



Conference on Inter-Municipal Co-operation

23 – 24 September 2010, Hotel Rixos Libertas, Dubrovnik

Agenda

Thursday, 23 September 2010

- 9:00-9:45 **Opening of the conference**
Welcome by:
- Mr Davorin Mlakar, Minister of Public Administration, Croatia
 - Mr Andro Vlahušić, Mayor of the City of Dubrovnik
 - Ms Dubravka Šuica, Vice-President, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe
 - Mr Childerik Schaapveld, Director, Directorate of Democratic Institutions, Council of Europe
 - Mr Jens Wandel, Director, UNDP Regional Centre for Europe and CIS
- 9:45-10:15 **"Inter-municipal Co-operation – benefits, opportunities and risks"**
Introductory remarks by:
- Mr Miljenko Dorić, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
 - Ms Nina Lindroos-Kopolo, Head of Economic Governance Unit, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
 - Mr Kenneth Davey, consultant, United Kingdom, Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative
- 10:15-11:00 **"Encouraging and creating the good environment for Inter-municipal Co-operation – the prospect of Central Authorities"**
Introduction by Mr Robert Hertzog, Consultant, France
Panel presentations by:
- Mr Dragan Pejanović, State Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Public Administration, Montenegro
 - Mr Ferdinand Poni, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Public Administration, Albania
 - Mr Jozef Šimko, Director General of Public Administration, Ministry of Interior, Slovakia
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30-12:45 **"Encouraging and creating the good environment for Inter-municipal Co-operation – the prospect of Central Authorities"**

Open space for statements by other heads of delegations and discussion
- 12:45-13:00 **Summing-up on the creation of IMC environment and the role of central authorities**
Mr Robert Hertzog, Consultant, France
- 13:00-14:30 Lunch
- 14:30-16:00 **"Inter-municipal Co-operation in practice – the benefits, opportunities and challenges for local authorities"**
Introduction by Mr John Jackson, Consultant, United Kingdom
Panel presentations:
- Mr Miroslav Janić, Mayor of the City of Ilok, Croatia - **"IMC towards Economic Development"**
 - Ms Natasha Vrteska, Legal Advisor, Association of the Units of Local Self-Government (ZELS), "FYROM" - **"IMC in Administration Services"**
 - Mr İlker Haktankacmaz, General Directorate of Local Authorities, Ministry of Interior, Turkey - **"IMC and infrastructure"**
- Open space for examples from other countries, questions and discussion**
- 16:00-16:15 Coffee break
- 16:15-16:30 **Introduction of the CoE – UNDP – LGI Resources Pack (Toolkit) on Inter-municipal Co-operation**
- the Manual
 - the Guide
 - the Web-site
 - the Training Package

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9:00 – 9:15	Summing-up on “Inter-municipal Co-operation in practice – the benefits, opportunities and challenges for local authorities” – Mr John Jackson, Consultant, United Kingdom
9:15 – 10:30	<p>Role of the Associations of Local Authorities in promoting IMC and other good governance principles at local level</p> <p>Introduction and recall of the principles of Good Governance of the Strategy on Innovation and Good Governance – Mr Vyacheslav Tolokvanov, Programme Manager, Programme on “Strengthening Local Self-Government in Ukraine”, Council of Europe Office in Kyiv, Ukraine</p> <p><i>Panel presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Vladimir Moskov, President of NALAS - Mr Refik Rugeja, President of the Albanian Association of Municipalities - Mr Viorel Furdui, Executive Director of the Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova <p>Open space for statements by other associations of local authorities and moderated discussion</p>
10:30-10:50	<p>“Inter-municipal Co-operation and sustainable local development”</p> <p><i>Introduction and moderation by Ms Louisa Vinton, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, Croatia</i></p> <p><i>Panel presentations by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Natalia Dimitrova - Popova, Project Manager UNDP/GEF Rio Conventions Project – “Inter-district cooperation to meet global and local environmental challenges – lessons from Bulgaria”
10:50-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Jens Wandel, Director UNDP Regional Centre for Europe and CIS - “Local response to Global challenges” <p>Open space for discussion and remarks from other countries / participants</p>
12:30	Recommendations and closing of the Conference
13:00	Lunch