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ELoGE MALTA

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WHAT IS ELOGE?

RECOGNISING EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE

ELoGE is a programme promoted by the **Council of Europe**. It consists of a recognition awarded to local authorities that have achieved a **high level of democratic good governance** in accordance with the 12 Principles of Good Democratic Governance.

ELoGE is a tool for **Local Councils** to understand their **strengths** and **weaknesses** and to launch actions to address the latter in the most efficient and effective way.

The programme is **promoted by the Local Councils' Association of Malta**, with scientific support from **ISIG** – Institute of International Sociology of Gorizia. LCA will coordinate the implementation of the programme at the national level, engaging Maltese Local Councils and facilitating participation, while ISIG will provide methodological guidance, scientific expertise, and support for the adaptation and application of the ELoGE tools.

The implementation will involve a number of Maltese Local Councils through **self-assessment** and **evaluation exercises** based on the 12 Principles of Good Democratic Governance, using the following tools:



1 - SELF-ASSESSMENT

Benchmark completed by Local Councils



2 - ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Questionnaire addressed to elected representatives



3 - STAFF

Questionnaire addressed to Local Council staff



4 - RESIDENTS

Questionnaire addressed to residents



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OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of ELoGE Malta 2025–2026 are:

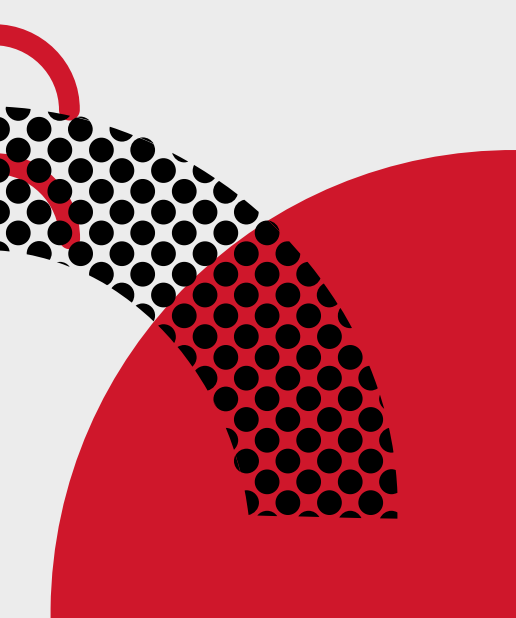
- To **improve** and **strengthen democratic good governance** in Maltese local administrations;
- To **promote democratic participation** of citizens in local public life;
- To **identify strengths and weaknesses** in decision-making processes and in the delivery of public services by Local Councils;
- To **share best practices** among Local Councils in order to build a national ELoGE network reflecting European standards;
- To **collect data** on the potential development of the ELoGE benchmark in the Maltese context, adapting indicators to local specificities through surveys and consultations with institutional representatives.

Local Councils selected to participate in ELoGE Malta 2025–2026 will be supported by the Local Councils' Association and ISIG in carrying out the different phases of the programme, which include:

- Self-assessment of the Local Council;
- Surveys with residents, elected representatives, and staff to evaluate the position of Local Councils against the 12 Principles of Good Democratic Governance;
- Analysis of collected data by the National Evaluation Platform, which will review participating Councils;
- Awarding of the ELoGE Label, valid for one year, to those Local Councils that achieve a high level of Good Governance according to the Council of Europe standards.

ACTIVITIES





TIMELINE AND PHASES

SEPTEMBER 1–2, 2025

PROGRAMME LAUNCH

- Online workshop (9:00–11:00 CET) introducing the programme, methodology, tools, and objectives.
- Participants will be encouraged to reflect on the information provided and to bring their questions to the in-person workshop.

OCTOBER 2–3, 2025

IN-PERSON TRAINING AND INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

- Training of Trainers workshop for regional facilitators.
- Bilateral exchange with a delegation of Italian Mayors (AICCRE).
- Practical sessions on the use of ELoGE tools, stakeholder engagement, and support to municipalities.

NOVEMBER 20–21, 2025 (TBC)

ONLINE SEMINAR – MONITORING AND PEER LEARNING

- Review of progress made by participating municipalities.
- Peer exchange and technical clarifications.

BEGINNING OF 2026

EVALUATION AND AWARDING

- The National Evaluation Platform will analyse and review submitted documentation.
- Final results will be communicated to all participating Local Councils.
- Award Ceremony: The Councils positively evaluated will be officially recognised by the Council of Europe and the Local Councils' Association of Malta.



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For more information on the ELoGE programme of the Council of Europe, visit the website of the Centre of Expertise for Good Governance:
www.coe.int



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