

Local Open Contracting Initiative

Regional Meeting for Representatives of
Eastern Europe and Central Asia

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12:00-15:00 CET
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About the Conference



The LOCI Regional Meeting aims to to establish a shared understanding of open contracting and identify action steps; to support peer learning between practitioners implementing OC initiatives at national and subnational levels regardless of what phase you are in; to broker access and provide advice on strategy, technology, and data from experts in relevant fields and regions; to showcase experiences and achievements to inspire more realistic, specific, and ambitious commitments around open contracting; and to spark a more vigorous dialogue between subnational and national governments and civil society.

Day 1 – 10 November

- 12:00 Welcome, setting the tone, and OC basics. During this session we will welcome the participants and lay out the the topics to be addressed during the workshop. Topics will include problem identification, mapping and forming coalitions, ope contracting policy, open data, and the open contracting community.
- 12:30 Celebrating the gains. The panel will highlight how and why open contracting has changed current procurement practices in different localities. Key challenges and how they were addressed will also be discussed.
- 13:30 Break.
- 13:45 Using OGP to advance open contracting. In this panel, we will share how open contracting has been advance through the Open Government Partnership, including through Local Action Plans and promoting national-local collaborations.
- 14:30 Wrap up.

Showcasing,
community building,
and networking

Day 2 – 12 November



Problem identification and challenge mapping in country groups

- 12:00 Plenary. During this session, participants will be guided through a process to identify open contracting-related problems and challenges.
- 12:30 Country breakout rooms. Participants will be divided into groups by country and guided by facilitators to identify challenges affecting public administration in public procurement.
- 14:00 Break.
- 14:15 Challenge-sharing and wrap up. In this session, we will hear about identified challenges from each country and discuss common problems across the region. The session will end with a reflection on challenge areas to address the following day.

Day 3 – 17 November

Countries share their experiences and learn from experts to identify solutions

- 12:00 Plenary. During this session, countries share what they have done to address challenge areas identified in Day 2.
- 12:30 Solution-based breakout rooms. Participants will be divided based on policy issues. Participants will share how they currently approach these challenges in their contexts. External experts will facilitate discussion and guide solution-mapping and change management.
- 14:00 Solution sharing and wrap up. In this session, we will hear about identified solutions from each break out room.

Challenge and
solution mapping

Day 4 – 19 November

What can we do together? Exploring how we might facilitate cross-sector and international collaboration aimed at promoting and implementing open contracting initiatives to improve public service delivery.



12:00

Support from OCP. In this session, OCP will discuss how data analytics and visualizations produced using contracting data can be used for evidence-based advocacy and policy making, as well as provide an overview of OCDS, Helpdesk, LIFT, and other resources.

12:30

Monitoring as incentive. The Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) will present their most recent report on the Transparent Public Procurement Rating and conduct a panel discussion on the use of monitoring as an incentive.

13:30

Support from OGP. In this session, OGP will discuss taking LOCI forward via local communities of practice, as well as present on political engagement, peer exchange, National and Local Action Plans, and the EU4 Integrity Program.

14:00

Final thoughts.

Spaces for ongoing collaboration



Thank you!

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