

GOOD GOVERNANCE FOR EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS

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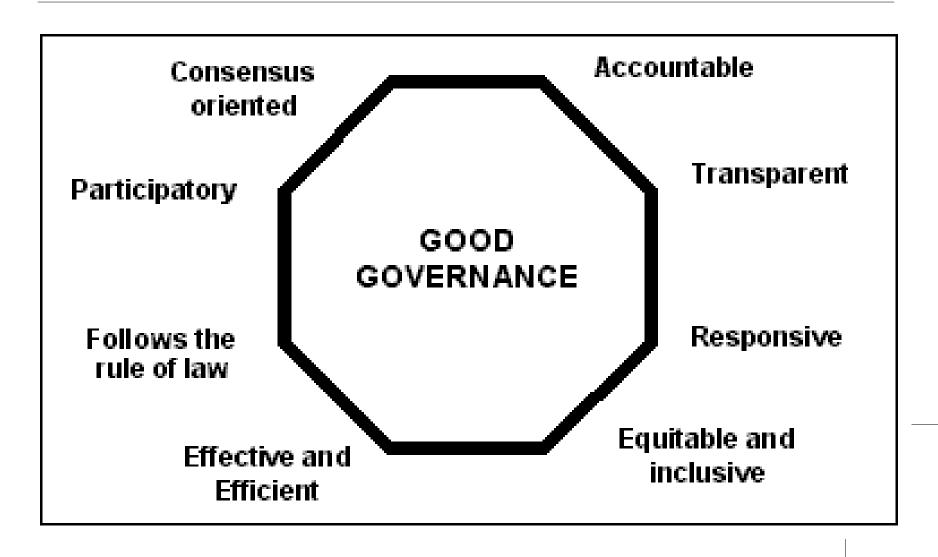
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- Introduction to Good Governance
- Priority themes:
 - Fraud Risk Management, culture/coordination and monitoring of risk management
 - Procurement: corruption prevention, developing administrative capacity
 - Mitigating Corruption risks in Public Investment over the public investment cycle
 - Complaint mechanisms and whistleblowing
- Questions and debate

















Concerns Have Become Fears

Corruption



Wide spread corruption

Compromising the safety of our citizens

Makes it difficult to institute the changes necessary to solve our problems

Globalisation



Protect our jobs from foreign competition

Foreign companies/influence damaging our economy/national culture

Foreign corporations favor their home country

Most countries cannot be trusted to engage in fair trade practices

Eroding Social Values



Values that made this country great are disappearing

Society changing too quickly and not in ways that benefit people like me

Immigration



Influx of people from other countries damaging our economy and national culture

Pace of Innovation

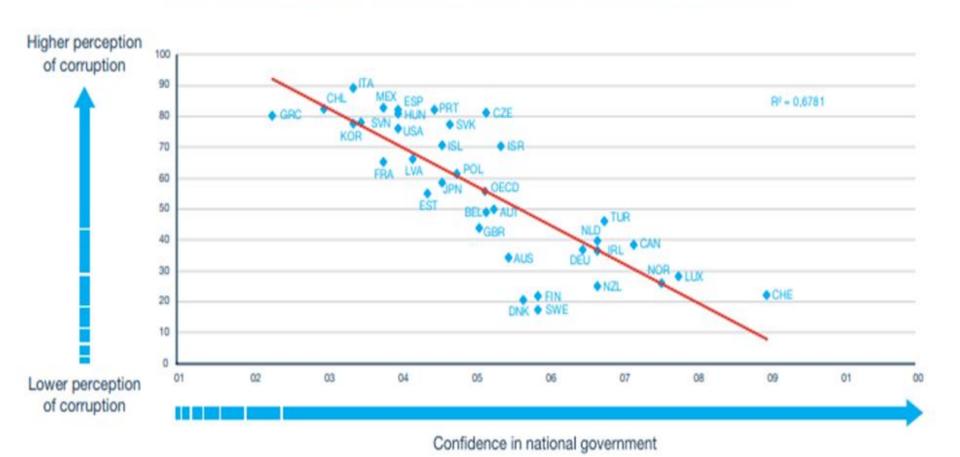


Technological innovations happening too quickly and leading to changes not good for people like me

Source: 2017 Edelman Trust Barometer, www.edelman.com/trust2017/



Confidence in national government and perception of government corruption



Source: Government at a Glance 2017 using World Gallup Poll data



- Fund management is prone to various types of corruption, waste, and abuse, because of the large amounts of money involved, the number of stakeholders, and the complexity of project implementation.
- Tools:
- Fraud Risk Assessment
- Integrated Risk Management System (internal control, conflict of interest, culture of integrity)



Priority theme: Public Procurement

- 12% of GDP and 29% of general government expenditure in OECD countries (63% at subnational level)
- Risks in every stage of the public procurement process: cartelism, undue influence, bribery, fraud
- Secondary policy objectives: SME support, green growth, local economic development
- Tools:
- OECD Recommendation on Public Procurement
- Methodology for Assessing Procurement Systems (MAPS)
- OECD Public Procurement Toolbox



Priority theme: Public Investment

- Means for countries and regions to adapt to climate change, to improve infrastructure or to implement digital government strategies
- Particular risks for capture, collusion, undue influence, conflict of interest
- Tools:
- Integrity Framework for Public Investment
- OECD Framework for the Governance of Infrastructure



Priority theme: Complaint Mechanisms and Whistleblowing

- Culture of openness, accountability and integrity
- Providing alternative channels for reporting suspected violations of integrity standards, including the possibility of confidentially reporting to a body with the mandate to conduct an independent investigation
- Tools:
- OECD Recommendation on Public Integrity
- Publication "Committing to Effective Whistleblower Protection"



Questions and Debate

- How relevant are the four areas of interest identified in the note for the work of the National Focal Points?
- What are the most important and pressing good governance needs for the implementation of the Grants in your country?
- Where do you feel the NFPs could benefit most from OECD's expertise and experiences and by what means?
- On which good governance topics would you be interested in sharing your own expertise and experience?



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