



EUROPEAN STRATEGY FOR INNOVATION AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

Center of Expertise for Local Gouvernement Reforme

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European Charta for Local Selfgovernance

**Congress of Local and
Regional Authorities**



Basis for Central Government
Ratified by all Memberstates

Political Level
Monitoring
Exchange

Strategy for Innovation and Good Governance

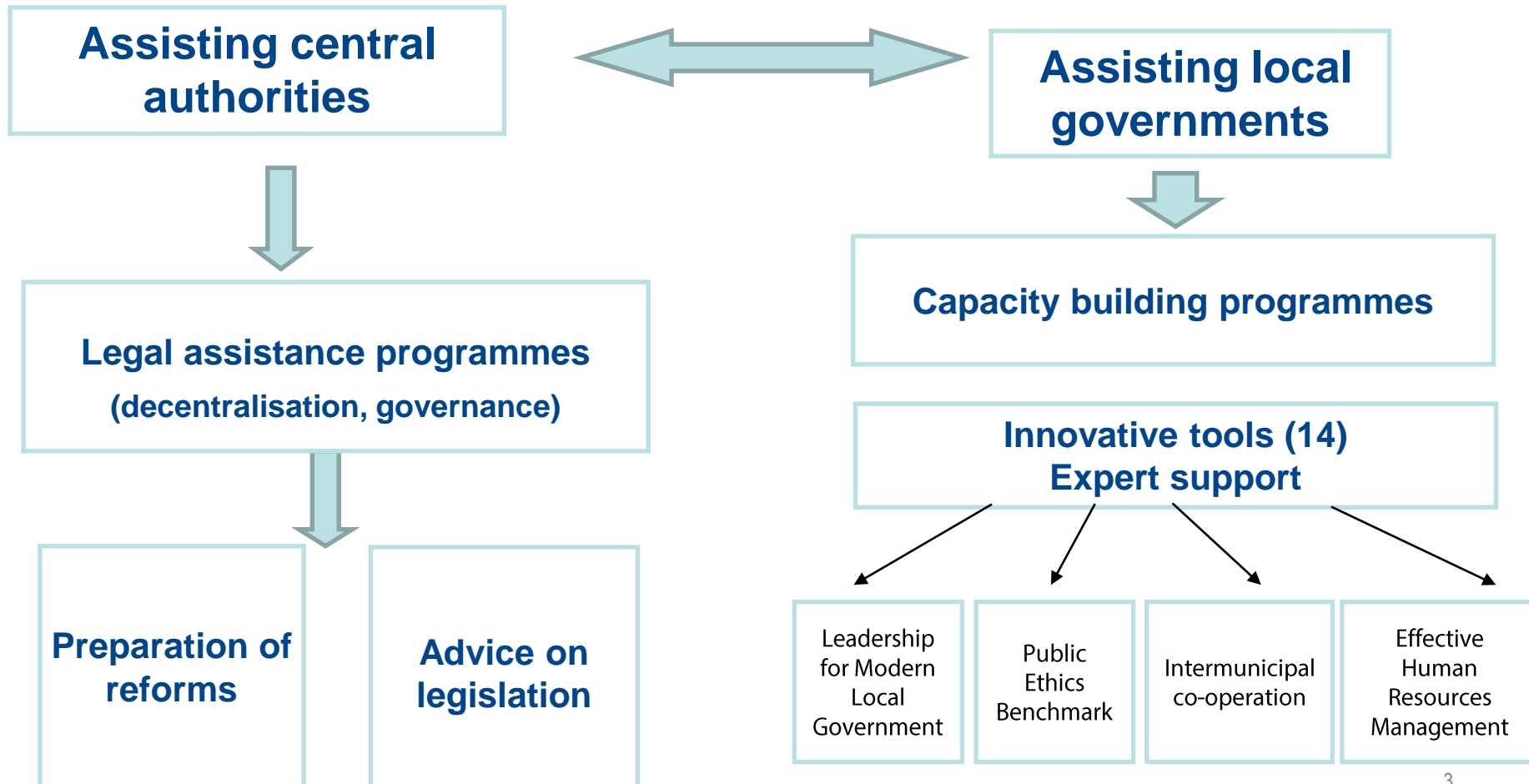
**Center of Expertise for
Local Governance
Reform**



Basis for Communities and Cities
Adopted individually

Operational Level
Programme to support local
authorities
(Training, Best Practice, Expert
support, Legal Advice e.a.)

Assisting central and local governments



Some priorities

Harmonising of national legislation with European standards and Best Practice

Promoting and supporting democratic leadership

Improvement of local government process like inter-municipal co-operation, crossborder cooperation, financial management or human resource management,

Promoting ethical behaviour by local elected representatives

European Strategy for Innovation and Good Governance at Local Level

What is it?

- ❑ Developed 2007 by member states as common goal
- ❑ Instrument to improve quality of local governance
- ❑ Involves states, associations and local authorities
- ❑ Based on the Charter of Local Governance and its protocol
- ❑ Based on 12 Principles of Good and Democratic Governance

Basis for Local Authorities

European Strategy for Innovation and Good Governance at Local Level



Based on the
12 Principles of Good Governance

- 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

Council of Europe Tools

- Leadership Academy Programm
- Public Ethic Benchmark Programm
- Cross Border Cooperation
- Inter-Municipal Cooperation
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http://www.coe.int/t/dgap/localdemocracy/Strategy_Innovation/12principles_en.asp



European Label of
Governance Excellence

ELoGE.

To local authorities having achieved a **high overall level of good governance in relation to the 12 Principles.**

The award is assigned by a **national or regional Stakeholders' Platform**

The national or regional platform is accredited by the **stakeholders' platform of the Council of Europe.**

A tool for raising awareness and motivation

The tool:

- A **description** of the good governance Principles
- a **list of the activities** that help a municipality to comply with each principle;
- A **self-assessment model for municipalities** to identify the level of maturity for each principle.
- The **label** in form of the crystal dodecahedron engraved with the 12 principles

Role of municipality:

- Get in contact** with the national accredited body
- Adopt officially** to the strategy (or select a number of priority principles)
- Make a self-assessment** of level of maturity
- Record** the evidence of the self-assessment
- Have a Feed back** session with label experts

How does it work?

Stepp 1

Self-Evaluation - 3 Questionnaires

- 1.Level of compliance of the 12Principles within the administration (Selfevaluation)
- 2.Opinion, satisfaction of citizens (Citizen Survey)
- 3.Opinion, satisfaction of politicians (Interviews with elected local officials)

Stepp 2

Assessment of results from questionnaires through external experts
- feed back, follow up messures

Stepp 3

Be awarded with **EloGE** – promotion, publication, exchange

THANK YOU!

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