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The Governance Tools of the Council of Europe

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Good governance and local authorities

- ☐ Defining good governance
- ☐ Local democracy as part and parcel of PA reform
- ☐ Principles of modern self-governance
- ☐ Potential gains

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Challenges to the “ideal” work

- ☐ Lack of transparency in the decision making process
- ☐ Lack of accountability
- ☐ Blurring of lines between private and public interests

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Challenges to democracy

- ☐ Lack of trust in public institutions
- ☐ Electoral absenteeism
- ☐ Emergence of extremist movements
- ☐ Economic and migration crisis, which have exacerbated these phenomena

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Concrete steps and latest CoE assistance programmes

- Local Finance Benchmarking Programme
- Performance Management Programme
- Best Practice Programme
- Strategic Municipal Planning Programme
- Human Resources Management Tool
- Inter-Municipal Co-operation Tool
- Leadership Development Tool

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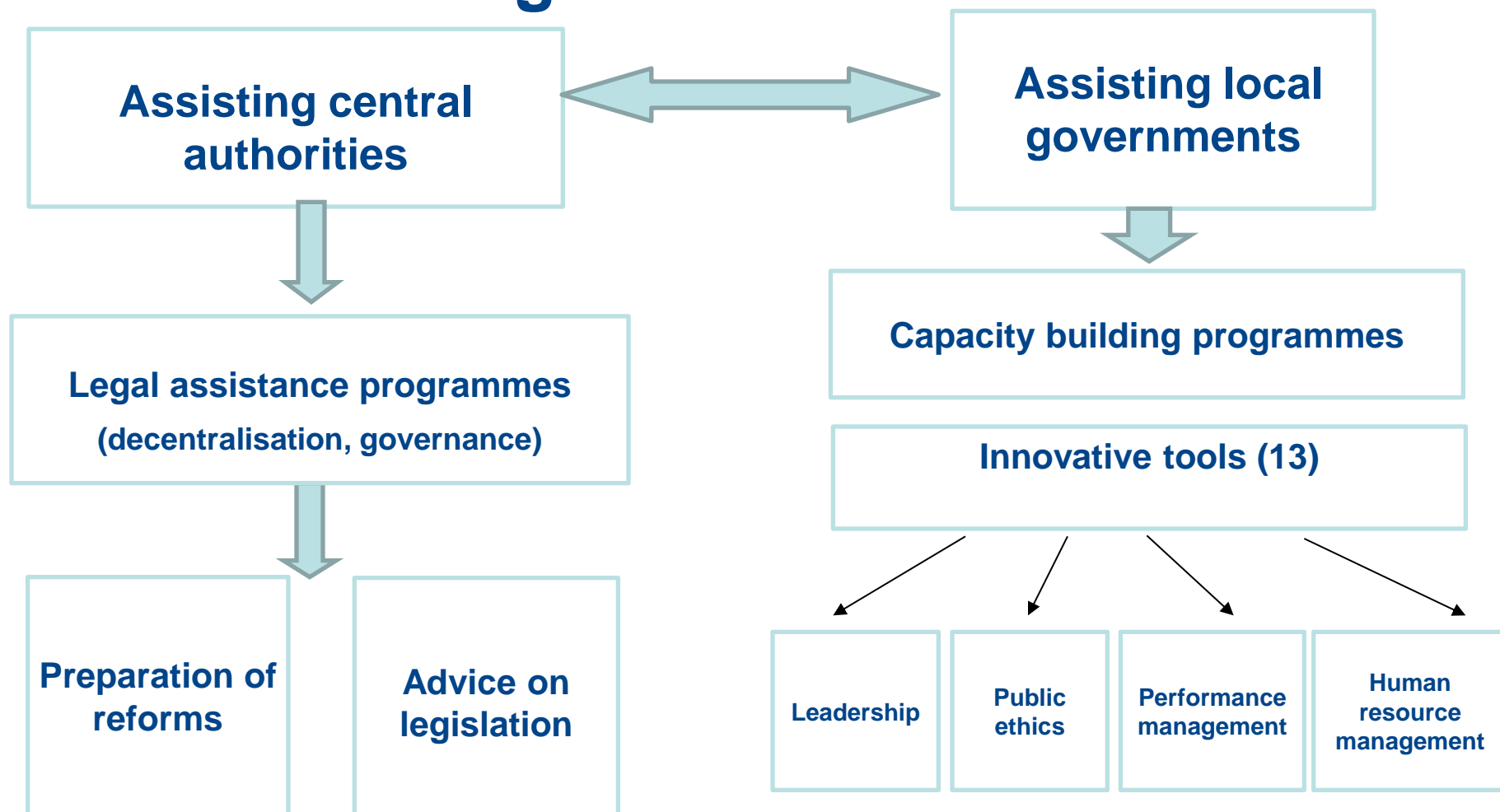
CoE priorities to strengthening local self government

- ☐ Alignment of the national legislative frameworks with the European standards and best practice
- ☐ Supporting the improvement of inter-municipal co-operation, financial and human resources management at local level based on the European standards and benchmarking processes
- ☐ Promoting ethical behaviour by local elected representatives in the region
- ☐ “A la carte” assistance to the Member States

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Assisting central and local governments



Bring the citizens back to the heart of democracy!

The Strategy for Innovation and Good Governance at Local Level

Main features:

- ☐ Accession by the state and local authorities
- ☐ Respect for the Charter and its protocol
- ☐ Acceptance by individual municipalities
- ☐ **ELoGE** as a tool for raising awareness and motivation

ELoGE: The Twelve Principles

- ☐ Fair conduct of elections representation and participation
- ☐ Responsiveness
- ☐ Effectiveness and efficiency
- ☐ Openness and transparency
- ☐ Rule of Law
- ☐ Ethical conduct
- ☐ Competence and capacity
- ☐ Innovation and openness to change
- ☐ Sustainability and long term orientation
- ☐ Sound financial management
- ☐ Human rights, Cultural diversity and Social cohesion
- ☐ Accountability



Examples of On-going Activities

Human Resources Management in Local Self- Government in Serbia (2016-2017) – jointly financed by the EU and CoE

Strengthening local democracy in Albania (2015-2017) – supported by the Swiss Government

Strengthening Local Democracy in Armenia (2014-2016) – supported by the Danish Government

Strengthening Local Democracy in Ukraine (2015-2017) – supported by the Swiss Government through the CoE Action Plan for Ukraine

Strengthening Local Democracy in the Eastern Partnership countries (2015-2017) – implemented within the PCF between the EU and CoE

And specific bilateral co-operation activities with some 20 Member States



Good
Governance

Newest Challenges

- High demand
- Support multi-level governance reforms at central level
- States outside of Europe



THANK YOU!



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