



LOGP Local | Expression of Interest 2022

Comunitat Valenciana, Spain

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1. Local Jurisdiction Information

Name: Comunitat Valenciana

Type of Entity: Autonomous Region

Country: Spain

Region: Europe

Population: 5 million

Next Elections: 5/28/2023

Term Limit: 5/28/2023

Agency applying: Conselleria de Participació, Transparència, Cooperació i Qualitat Democràtica

Gov Website: <https://www.gva.es/>

Non-governmental Stakeholder: Consell Valencià de la Joventut

Non-governmental Stakeholder website: <https://www.conselljoventut.org>

2. Local Jurisdiction's Motivations and Context

○ Why is your jurisdiction interested in joining OGP Local?

We are interested in joining Local OGP because we consider that it will be an important stimulus to deepen in the building process of the Valencian Community Open Government, initiated in 2015. Restoring citizens' voice has been a major objective for our government last years. We are strongly convinced that stimulating collaborative dynamics in decisions and actions of public and private



institutions and strengthening associative network as a fundamental tool for citizens' active participation in the public sphere is necessary to build a more democratic society. This is the final aim for boosting open government: to enhance the democratic quality of our institutions to be closer to the citizens, and to recover from the loss of confidence that often keeps them away, up to the point of putting at risk democracy itself.

Entering the OGP Local is a way of highlighting the importance that open government, transparency and participation must have in Valencian political agenda. It will also be useful as a force to implement our projects and continue advancing in the construction of a plural, coherent, empathetic, open and collaborative government that our citizens deserve. We will continue to be an open government reference in Spain, and to achieve this, apart from the work last years, it is fundamental to learn from other experiences beyond the state and European spheres, to have a more global vision and to be able to incorporate the most pioneering and transformative experiences.

- **Briefly highlight your local jurisdiction's track record.**

Some of the open government initiatives are the GVAOberta transparency portal, the GVAParticipa participation portal and the Generalitat's open data portal, along with others such as the open accounts law or the transparency platform for private entities. In addition, the Valencian transparency regulation was the first of the entire Spanish State, and we will soon approve what will be the first second-generation transparency law in Spain as well as an open data strategy that has the maximum commitment of the government to comply with the principles of the Open Data Charter.

In terms of integrity, it's been created a Valencian Anti-Fraud Agency and an innovative alert system for the prevention of bad practices. In addition, we have a code for good governance and an office for the management of senior officials' conflict of interest. We also have a regulation for the transparency of lobbying activity which includes a Register.

In the field of citizen participation, the Generalitat's participatory budget is a great and pioneering example of co-creation. It has been a project in which citizens have directly decided the destination of 125 million euros from the regional budget, taking into account principles of territorial structure, inclusion and gender perspective. The Council for Citizen Participation of the Valencian Community and the Valencian Youth Council have played a fundamental role in accompanying, deliberating, presenting proposals and evaluating the entire participatory process. Currently, both bodies are participants in the monitoring committees for the implementation of the selected proposals. Moreover, we participate in national open government initiatives. In addition to participating in various networks and in the Open Gov Week, we are part of the Open Government Forum of Spain and its working groups, and we participate in the IV Spanish Open Government Plan with three projects, and we took part in its co-design process.



- **Briefly describe the capacity and resources for co-creation and implementation of an OGP Local action plan?**

The Autonomous Secretariat for Participation and Transparency comprehends two General Directorates and represents a separate department for open government in the Generalitat Valenciana. In total, there is a team of about 40 officials dedicated to open government, who manage a budget of approximately 4.6 million euros, personnel costs aside.

In addition to these resources, we have other instruments that guarantee the transversality of open government in all the departments of the Generalitat, such as the Transparency Units in each department and the Transparency and Open Government Commission as a coordinating body for them, also an Interdepartmental Commission for the Prevention of Irregularities and Bad Practices. For its part, the Citizen Participation Council is the space for citizens' representation of the entire Valencian territory. Its aim is to advise, evaluate and monitor public policies, as well as strengthen the associative network and channel participation at other institutional levels.

It should also be noted that independent bodies and authorities such as the Transparency Council, the Síndic de Greuges or the Valencian Anti-Fraud Agency also play a relevant role in the Generalitat. The Valencian Youth Council is the highest representative body of the Valencian youth organizations and its interlocutor before the Valencian government and public and private institutions in terms of youth policies. It includes and represents 36 youth entities from all over the territory, and currently has a technical team of 9 people working to carry out decisions and projects adopted by its permanent commission.

Finally, the five Valencian public universities, with which we maintain an extensive working relationship through their open government research groups, have extensive experience in co-creating academic initiatives for dissemination and research.

- **What national, regional or global networks (if any) is your jurisdiction a part of in which you could promote principles of open government and OGP Local?**

We take part in different regional, national and international networks to implement and promote open government principles. In all cases, these are alliances with other public institutions and civil society organizations to exchange experiences and guarantee the territorial implementation of these principles in order to have a greater impact on citizens.

Regional networks and alliances:

- Network of chairs and collaboration with Valencian public universities (Universitat de València, Universitat Politècnica de València, Universitat Jaume I, Universitat Miguel Hernández de Elche and Universitat d'Alacant)
- Valencian Alliance for Open Government. Permanent collaboration framework with the three



provincial councils and the Valencian Federation of Municipalities and Provinces for the promotion of open government at the local level.

- Municipal Participatory Governance Network. Collaborating instrument with local governments, powered by the Generalitat, to promote local policies for citizen participation in the Valencian Community.
- Citizen Participation Council of the Valencian Community. Main space for participation and consultation with citizen entities for the participatory design of the public policies of the Generalitat.
- Collaboration agreement with the Valencian Youth Council
- Collaboration agreement with the Spanish Association of Foundations
- Collaboration agreement with Las Naves Foundation, center for social and urban innovation in the city of Valencia

National networks and alliances:

- Open Government Forum of Spain, and its working groups
- Sectorial Commission of Open Government of Spain
- Network of Local Entities for Transparency and Citizen Participation (Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces)
- Regional Conference on Citizen Participation
- Collaboration agreement with Transparency International Spain

Global networks:

- Open Data Charter

○ **How would your local jurisdiction benefit from joining OGP Local?**

We are convinced that integration into OGP Local structure is a good way to consolidate and advance the work done so far. Specifically, we see clear progress in three aspects.

In the first place, it will help us to facilitate and improve the exchange and transfer of knowledge and experiences thanks to the expansion of collaborative work and networking with the rest of the members. We have a solid project that we must and want to share, but above all we also want to continue improving by learning from other experiences and other ways of doing things. Shared knowledge and cooperative work are essential to improve our future. We already have experience in participating in networks for open government at different levels, and we understand that it is the best way to incorporate new perspectives when it comes to strengthening an open government global vision. At the same time, it will also allow us to draw a broader perspective regarding our government vision.

Secondly, it will allow us to delve into an open government policy project rooted in the territory and close to the people. Co-creation process will play a fundamental role in this sense, since it will allow us to build collectively a common project with a proximity approach, and with a much wider aim.



Finally, joining OGP Local will be a definitive impulse to underpin the open government vision of the Generalitat Valenciana and to consolidate its importance among local governments' priorities. We understand that this project is the best way to reaffirm our commitment to the values of transparency, citizens' participation, accountability, and good governance, also in line with the fulfillment of 2030 Agenda.

○ **What would your local jurisdiction contribute to the OGP Local community?**

We usually work with civil society organizations and other administrations and territories in most diverse fields of action. Our participation in OGP Local can be useful to the community because we can share our accumulated knowledge and experience through collaborative work and networking with other OGP Local members.

There are at least four outstanding aspects that characterize our experience and that may be of special interest to the network.

In the first place, our experience in the institutionalization of transparency, which has evolved from an approach focused on the fight against corruption to the current greater relevance of digital transformation and data governance and openness.

Secondly, the building of the Valencian integrity framework, positively valued by the European Commission in its latest reports on prevention and correction of macroeconomic imbalances in Spain, and which has led to a clear improvement of the position of the Valencian Community in the 2021 European Government Quality Index (EQI).

Thirdly, our strong network of alliances, which encompasses all public universities and the local world, consolidates and roots our project in the set of institutions and guarantees its continuity. Our collaboration network with universities has been recognized as a good practice in 2021 Open Data Maturity report of the European Data Portal.

Finally, our ambitious participation policy. The Generalitat's participatory budget project is the first experience in a Spanish autonomous administration of large size and population, in which citizens have directly decided the spending of 125 million euros.

In short, we have been pioneers and innovators in our open government policies, and we have done so in partnership with civil society. Therefore, we have the vocation to put our experience at the service of collective learning.

3. Letters of Support (LOS):

Letter of Support from Government

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Letter of Support from Non-Governmental Stakeholder



- 5. LoS_Consell_Valencià_Joventut_20220314.pdf
- 6. Additional_LoS_Universities.pdf

4. Other Supporting Documents:

- 6. Esquema de polítiques de gobierno abierto GVA.pdf