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PRINCIPLES OF GOOD DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

1. **Participation, Representation, Fair Conduct of Elections**
2. **Responsiveness**
3. **Efficiency and Effectiveness**
4. **Openness and Transparency**
5. **Rule of Law**
6. **Ethical Conduct**
7. **Competence and Capacity**
8. **Innovation and Openness to Change**
9. **Sustainability and Long-term Orientation**
10. **Sound Financial Management**
11. **Human Rights, Cultural Diversity and Social Cohesion**
12. **Accountability**

▬ The 12 Principles of Good Governance encapsulate fundamental values defining a common vision of European democratic governance.

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▬ Local authorities that apply the 12 Principles may be awarded the European Label of Governance' Excellence (ELoGE).

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