



Citizen involvement in decision making 2025: open government and e-participation

**May 31-June 1, 2016
Tallinn, Estonia**

Citizens want a more transparent, effective and accountable government with institutions that empower people and are responsive to their aspirations. The process of Open Government Partnership (OGP) aims to secure concrete commitments from governments to promote transparency and accountability, empower citizens, fight corruption and harness new technologies to strengthen governance.

By being part of this process, participants of the Tallinn workshop will learn more about why OGP wants to work with subnational governments and what they will get out of being part of this network. This will also be a great opportunity for participants from the EU, EU EaP, Russia and Central Asia to provide questions and feedback to various countries where many interesting ideas and innovations are taking place. The event provides an opportunity for civil society organizations to be part of a broader network and continue a cooperation which was started at the Tallinn OGP workshop last year.

The workshop is looking to create a more dynamic and collaborative agenda by experimenting with sessions that are more participatory and characterized by exchanges among the participants, as well as having sessions in which the attendees' capacity can be strengthened in e-participation and other areas of issues.

On the first day of the workshop, the state of the OGP will be discussed – what OGP has achieved since its inception in 2011, what have been the key takeaways from the cooperation between governments and civil society, which tools have worked on opening up governments and which have not.

The second day will be dedicated to citizen participation via technology and innovation. The participants will discuss and debate how citizens engage in public debate, provide input, and make contributions that lead to more responsive and effective governance.

Around 50 participants - civic activists, IT- and democracy visionaries, public officials, foundations from Estonia, Latvia, Finland, EU Eastern Partnership countries, Russia and Central Asian countries will attend.



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AGENDA

Please note the schedule is designed to align with the [Tallinn e-Governance Conference 2016](#) and with other events of the [Estonian ICT week](#) including the ICT Week Gala on May 30 attended by president Toomas Hendrik Ilves and by the key policymakers and experts.

Tuesday, May 31, Tallink City Hotel, A.Laikmaa 5, Tallinn, Estonia

Seminar on Open Governance and Decision-Making Systems

The seminar on the first day will provide a broad overview of the state of open governance in the world at the moment. It will be built around the experiences and obstacles that the Open Government Partnership framework has accumulated since its inception in 2011. The seminar will provide a theoretical background on what the next possible steps could be in opening up both local and national governments. The seminars will be held in English, translation is not provided.

15:30-15:40 opening words

by [Mall Hellam](#) (Open Estonia Foundation)

15:40-16:10 "OGP: State of the Partnership"

by [Helen Turek](#) (OGP Government Support team)

16:10-16:30 "Overview of Open Governance in the Nordics and the Baltics"

by [Jussi Nissilä](#) (OGP IRM Reviewer, Open Knowledge Finland)

16:30-16:50 "Fashion Cycles in Open Governance"

by [Kristiina Tõnnisson](#) (OGP IRM Reviewer, University of Tartu)

16:50-17:10 Coffee break

17:10-17:30 "e-Estonia: Building a Digital Society"

by [Siim Sikkut](#) (Digital Policy Adviser, Government office of Estonia)

17:30-18:30 "Discussion: Decision making in 2025: More of the same or a whole new way?"

Are CSOs equal partners to the governments? Is e-governance just a fancy flash word? Will new methods of participation end the need for professional politicians? An interactive discussion involving members of civil society, government and private sector.

Helen Turek (OGP Government Support team)

Imants Breidaks (ManaBass.lv, Latvia)

Liis Kasemets (Government Office Estonia)

Linnar Viik (IT visionary)

Hille Hinsberg (Praxis Centre for Policy Studies)

19:00 Working dinner at restaurant Platz, Roseni 7, Tallinn



Wednesday, June 1, at Telliskivi creative city, Telliskivi 60a, A3-building, 4th floor

Workshops on Future Strategies for Opening Up Governments

Following from the seminar the second day will involve a hackathon and/or a set of smaller workshops and brainstorming sessions to present various innovative means of participation, exchange practical ideas on opening up governments, enhancing the open governance agenda and building tools to achieve more effective participation, transparency and accountability.

09:50-10:00 Welcoming coffee

10:00-12:00 Presentations of the e-participation tools CitizenOS.com, rahvaalgatus.ee, ManaBalss.lv followed by debate and Q&A

12:00-13:00 Lunch at restaurant F-Hoone, Telliskivi 60a, Tallinn

13:00-17:00 Two mini-hackathons: brainstorming and working on solutions for CitizenOS.com and rahvaalgatus.ee in two groups (optional):

- **Mini-hackathon 1** - Creating roadmap for the open source code of CitizenOS.com among IT-programmers and hackers (if needed, in English) - expected up to 15 participants.
- **Mini-hackathon 2** - Creating user manuals for www.rahvaalgatus.ee users and authors of civic initiatives together with officials from the Chancellery of the Estonian Parliament, data protection experts, data researchers, open governance advocates, and civil society leaders (if needed, in English) - expected up to 20 participants.

13:00 – 17:00 Optional meetings for the Open Estonia Foundation's (OEF) guests

17:00 – OEF reception

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