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Two new ISS case studies show how El Salvador and Slovakia achieved their Open Government Partnership commitments by increasing transparency and improving performance.

### El Salvador: Creating a Blueprint for Transparency

When Gerson Martínez became head of El Salvador's Ministry of Public Works in 2009, corruption was rampant in public works projects. Working with a prominent NGO and industry representatives, Martínez introduced integrity pacts as mechanisms to prevent corruption. The agreements publicly committed officials and companies to reject bribery, collusion, and other corrupt practices and enabled NGOs to monitor bidding and construction. In 2012, extending integrity pacts to the transportation sector became part of El Salvador's Open Government Partnership action plan, leading to increased collaboration between government, civil society, and the private sector.

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*The presidential palace in Bratislava, Slovakia. Photo by TTstudio.*

## Slovakia: Shining Sunlight on Government Data

Slovakia joined the Open Government Partnership in 2011 and proposed to make more data available for public use as one of its commitments. Building on the success of a new online contracts registry, a small technical team developed a portal and protocols for putting information into useable formats. It gradually convinced ministries to participate and worked to solve a variety of capacity problems the ministries faced. A political transition altered the prominence of the OGP office and the project, creating new challenges, but by mid-2015 the new portal had started to make more information accessible to citizens.

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