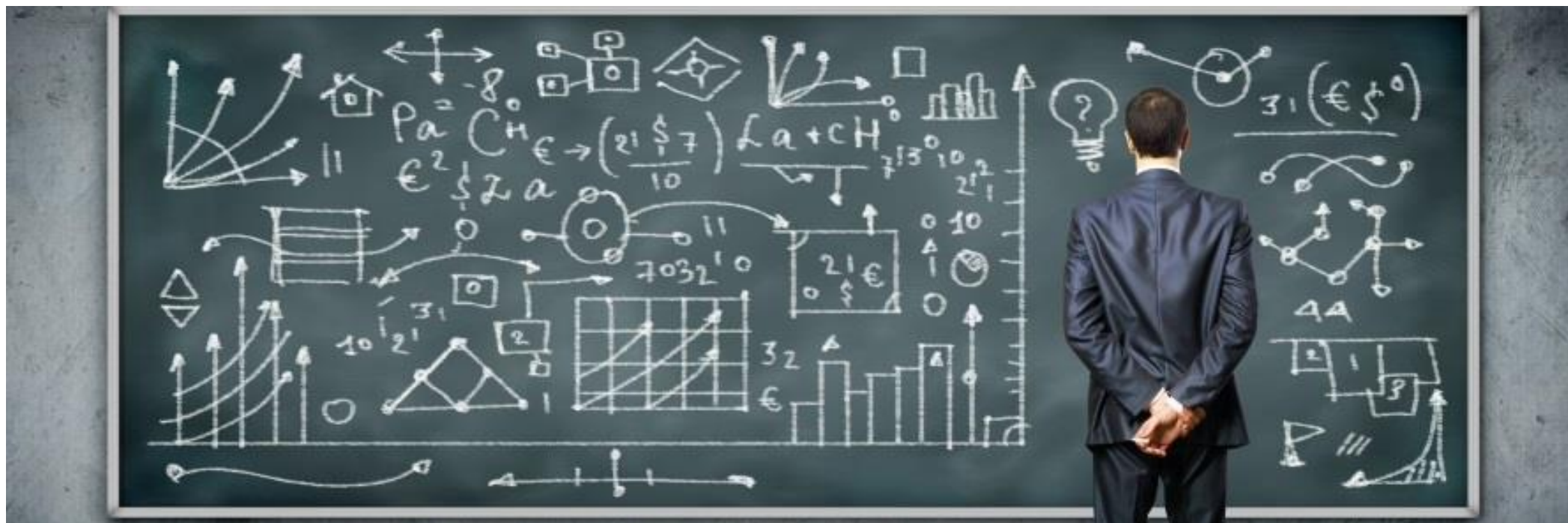


# Open Governance in the Nordics and the Baltics

## Quick Overview of Independent Reporting Mechanism Results



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# Today's focus

What kind of Open Government Partnership processes the Baltic and the Nordic countries have?

**Is it open?**

**Is it a partnership?**

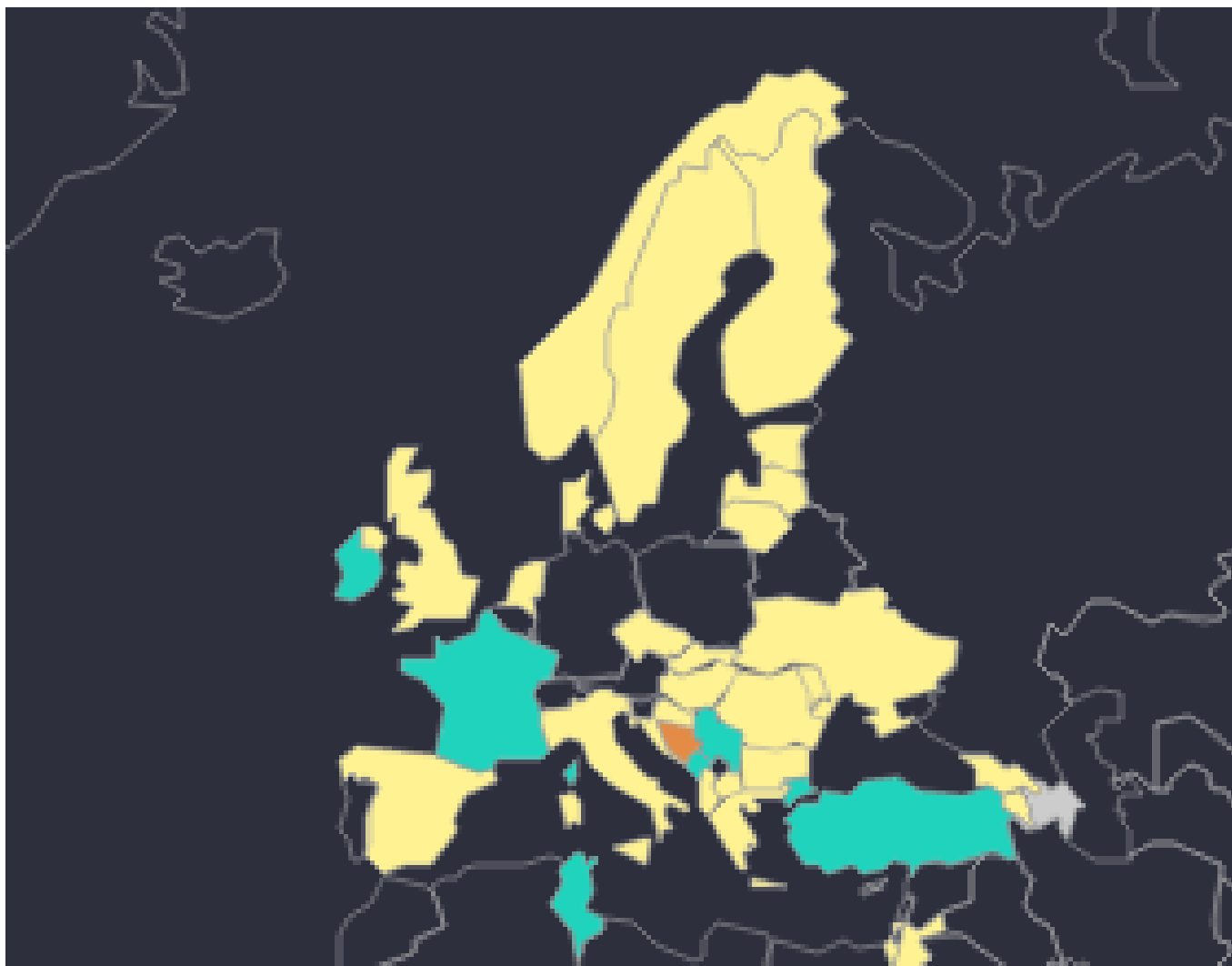
**Who is in charge?**

**Any common challenges?**

# Disclaimer

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# OGP in Europe



Brown = developing action plan

Blue = First action plan cycle

Yellow = Second action plan cycle

	Denmark	Norway	Sweden	Finland	Estonia	Latvia	Lithuania
1st NAP	2012	2012	2012-2013	2013-2015	2012-2014*	2012-2013	2012-2013
2nd NAP	2013-2015	2013-2015	2014-2016	2015-2017	2014-2016	2014-2015	2014-2015
Latest IRM assessment	2013-2014	2013-2014	2014-2015	2013-2015	2014-2015	2012-2013	2014-2015
In charge of OGP	Agency for Digitisation	Min of Local Governance and Modernisation	Min for Foreign Affairs	Min of Finance	MFA + Government Office	MFA + State Chancellery	Office of the Government
Awareness-raising?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Online consultation?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
In-person consultation?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Regular forum?	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Self-assessment?	Yes – no comments received	No	No	Yes – no comments received	Yes – no comments received	Published late	Yes, but no comments allowed
Consultation, development	Invitation / Consult	Invitation / Consult	Invitation / Consult	Open / Involve	Open / Collaborate	(no info)	Open / Consult
Consultation, implementation	N/A	N/A	Open / Involve	Open / Consult	Open / Involve	(no info)	Open / Inform



# Denmark

## ”Online consultations on eGov”

- Two action plans (2012 and 2013-2015)
- Focus on eGov, rather than openness and transparency
- Agency for Digitisation (under the Ministry of Finance) in charge, with little political mandate
- Consultation of stakeholders limited to use of old-fashioned online forum, which did not provide much input



# Norway

## ”A bad start”

- Two action plans (2012 and 2013-2015)
- Ministry of Local Governance and Modernisation in charge, with support from MFA and others
- One of the founders of the OGP
- Fell short in the implementation of the first action plan in terms of consulting and engaging the stakeholders, self-assessment and action plan formulation
- Second action plan period follows the requirements

# Sweden

## ”Not for the Swedes”

- Two action plans (2012-2013 and 2014-2016)
- Ministry for Foreign Affairs in charge, focus on transparency in development aid
- CSOs consulted during action plan development, but not implementation
- IRM researchers and their sources consider focus on development aid a missed opportunity

# Finland

## ”Seeking popularity”

- One action plan implemented (2013-2015), one on-going (2015-2017)
- Ministry of Finance (Personnel and Governance Policy Department) in charge
- Many awareness-raising events organized, informing both CSOs and regular citizens
- Yet stakeholder input was limited, and OGP is little known outside the government - but the government has an open governance network

# Estonia

## ”Active consultation”

- Two action plans (2012-2014\* and 2014-2016), which included many pre-existing commitments
- Ministry for Foreign Affairs initiated, Government Office coordinates
- Civil society organized as OGP Civil Society Roundtable, the gov appointed the informal OGP Consultation Board and the formal OGP Co-ordination Board

# Latvia

## ”Relevant, if nothing new”

- Two action plans (2012-2013 and 2014-2015)
- Ministry for Foreign Affairs coordinates, with support from the State Chancellery
- Highly relevant and ambitious – yet focus on pre-existing commitments
- No IRM reporting yet from the new action plan period

# Lithuania

## ”Written notice from the OGP”

- Two action plans (2012-2013 and 2014-2015) with various themes, lacking transparency issues
- Office of the Government in charge
- 2014 IRM report found Lithuania to be acting contrary to OGP process - written notice from the OGP
- Second action plan somewhat better, but still not following OGP process requirements

# Conclusions

- Lack of ambition, unclear commitments
- Participation of civil society is thin
- Added value of OGP process for commitments
- Second cycle usually better than the first

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