

Open State Foundation one of the winners of an Open Government Partnership Award

Netherlands' Open Spending Initiative honoured with international transparency award

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SUMMARY

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The Open Government Partnership recognized three overall and four regional winners, including the top prize for the Ukrainian initiative, [ProZorro](#), which sheds light on corrupt procurement practices in that country, [API Pemilu](#) platform in Indonesia, which centralizes elections data to improve citizen engagement and streamline the elections process and the Honduran branch of the [Construction Sector Transparency Initiative](#) that works to make government more accountable for construction and infrastructure spending. Regional winners include besides Open State Foundation's [Open Spending initiative](#), Malawi's Transparency Infrastructure project, Mongolia's Check My Service project, and Mexico's Budget Transparency Portal.

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civil society initiatives that are using government data to bring concrete benefits. These initiatives improve civic participation in public life, improve functioning of government and create new services with social and commercial value.

"These award-winning initiatives from across the globe show that change happens from the ground up, and is most successful when civil society partners with government to collaborate for a better future," said OGP Chief Executive Officer, Sanjay Pradhan.

[Open Government Partnership](#) (OGP) is a unique multilateral initiative aimed at securing concrete commitments from governments to promote transparency, increase civic participation, fight corruption, and harness new technologies to make governments more open, effective, and accountable to citizens around the world. It was launched by US President Obama in 2011 at the United Nations General Assembly with seven other heads of state and an equal number of leaders from civil society. Today OGP is composed of 70 national governments and hundreds of civil society organisations who together have made over 2,500 commitments to bring about greater transparency and accountability in government, facilitating real changes that improve the lives of citizens around the world.

[Open State Foundation](#) began in 2013 with the disclosure of financial data from the Amsterdam Central District. In 2014, Open State opened up budget and spending data of over 200 local and governments in the Netherlands. With support from the Ministry of Interior this resulted in [the end of 2015](#) with the sustainable release of all quarterly spending and budget data of all Dutch local and regional authorities as open data. Currently Open State Foundation works to open more detailed information on public spending by Dutch local governments.



RELEVANT LINKS

 [Open Spending](http://openspending.nl)
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 [Open Government Partnership](http://www.opengovpartnership.org/)
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 [Open State Foundation](https://openstate.eu)
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Open State Foundation bevordert digitale transparantie door het ontsluiten van open data en de ontwikkeling van innovatieve en creatieve toepassingen te stimuleren.

Open State Foundation promotes digital transparency by unlocking open data and stimulates the development of innovative and creative applications.



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