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ELoGE MALTA

2025 - 2026



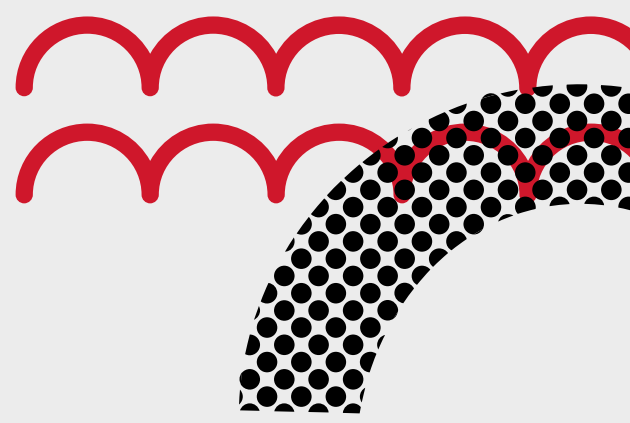
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WHAT IS ELoGE?

ELoGE is a programme promoted by the **Council of Europe** that promotes the quality of local democracy and governance. It provides a European recognition awarded to Local Councils that demonstrate a **high level of democratic good governance**, assessed against the **12 Principles of Good Democratic Governance**.

More than an award, **ELoGE is a practical tool** that enables **Local Councils** to reflect on their performance, identify strengths and areas for improvement, and promote a culture of transparency, accountability, participation, and efficiency.

Through self-assessment, surveys, and evaluation, Local Councils gain valuable insights to guide strategies and reforms. By engaging in the programme, they not only receive recognition for their achievements but also **commit to continuous improvement**, aligning with European standards and reinforcing citizens' trust.

RECOGNISING EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE

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.

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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

IMPLEMENTATION

BENEFITS

5 Key Benefits of Joining ELoGE

- **Self-assessment:** A clear and structured evaluation of governance against European standards.
- **Capacity building:** Concrete guidance to improve transparency, accountability, and service delivery.
- **Funding leverage:** Recognition that strengthens applications for EU and international funds.
- **Visibility:** The ELoGE crystal showcases your commitment to excellence in governance.
- **Trust & networking:** Stronger citizen confidence and access to a European learning community.





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OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of ELoGE Malta 2025–2026 are:

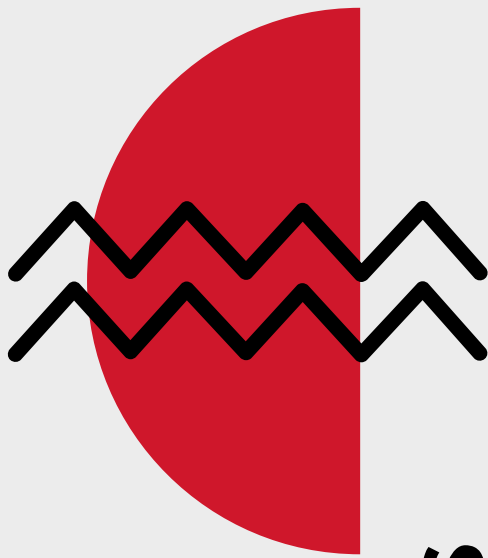
- To **improve and strengthen democratic good governance** in Maltese local administrations;
- To **promote democratic participation** of citizens in local public life;
- To **identify strengths and weaknesses** in decision-making processes and in the delivery of public services by Local Councils;
- 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 two years, 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 3rd 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.

DECEMBER 9th, 2025 - 11:00-12:00

ONLINE SEMINAR – PROGRAMME LAUNCH AND MUNICIPAL REGISTRATION

BEGINNING OF 2026

IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND PEER LEARNING

JUNE 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



USEFUL LINKS

Local Councils' Association of Malta (LCA):

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