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EU-EaP Local Leaders Forum

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Local Public Administration Reform as a booster for sustainable and inclusive development

7 December 2021, 10:00-14:00 CET, Zoom Platform

DRAFT AGENDA

Time (CEST)	Session	Panellist/speaker	Suggestions for possible specific points to address
10:00 – 10:30	Opening session	<p>President/Prime Minister of Moldova (tbc)</p> <p>Mr. Frederic Vallier, CEMR Secretary General</p> <p>Ms. Tatiana Badan, NALAS President, Mayor of Selemet, Moldova and President of CALM</p>	<p>New wave of democratic reform process</p> <p>New EU-EaP Agenda: sustainability, SDGs, social and health crisis</p> <p>Decentralisation, fiscal decentralisation, LPAR, post COVID-19 recovery</p>



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<p>10:30 – 12:00</p>	<p>Session 1: Local Public Administration Reform in the EaP and EU</p>	<p>Mr. Viorel Furdui, Executive Director, Congress of Local Authorities of Moldova, Local Councillor</p> <p>Mr. Hermano Sanches Ruivo, Vice-Mayor of Paris, PLATFORMA Spokesperson (tbc)</p> <p>Mr. Oleksandr Slobozhan, Executive Director, Association of Ukrainian Cities</p>	<p>-What are the new perspectives for the successful implementation of Moldova’s decentralisation strategy in the view of the new political context? -How do you see the role of political stability in implementing successful local government reform?</p> <p>France has launched local PAR in the 80’s, soon after the start of decentralisation. What are the most remarkable results that you achieved thus far and how do you see the future of the reform in the view of sustainable and inclusive development?</p> <p>-An effective intergovernmental dialogue sets the basis for functional decentralisation, including fiscal decentralisation. How do you see the role of the local government associations in this process?</p> <p>-What do you plan to do in the upcoming period to improve intergovernmental dialogue in Ukraine?</p> <p>-What are ACoR’s main achievements when it comes to intergovernmental dialogue for functional decentralisation, sustainable and inclusive development?</p>
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		<p>Mr. Emil DRĂGHICI, Mayor of Vulcana-Băi, Romania, President of ACoR</p> <p>Mr. David Melua, Executive Director, National Association of Local Authorities of Georgia</p> <p>Ms. Silvia Georgieva Executive Director National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria</p> <p><i>Q&A, discussion with participants</i></p>	<p>-What are your next priorities for intergovernmental dialogue?</p> <p>-Georgia's decentralisation process is characterised by a stronger legal framework regarding local government autonomy. Having the regulation in place, how do you see the actual implementation of the functional and fiscal decentralization reform?</p> <p>-On this path, what are the key priorities when it comes to sustainable and inclusive development?</p> <p>-Sustainable and inclusive development that leave no one and no space behind, remain the key priorities for local governments in the future. What are Bulgaria's main challenges when it comes to local administration reform to support this important agenda and how do you address them?</p>
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		<p>Dr. Tomasz Ostropolski</p> <p>Decentralisation, Public Administration Reform at the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine - Support Group for Ukraine</p> <p>Ms. Vaida Aleknavičienė Deputy Mayor of Joniškis (Lithuania) and PLATFORMA spokesperson</p>	<p>local/regional governments and tailored to the specific needs of public administration at sub-national level.</p> <p>How do you see implementation of this recommendation? By what method the Academy would help successful Local Public Administration and decentralisation Reform?</p> <p>- As we heard in the beginning, the 6th Eastern Partnership Summit takes place in one week, in this view EC published a renewed multiannual agenda focusing on two pillars: (i) economic and investment plan and (ii) governance. Implementation of these pillars will be supported by Global Europe: Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument: NDICI.</p> <p>What would be your guidance how to support the Public Administration Reform and decentralisation process in Ukraine, in your case? Do you foresee closer cooperation with LRGs and their national representative associations?</p> <p>-You have a great experience in decentralised cooperation projects between Lithuanian municipalities and municipalities from Eastern Partnership countries. We heard about the future EU-EaP policy agenda and priorities. Tell us about your</p>
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		<i>Interventions and Questions from Local elected representatives</i>	country strategy, how do you see to localise it and also, what is your vision how to promote the role of local authorities as policymakers and decision-makers, and encourage regular exchanges between European, central and local governments on reform agendas?
13:45 – 14:00	Closing/summary/key takeaways	Ms. Marlene Simeon , CEMR Director of Operations Mr. Kelmend Zajazi , NALAS Executive Director	