interrupted by the Soviet occupation, lasting over 50 years in total. Estonia restored its independence in 1991 through a peaceful revolution known as the Singing Revolution, alongside neighbouring Baltic countries of Latvia and Lithuania. Shortly after regaining its independence, the Estonian people focused their efforts on building a democratic society, quickly emerging as a global leader in technology.

Estonia became a member of the European Union and NATO in 2004. The Euro was adopted as a currency in 2011. Estonia was an elected member of the UN Security Council in 2020-2021.

Estonia has one of the highest number of startups per capita in the world — 7.6 times as many as the European average. Main reasons for this are the country's advanced digital capabilities and entrepreneurial-friendly environment. Since 2011, a new company can be officially registered online in less than 20 minutes. Estonia is the birthplace of 10 unicorns: Skype in 2005, Playtech in 2007, Wise in 2015, Bolt in 2018, Pipedrive in 2020, Zego, ID.me and Gelato in 2021, Veriff and Glia in 2022.

Estonia is 5th amongst the least corrupt countries in the world after the Nordic countries according to The Global Corruption Index, and in 8th place in Reporters Without Borders media freedom index.

A fast and free-of-charge internet connection is available almost everywhere in Estonia. About 99% of services are available online with the use of an ID card. This means that most Estonians file their taxes, sign agreements and register their businesses online. E-voting became available in 2005 with 2% of eligible voters choosing that option, to about 51.1% of voters casting their votes digitally in 2023. Estonia was the first country to offer e-residency in 2014 to people from all over the world. The E-Residency Programme provides a government-issued digital identity to international applicants, enabling them access e-services and run a company online.

Estonia is one of the least densely populated countries in Europe, with 31.4 people per square kilometre. Over 50% of its territory is covered by forests and nearly a quarter protected as natural areas. Furthermore, Estonia has over 2000 islands. People are allowed to hike and camp everywhere and official campsites provide essential amenities such as fire pits, sheltered picnic tables, and outhouses. The country's bogs are a major attraction for tourists seeking to explore the countryside and wildlife. Viru Bog, one of the most easily accessible bogs in Estonia, is only a 40-minute car ride from Tallinn city center, highlighting easy accessibility to nature.

Weather in Estonia has great differences between four seasons — both in terms of weather and daylight. The length of the longest day in summer is over 19 hours, while the shortest winter day lasts only 6 hours.

Venue: Telliskivi Creative City – a home for Estonian civic society

The OGP Global Summit will take place in Telliskivi Loomelinnak, or the Telliskivi Creative City ((address: Telliskivi 60a, 10412 Tallinn, Estonia), which is located on the site of the former Baltic Railway factory and where more than twenty non-governmental organisations and cultural institutions operate today. During the Soviet occupation, the factory was nationalised and renamed after M. I. Kalinin. The large-scale block was closed to local residents at the time.

Today, locomotives, transformers, and Soviet mechanics may be gone, but their industrial echo remains. Modest construction in what would become the Telliskivi Creative City, started in 2007. By 2009, the first long-term tenant, the HQ of the Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival, moved in. They were followed by a weekly flea market and a skate park. If you felt ordinary and mainstream, its ramps cured it fast. Dozens of bands took up practice spaces in the so-called Band Building.

Fast forward a decade and you see the Telliskivi Creative City as it is today: a friendly space for fragile thoughts and projects that are given shelter and support. All of this is rooted in the belief that instead of razing this somewhat ugly place to the ground, we should salvage it and breathe new life into its industrial lungs. The Creative City now hosts over 800 cultural events each year, attracting over 1.5 million annual visitors.

All this is proof that instead of cold calculations, it pays to focus on developing not real estate, but community and culture.

So, similarly to the OGP, the Telliskivi Creative City started with a dream and the belief that making value-based decisions and working to protect these shared values as a community is viable.



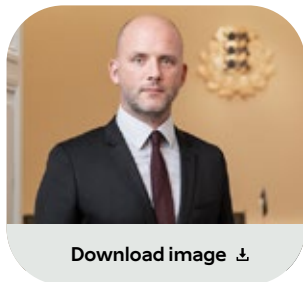
Quotation bank

The official quotations to be used in media



"We need a strong civil society to overcome unexpected events and obstacles. It is too late to establish dialogue and cooperation when the crisis is already upon us. On the contrary – doing that in advance is part of the crisis plan. Estonia's transparent e-governance and close cooperation with civil society stands out in the world, and the way we have built our state has given us valuable experience to pass on. Estonia's co-chairing of the Open Government Partnership and the Summit we are hosting is a milestone for transparent and inclusive governance."

Kaja Kallas, Prime Minister of Estonia



"Estonia is honoured to host the Open Government Partnership Global Summit in Tallinn. Our experience in and knowledge of transparent and inclusive governance is valued both domestically and internationally. The crises of recent years and the deterioration of the international security situation show that crises are no longer temporary, but have a longer-lasting impact on everyday life. This also presents new challenges for governance. At the Summit, we will begin to look for solutions to these challenges."

Taimar Peterkop, Secretary of State



"Cooperation between civil society and governments is now key. Lasting solutions can only be born through collaboration. Co-chairing with Estonia will help to meet challenges and support the implementation of open governance principles around the world. The Tallinn Summit will be a good opportunity to share experiences and find solutions."

Anabel Cruz, Co-Chair



"The Open Government Partnership brings together government and civil society reformers to make sure people's voices are heard and their needs met. Estonia has been a pioneer in open government, especially when it comes to using digital approaches to improve citizen participation and public services. And, their courageous and consistent support for their neighbors in Ukraine is an inspiration to all those in the open government community who work everyday to advance democratic values."

Sanjay Pradhan, CEO of OGP



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Caravan – <https://toolbox.estonia.ee/assets/451151>

There are currently over 30 wind farms in Estonia. The country has pledged to produce as much renewable electricity as it consumes by 2030.

Credit: Margus Kontus



Canoeing on Ahja river –

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There are about 2000 rivers in Estonia. Canoeing on rivers has become a popular outdoors activity in recent years.

Credit: Katrin Laurson



Tallinn Old Town – <https://toolbox.estonia.ee/assets/451124>

Estonia's capital Tallinn boasts the best-preserved medieval old town in Northern Europe, dating back to the 13th century.

Credit: Kaupo Kalda



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e-Estonia pavilion at Expo -

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The e-Estonia pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai welcomed visitors to the digital state of Estonia and introduced e-solutions that are part of its people's daily lives.

Credit: Mihkel Sillaots



Bog- <https://toolbox.estonia.ee/assets/446373>

The bog is the oldest organic and also the most loved landscape in Estonia for hikes and down-time in nature. The first bogs formed after the last ice age.

Credit: Romet Vaino



Estonian Song Festival -

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The Estonian Song Celebration dates back to 1869 and is held after every five years till this day. The tradition of song festivals began with Estonia's national awakening, leading up to its independence in 1918. In 2019, the 150th Song Festival featured a record number of 35,000 choir singers and over 60,000 spectators.

Credit: Jelena Rudi

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Open Government Partnership Global Summit 2023

Session Highlights

Welcome to this concise overview of the main session themes of the Open Government Partnership Global Summit 2023. Our goal is to provide you with a snapshot of the six core themes driving the summit, highlight some of the sessions that might spark your interest, and suggest relevant spokespeople for the topics. However, we encourage you to study the entire Summit's program, which is available at: <https://avpeesti2023.ee/en/ajakava>

Should you be interested in reaching out to some of the spokespeople listed here or would like to get in touch with any other speaker from the event, please let us know at: media@avpeesti2023.ee

1. Anti-corruption:

The fight against corruption lies at the heart of the Open Government Partnership. This theme highlights the commitment of governments, civil society organizations, and citizens to prevent and combat corruption. By promoting transparency, accountability, and integrity, the OGP seeks to strengthen governance systems and build public trust, ensuring that resources are used for the betterment of societies.

Sessions to follow:

Session	Spokespeople
Breaking the Silos: Whole-of-State Strategies to Fight Corruption	Sergejus Muravjovas , CEO of Transparency International Lithuania
Connecting Global to Country Action to Fight Transnational Corruption: How Can Beneficial Ownership Transparency Drive Change?	Joyce Koech , Registrar of Companies, Government of Kenya Mark Robinson , Executive Director of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
What's Next for Open Contracting? Delivering Results in Anti-Corruption, Inclusion, Sustainability, and Civic Participation	TBC

OGP resources:

- [Anti-corruption policy area in the OGP website](#)
- [Skeptic's Guide to Open Government](#)

2. Civic space and participation

Civic space and participation are vital for an open and democratic society. This theme underscores the significance of inclusive decision-making processes, empowering citizens to engage with their governments, contribute to policy formulation, and hold authorities accountable. By fostering collaboration, the OGP encourages governments to embrace citizens as active partners in shaping public policies and promoting democratic values.

Sessions to follow:

Session	Spokespeople
From One-Off Engagement to System Change: How do we Embed Public Participation in Government?	Lázaro Tuñón , Deputy Director of Open Government, Government of Spain Josh Lerner , Executive Director of People Powered
Media Freedom as a Catalyst of Open Government, Dialogue, and Accountability	TBC

OGP resources:

- [Civic space fact sheet \(2021\)](#)
- [Civic Space Policy Area Webpage](#)

3. Climate and environment:

Recognizing the urgent need for sustainable development, the OGP places great importance on climate and the environment. The OGP aims to address pressing environmental challenges and promote climate action by integrating environmental considerations into governance practices. Governments are encouraged to engage with citizens, civil society, and other stakeholders to enhance transparency, share data, and collaborate on innovative solutions for a greener and more resilient future.

Sessions to follow:

Session	Spokespeople
A Just and Open Government for the Energy Transition	Aryanto Nugroho , National Coordinator, PWYP-Indonesia Rushaiya Ibrahim-Tanko , Project Director of the PPA Transparency project at the Energy for Growth Hub
Strengthening Environmental Democracy through Protection and Participation of Environmental Defenders	Iva Dobichina , Global Senior Program Officer of the Ford Foundation

OGP resources:

- [Fact sheet "Environment and climate" \(2021\)](#)
- [Fact sheet "Extractive industries" \(2023\)](#)
- [Fact sheet/webpage "Open Government and the Escazú Agreement" \(2023\)](#)
- [Climate brief "Implementing the Paris Climate Agreement through Transparency, Participation, and Accountability" \(2021\)](#)
- [Environment and climate policy area webpage](#)

4. Digital:

In the digital age, harnessing technology for open and accountable governance is crucial. The digital theme explores how governments can leverage digital tools, data, and emerging technologies to enhance public service delivery, ensure data privacy and security, and foster citizen engagement. The OGP encourages the use of technology to promote transparency, access to information, and meaningful participation while mitigating potential risks and safeguarding digital rights.

Sessions to follow:

Session	Spokespeople
Digital Governance in the Era of Big Tech: What Role can Multi-Stakeholder and Open Government Models Play?	Philip Thigo , Executive Director for Africa for the Thunderbird School for Global Management, Government of Kenya
State in Smartphone: The Future of Digital Government	Mykhailo Fedorov , Ukraine Deputy Prime Minister Luukas Ilves , Estonia Chief Information Officer Samantha Power , USAID Administrator

OGP resources:

- [Digital Governance Fact Sheet \(2021\)](#)
- [Digital Governance Policy Area Webpage](#)

5. Justice:

The theme of justice emphasizes the importance of an impartial, accessible, and accountable judicial system. It underscores the role of open government principles in strengthening justice institutions, promoting the rule of law, and ensuring equal access to justice for all. The OGP seeks to enhance transparency and citizen engagement in the justice sector, fostering trust and confidence in legal processes while combating impunity.

Sessions to follow:

Session	Spokespeople
People-Centered Justice in a Time of Intersecting Crises: From Commitment to Action	Swati Mehta , Justica for All Program Director for Pathfinders Hon. Justice Joseph Kiplagat Serگون , Kenya

OGP resources:

- **Justice Fact Sheet (2021)**
- **Justice Policy Series**

6. Democratic resilience:

Democratic resilience is the foundation of the Open Government Partnership. This theme highlights the need to safeguard and strengthen democratic institutions, norms, and processes. By promoting open government principles, the OGP aims to counter threats to democracy, such as disinformation, corruption, and political polarization. It fosters collaboration among governments, civil society, and citizens to build resilient democracies responsive to people's needs and aspirations.

Sessions to follow:

Session	Spokespeople
The Role of Open Government for Ukraine's Democratic Resilience and Reconstruction	Anastasiya Kozlovtsseva , Program Officer Eastern Partnership, OGP Viktor Nestulia , Head of Ukraine Support, Open Contracting Partnership

OGP resources:

- **Skeptic's Guide to Open Government**



e-Estonia's success story: supporting and enhancing democracy through i-voting

- Estonian parliament elections in spring 2023 marked the first time when more than 50 per cent of ballots have been i-votes.
- I-Voting fosters increased voter engagement and higher turnout rates, contributing to a more participatory democracy.
- Estonia is seeking solutions to introduce mobile voting (m-voting) soon.

Estonia is about to celebrate 20 years since the introduction of its pioneering internet voting system. As the first country in the world to implement i-voting in national elections, Estonia has set an impressive standard for modernizing the electoral process. With the 2023 National Parliament elections witnessing a record-breaking 51.1% of i-voters, the impact of this digital initiative is undeniable.

Internet voting (i-Voting) is an innovative solution that effectively engages citizens in governance. This system allows voters to conveniently cast their ballots from any internet-connected computer, regardless of location. During a designated pre-voting period, the voter securely logs into the system using their government-issued e-ID and submits their ballot. To ensure anonymity, the voter's identity is carefully removed from the ballot before it reaches the National Electoral Commission for counting.

The decision to embrace i-voting in 2005 was driven by the ambition to boost voter participation. By offering an electronic alternative to traditional polling stations, Estonian citizens gained the convenience, speed, and accessibility to cast their ballots from the comfort of their homes or abroad. Initially, adopting i-voting faced some challenges, with less than 2% of voters choosing this option during the first e-elections. Concerns over technological complexity and accessibility were cited as key reasons for the slow uptake. Trust was another critical factor, as voters needed assurance that their electronic votes would be accurately recorded and counted.

Over the years, Estonia has made significant strides in enhancing its digital infrastructure, laying the groundwork for widespread acceptance of i-voting. The widespread use of the Estonian ID card system, along with various e-services such as electronic filing of tax returns, electronic prescriptions and numerous e-business solutions, has paved the way for a seamless and user-friendly voting process. In Estonia, 99% of public services are available online 24 hours a day. Today, only divorcing is impossible through e-services — you still need to leave the house for that.

Looking ahead, Estonia is exploring new possibilities to expand i-voting's reach by enabling voters to cast their ballots using smartphones and tablets through a dedicated mobile app. M-voting is expected to simplify the voting process further, making it even more accessible and convenient for citizens.

The success of e-elections in Estonia has engendered a high level of trust in technology and the state's electoral system. With no turning back from i-voting, secure and fair e-elections have become the bedrock of election legitimacy and contribute to a credible political environment.

As the world watches Estonia's triumph in embracing i-voting, the future of e-elections may bring new debates and legal changes to ensure the continued security and fairness of electoral processes worldwide. Estonia's enduring success story inspires other nations seeking to modernize their democracies through digital innovation.

About the Open Government Partnership

Governments should serve their citizens, not themselves. This is why in 2011, government leaders and civil society advocates came together to create a unique partnership — one that combines these powerful forces to promote accountable, responsive, and inclusive governance. Seventy-six countries and a growing number of local governments — representing more than two billion people — along with thousands of civil society organizations are members of the Open Government Partnership (OGP).

“The common thread of progress is the principle that government is accountable to its citizens. And the diversity in this room makes clear: no one country has all the answers, but all of us must answer to our own people. In all parts of the world, we see the promise of innovation to make government more open and accountable. And now, we must build on that progress. And when we gather back here next year, we should bring specific commitments to promote transparency, to fight corruption, to energize civic engagement, to leverage new technologies so that we strengthen the foundations of freedom in our own countries, while living up to the ideals that can light the world.”

Former U.S. President Barack Obama (2008–2016).

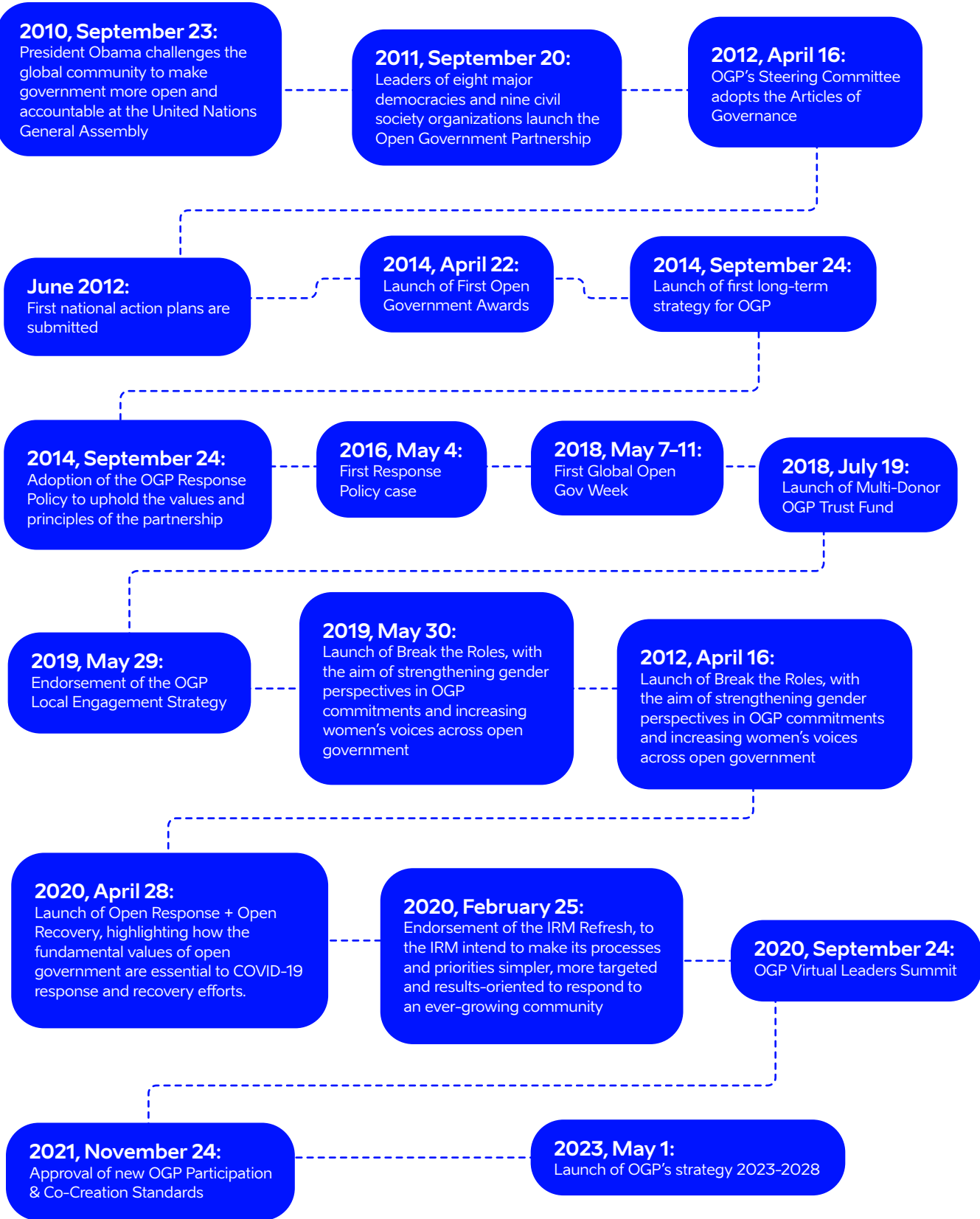
While OGP has been mostly implemented by institutions in the executive branch, there have always been a considerable number of commitments from other branches of government. Legislatures, judicial institutions, and subnational government entities play a critical role, acting as checks on the abuses of the executive and as laboratories for innovation.

The OGP model is based on the idea that civil society and government co-create two year action plans with concrete, ambitious commitments. These commitments are then implemented, with the support of partner organizations from around the world, and assessed by an Independent Reporting Mechanism. The last ten years have shown that the core model works: when civil society is involved in designing and implementing OGP action plans, commitments are more ambitious, are better implemented, produce more changes in government practices, and result in better outcomes for people. OGP’s Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) has found that nearly 500 OGP commitments have significantly opened up governments.

OGP participants gather regularly at regional and global events to share their findings in person and to strengthen international cooperation. The eighth global summit will take place this September in Estonia. In the past, summits have been held in Brazil (2012), United Kingdom (2013), Mexico (2015), France (2016), Georgia (2018), Canada (2019) and the Republic of Korea (2021).



OGP Milestones



Practical information

Accreditation

Please note that the venue is accessible only to accredited individuals with badges.

The accreditation platform is open from 7 August. All registered participants will receive OGP Global Summit Accreditation email on behalf of the Summit Organizing Team by Piletikeskus platform (piletid@piletikeskus.ee) with a request to confirm their attendance at the OGP Global Summit. Once the participant has confirmed their attendance, a personalised QR code will be generated for the individual badge granting access to the summit venue.

Press center

There is a designated press center for accredited media. It is equipped with tables, chairs, high-speed WI-FI and cable, sockets. Press center is operating on first-come-first-serve basis and it is not possible to book tables in advance due to limited capacity.

Accessing press center requires media accreditation and it is open to all accredited media.

Operating hours:

Tuesday, 5th September: TBA

Wednesday, 6th September: from 8.00 until the end of scheduled programme

Thursday, 7th September: from 8.00 until the end of scheduled programme

Agenda

The core Summit agenda will take place on Wednesday, 6 September, and Thursday, 7 September, with other side events being held on the surrounding days.

The detailed agenda is available on the OGP website [here](#) and participants can start compiling their personal schedules via their personal account on the Sched platform or via the OGP Summit app.

Date	Agenda
Monday, 4 September	Partner-led side events
Tuesday, 5 September	OGP Camp (PoCs & core CSOs from all members) OGP Steering Committee Meeting Side events led by Estonian CSOs
Wednesday, 6 September	Partner-led side events
Thursday, 7 September	Partner-led side events
Friday, 8 September	Partner-led side events

Thinking green

For the organising team, the main principles of organising this Global Summit are a creative approach and reducing the footprint of the event. Therefore, the organising team of the summit is dedicated to combining the best practices of hospitality with a responsible awareness of sustainability.

We are promoting the excellent example of the Estonian Government working paperless for over 15 years. Therefore, the Summit is also paperless and programme of the Summit will be available online and on a variety of screens at the venue of the Summit. We also encourage other green habits, like walking or ridesharing or using public transport, and, if possible, also preferring Green Key hotels. It is common to drink tap water in Estonia and during the summit, we are collaborating with the food providing community of Telliskivi to prepare zero-waste food. We urge you to think green also while planning your travel to visit the OGP Global Summit in Tallinn. For responsible travelling, keep an eye on the carbon offset policy of your airline and use the option to buy the carbon offset equivalent of your flights.

We rely on your collaboration to minimise our impact on the environment! To kick things off, the organising team of the summit, including the government representatives and members of the civil society, contributed in May by planting 2,100 trees to reduce the environmental footprint of the Summit.

Arrival to the airport

Tallinn Lennart Meri Airport is about a 15-minute drive away from the city centre. The journey by taxi should cost approximately 9 euros. Taxi rates vary by company but are posted on a yellow sticker in the right rear window of each vehicle. You can easily order taxis or use ride-sharing services; if you wish to be responsible about your transportation, you can order an electric car. The bus stops of the airport are located only metres away from airport entrances at the northern end of the passenger terminal. The ride to the city centre takes around 20 minutes. For a single trip, you should purchase an online QR ticket (2 euros) or a ticket from the machine in the waiting area by the bus stop of the airport. There is also the option to take a train from Ülemiste (10-minute walk from the airport) to the Tallinn Central Train Station, Balti Jaam (8-minute ride). However, as Tallinn is currently reconstructing tram lines, some inconveniences in traffic are to be expected. All updates related to the reconstruction can be followed [here](#).

Ground transportation in Tallinn

The Tallinn city center is compact and easy to get around. We encourage thinking green and therefore, going around the city on foot, on bikes, or on e-scooters is highly recommended. There is also the option of using the network of buses, trolleys, or trams. However, due to the ongoing reconstruction of tram lines, some inconvenience is to be expected.

The hotels in the city center and the venue of the Summit are within walking distance from each other, located within a 2 km radius.

Food and drinks

The organising team provides a number of 'power stations' located all over the venue of the global summit. They will be available throughout the days of the Summit and will provide complimentary coffee, tea, water, and takeaway snacks.

Telliskivi Creative City is a vibrant city area with a wide range of different restaurants and cafés providing high-quality food and drinks. The information about the locations thereof can be found [here](#).

Please note that all participants are responsible for funding their own lunches, dinners, etc.

Language and interpretation services

The working language of the Summit is English and simultaneous interpretation into French and Spanish will be provided for the sessions taking place in the JAIK main hall and the Fotografiska event hall. Ukrainian interpretation will be accessible in the JAIK main hall. More details on how to follow the simultaneous interpretation of the broadcasted main plenary sessions in the other session rooms will follow closer to the Summit. Please check for further updates on the website for more specific information on interpretation services provided during each session.

Internet and technical facilities

High-quality Wi-Fi will be available throughout the venue. More detailed information will be available at the information desk on site.

General information

- Weather and climate: The weather in Estonia is very seasonal and Tallinn has a coastal vibe. Tallinn is located by the shore of the Gulf of Finland of the Baltic Sea and boasts a 46 km coastline. In Estonia, the average summer temperature is mild, varying between 16 and 20 degrees Celsius, but can reach up to 30 degrees Celsius. Spring and autumn see frequent rain, so bring an umbrella and a waterproof jacket.
- Official language: Estonian, with English widely spoken
- Currency: euro (€)
- Time zone: GMT + 3
- Country calling code: 00372 or +372
- Phone number for emergency/medical help: 112 (all emergencies)
- Plug socket: type F, with a voltage of 230 V and a frequency of 50 Hz
- Tap water: clean and safe to drink

Additional information is available and regularly updated on the Summit website:

- **Programme updates**
- **Travel and visa information**
- **Frequently asked questions**