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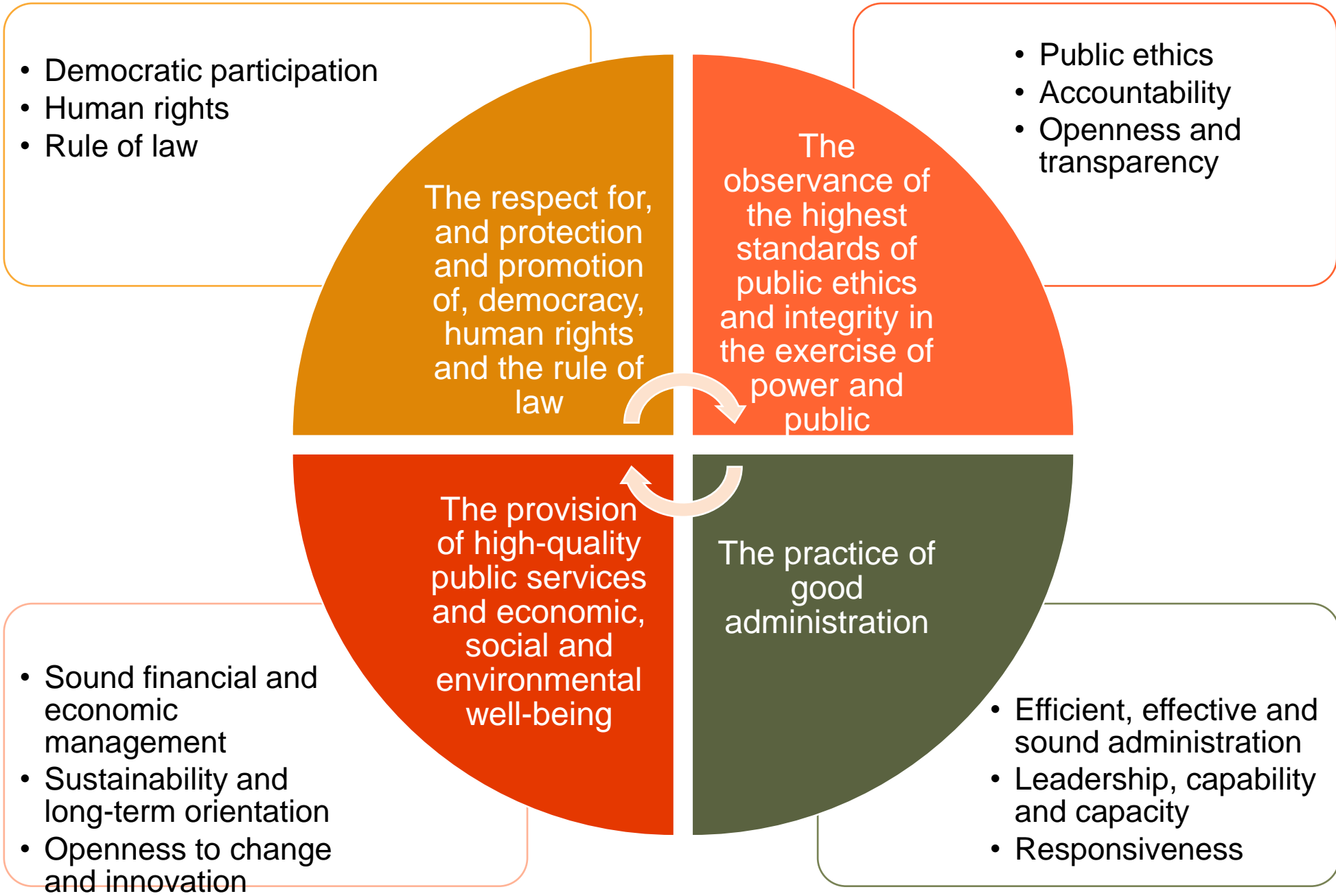
An Overview of the Implementation of the Good Governance Principles in Lithuanian Municipalities

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1. Introduction of the concept of Good democratic governance and how it can be used to improve the performance of institutions.
2. Introduction of the European Label of Governance Excellence (ELoGE) Benchmark toll.
3. Overview of implementation of the Good democratic Governance principles in municipalities of Lithuania.

Why Good (Democratic) Governance?

- Good Governance creates the basis for de-bureaucratized management, forming a socially responsible public authority accountable to citizens.
- In 2023 Council of Europe adopted Recommendation of Committee of Ministers to member States on the principles of good democratic governance



12 Principles of Good Governance

Source:
 Recommendation CM/Rec(2023)5 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the principles of good democratic governance

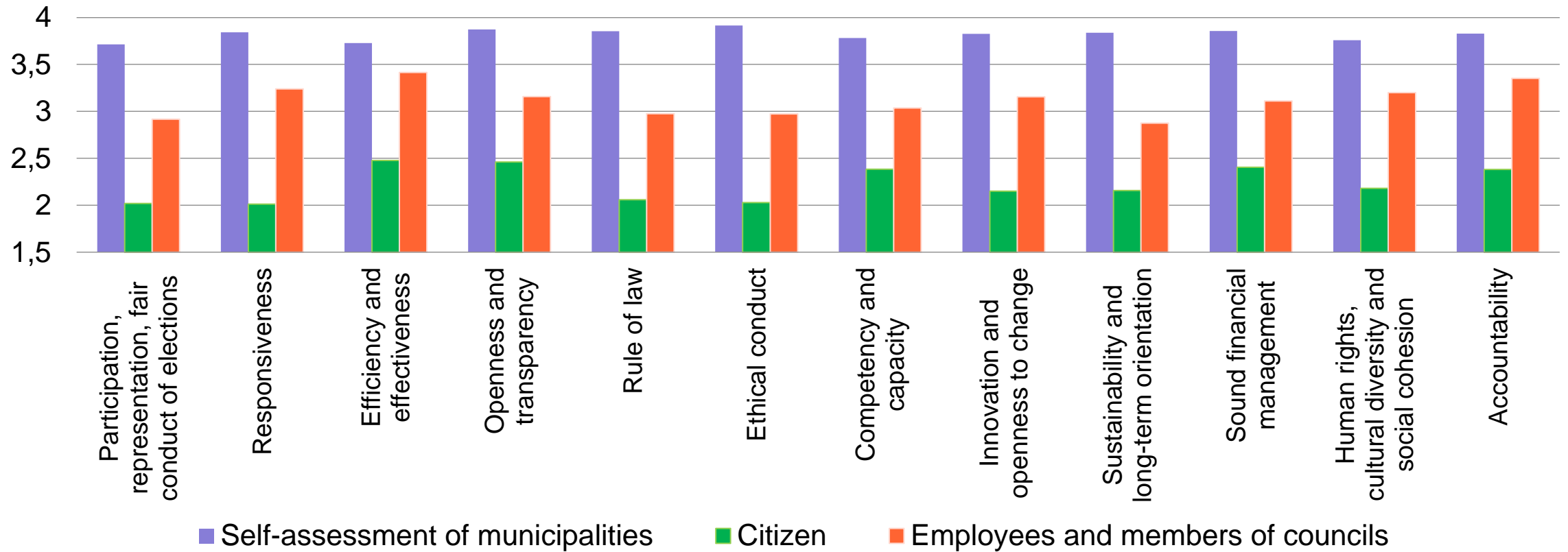
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The level of municipalities verification of the 12 principles of good governance includes:

- self-assessment of the services where municipalities identified their level of maturity for each Principle (50% of total final score);
- questionnaire addressed to citizens (30% of total final score);
- questionnaire addressed to employees and members of councillors (20% of total final score).

39 municipalities (from 60) took part in evaluation, 31 finished the whole self-assessment process, 29 municipalities received the certificates

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Results of ELoGE benchmarking

Source: Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania (2023)

How this toll can help to improve governance?

- ✓ The EloGE tools are not intended to "compare who is better" but to self-evaluate and improve performance.
- ✓ During evaluation:
 - ✓ employees' knowledge of the Good Governance quality standards was improved;
 - ✓ best practices between municipalities at meetings were shared;
 - ✓ self-assessment and its results comparison with citizens, employees and council members opinion made it possible to look at municipality activities from the outside, understanding the role of each department or even staff member in wellbeing of the municipality;
 - ✓ it's promotes the awareness of municipalities and shows areas that should be improved and provides guidelines for this.

Benefits to municipalities



Attention to small municipalities

Dissemination of the principles of Good governance

Trust between institutions and citizens

Thank you for your attention

Questions?



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