Governance and process

Uruguay in the Open Government Partnership since 2011

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Process’s Governance

1. Open Goverment Division in AGESIC: Group Managment, responsible for implementation, organizationa structure and budget

2. Open Goverment Workgroup
   - **Government**
     - Office of Budget and Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
     - National Institute of Statistics, Access to Public Information Unit,
     - Ministry of Economy and Finance, Ministry of Energy, Industry and Mining,
     - Judicial Branch, Legislative Branch, Congress of Mayors.
   - **Civil Society** (Open Government Network - 17 organizations)
     - Members of DATA, Uruguay Transparente, Cotidiano Mujer and CAinfo on behalf of the organized civil society, through the Open Government Network.
   - **Academy**
     - Representatives of the Institute of Political Science of the School of Social Sciences of the University of the Republic

- **2011**
  - Adhesion of Uruguay to OGP.
  - Creation Open Goverment WorkGroup (Res. 595/011)

- **2012**
  - 2nd. Action Plan (Decree 01/015).

- **2014**
  - Workgroup formalized (Decree 357/016).
  - Uruguay organizer of the regional Summit.
  - 3rd. Action Plan (Decree 460/016).

- **2016**
  - 4th. Action Plan (Decree 01/019).
Leadership, articulation and institutionality

In accordance with the provisions of Decree 357/016, the working group tasks are:

- Coordinate and monitor all stages of the process of elaboration, consultation and participation in the National Open Government Plans.
- Prepare the Open Government Action Plan and recommend its approval to the Executive Branch.
- Monitor the progress and fulfillment of the goals of each commitment.
- Collaborate with public entities in the elaboration of their commitments in the context of the Alliance for Open Government.
- Create the necessary work groups to implement the stages of the co-creation process.

In day to day

- Design the co-creation process
- Establish criteria and propose strategies
- Support the implementation of all activities
- Prioritize and select commitments
- Identify actors that should be involved
- Prepare all the documents
- Guarantee the transparency of the process
Agesic role

Ensure the sustainability of the Open Government processes

Integrating the functional structure of Agesic through the Open Government Division, with resources and annual budget.

In charge of managing the work group (calls meetings, systematizes decisions) and maintains the historical memory of the processes.

- Implements the process of co-creation and monitoring.
- Implements digital tools to support the process.
- Build alliances with other organizations to enhance the process.
- Track the progress of each of the commitments and inform the group
- Is the link with the national authorities and Presidency of the Republic for approval of the processes and guidelines
How the Working Group works

It seeks to transform the group into a team, where trust and dialogue, enable a constructive space of work

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| **Meeting** | • Ordinary meetings once a month  
  • Extraordinary meetings: In the design stage of co-creation process, weekly meetings are held  
  • The calendar is defined and agreed, and approved by minutes.  |
| **Transparency** | • There is a mini website where all the group information is published  
  • Minutes of all meetings are published  
  • Annual Management Reports |
| **Decisions** | • Consensus is prioritized  
  • Horizontality in the proposals  
  • All agreements, dissent and decisions are recorded in meeting minutes |
| **Culture of Open Government** | • They promote the values of Open Government by promoting awareness and training in Open Government to officials of the State, Civil Society, in Secondary Education and in continuing education courses at Universities. |
Incremental Process

Different objectives for the process were established in each biannual process.

164 initiatives in 4 plans, 54 institutions, 23 society civil organizations and 5 Academic Institutions.
Currently a community of 800 people.
# Co-creation process

The process is design and agreed by the Open Government workgroup and approved by the authorities.

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| **Stage 1. Kick-off and participatory process** | • Formal launch of the process  
• Induction to all actors, talks, workshops and open government course  
• E- participation platform, Dialogue tables |
| **Stage 2. Priorization**         | • Systematization of proposals and feasibility analysis  
• Cocreation workshop: Create commitments draft  
• Publication of responses to each proposal |
| **Stage 3. Public consultation**  | • Public Consultation  
• Systematization, processing and feasibility analysis of the proposals  
• Publication of responses to each proposal and evaluation of the participation process |
| **Stage 4. Approve and publication** | • Creation of final document, validated for all public institutions involved.  
• Validation and approval by Executive Branch Decree.  
• Start up of platform “Mirador de Gobierno Abierto” (On line platform) |
Dialogue Process

In Uruguay have 3 spaces for Dialogue

1) Open Government workgroup;
2) Spaces and platforms for dialogue and co-creation were established through round-table discussion, work groups and specific workshops to debate and exchange ideas and proposals for commitments,
3) Virtual spaces in the proposal management and public consultation platform

Some features

• It’s encouraged the presentation of proposals and consensus
• There is total transparency of proposals: All proposals are registered on the platform and are answered, the reports of each instance are also published.
• All processes are evaluated by the participants
• The authorities of each policy support the spaces for dialogue
Commitments

Access to information
- Information Access System
- "We want to know"
- National Transparency Index
- Open Municipalities
- Gender-based Violence Observatory

Transparency and anti-corruption
- Unique registry of State suppliers Public
- Procurement Observatories and application of the Open Contracting Standard Complaint.
- System for corruption in public officials.
- Budget Transparency Portal

Citizen participation
- National Youth Advisory Committee
- National Water Plan
- National Catalog of Citizen Participation
- Junior High School Participation protagonists

Collaboration and Public Innovation
- Open Government citizen funds
- “For my neighborhood”
- “At your service”

Criteria
- General
- About Selection
- About formulation
- About Implementation and publicity

https://www.gub.uy/agencia-gobierno-electronico-sociedad-informacion-conocimiento/gobierno-abierto
Criteria for integration of commitments:

**General criteria:**
- Contribute to OGP values.
- Contribute to the SDG.
- SMART commitments.

**Selection criteria:**
- Commitments cocreated.
- Commitments created from areas of citizen participation.
- Transversal projects.
- Impact on local communities or a specific population.
- Continuity of existing commitments.
- Contribute to a priority public policy.

**Structuring criteria:**
All commitments must include at some stage of their formulation to civil society and / or direct beneficiaries of the commitment. They must be the product of:
- A co-creation process or,
- Agreements reached from proposals into participation spaces or,
  in case of a commitment that does not arise from the literals a. and b. its incorporation into the plan will be subject to the decision by consensus of the Government Working Group.

**Implementation criteria:**
- All commitments must be integrated for monitoring and monitoring at the Open Government Viewpoint,
- Publicity of the commitments.

**Note:** These criteria correspond to the 4th PAN, for the 5th one is working on new criteria.
Process support tools

1. Co-creation of the 4th Action Plan

Information about the process. The information is published at https://www.gub.uy/gobierno-abierto

Proposal Management Tool: All ideas and proposals are entered in:
https://plan.gobiernoabierto.gub.uy/

Face-to-face activities: Round tables, dialogue tables, specialized meetings.


Open Government Viewpoint, Monitoring Table, Publication of Advances in Open Data, Advances visualization panel.

Mirador de Gobierno Abierto
Fuente: miradordegobiernoabierto.agesic.gub.uy

Ver avances de los compromisos de los Planes de Acción

Visualizador
Ver reporte de avances.
GOVERNANCE AND ARTICULATION

- Act 18.831 (UAIP)
- Act 19.335 Art 82 (DA)
- National Open Government Plan
- Decree 357/16 (WorkGroup)

MONITORING and MANAGEMENT

- Consensus co-creation process
- Digitals tools:
  - Gub.uy/Gobiernoabierto
  - Open Government Viewpoint
  - Publication of advances in Open Data, advances visualization panel.
  - Digital Citizen Participation Platform.

CAPACITY GENERATION

- Network of areas of participation, network of referents in organizations (Access, open data, citizen participation)
- Training plan for civil servants and civil society: Open Government Culture

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

- OGP (Focal point)
- GdT (OECD, Redgealc)

INSTRUMENTS