

FRANCE–MOLDOVA CONFERENCE

CHISINAU

30 and 31 March 2023

In the new European and international context

What contribution can local and regional authorities make to the EU accession process?

Two days of exchanges on Franco-Moldovan cooperation in the field of governance and on the European perspectives of the Eastern neighbourhood countries



PROGRAMME

Wednesday 29 MARCH

21.00 WELCOME DINNER

Thursday 30 MARCH

10.00 OPENING

Graham PAUL, Ambassador of France to Moldova

Tatiana BADAN, President of the Congress of Local Authorities of Moldova (CALM)

Fortuné PELLICANO, Deputy-Mayor of Brest, President of the France-Romania Commission of the AFCCRE

10.30 ROUNDTABLE 1

Decentralisation process and territorial organisation

In the process of empowerment of local authorities in Moldova, what examples can be drawn from the French model, how to adapt it to the realities on the ground? Organizational methods, intermunicipal structures, articulation between the levels of territorial authorities.

Interventions by:

Jean-François BARNIER, Municipal Councillor of Le Chambon-Feugerolles, Councillor of the Loire Department

Contantin COJOCARI, Mayor of Edineț

Thibaut GUIGNARD, Mayor of Ploëuc l'Hermitage, Head of the French Delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities,

12.30 BUFFET LUNCH

14.00 ROUNDTABLE 2

Financing and management of local finances

In a process of empowerment of local and regional authorities, and with the objective of complying with the requirements of transparency and good management of European regulations, the aim is to exchange experiences and practices of financial management of LRAs and relations with the State in terms of allocation of resources and budgetary autonomy

Interventions by:

Alexandru BUJOREANU, Mayor of Leova, Vice-President of CALM

Victor GORI, Mayor de Botnaresti, Vice-President of CALM

Mélanie LEPOULTIER, Mayor of Sommervieu, Vice-President of the Calvados Département

Benoît PILET, Deputy Mayor of Angers, Vice-President of Angers Loire Métropole

15.45 PAUSE

16.00 ROUNDTABLE 3

Environmental regulations, water and waste management

The issue of access to drinking water remains a major challenge in Moldova, particularly in rural areas. Feedback from French sanitation and waste management systems, either through public service delegation or through in-house bodies at the level of municipalities or inter-communal bodies,

Interventions by:

Valentina CASIAN, Mayor of Strășeni

Ronan DANTEC, Senator of Loire-Atlantique, Municipal Councillor of Nantes, CEMR Spokesperson for Environment

Philippe LAMORT, Vice-President of the Cotentin Agglomeration community

18.00 SUMMARY

Jean-Paul GUIHAUME, Delegate for the external action of local and regional authorities

20.00 RECEPTION AT THE INVITATION OF THE FRENCH EMBASSY

Friday 31 MARCH

9.30 PLENARY SESSION

**Moldova, Eastern Neighbourhood, Balkans:
which partnerships for local governance
reforms and towards EU accession?**

Interventions by:

Maia SANDU, President of the Republic of
Moldova

Igor GROSU, President of the Parliament of
Moldova

Graham PAUL, Ambassador of France to
Moldova

Janis MAZEIKS, Head of the EU Delegation
to Moldova

Roundtable:

Emmanuel CARROZ, Deputy Mayor of
Grenoble

Emil DRAGHICI, Mayor of Vulcana-Băi,
President of the Association of Communes
of Romania, Vice-President of the Network
of Associations of Local Authorities of South-
East Europe

Viorel FURDUI, Municipal Councillor of
Strășeni, Executive Director of CALM

An Ukrainian elected representative

A Georgian elected representative

12.00 CONCLUSIONS

Tatiana BADAN, President of the Congress
of Local Authorities of Moldova

A Representative of CEMR/PLATFORMA

12.30 LUNCH

14.30 ON-SITE VISIT

Following the war in Ukraine and the challenges facing Europe at its borders, French local and regional authorities have a major role to play in supporting the territories of the Eastern neighbourhood countries on the road to greater integration and partnership with the European Union.

In particular, in the context of strong tensions facing the Moldovan authorities, the support and initiatives of French local and regional elected officials are essential for their Moldovan counterparts.

With the support of the Delegation for the External Action of Local and Regional Authorities (DAECT) of the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, the French Embassy in Moldova and the PLATFORMA network supported by our European organisation, the CEMR, Our Association has been involved for several years in cooperation actions with the local and regional authorities of the Republic of Moldova, whose status as a candidate to the European Union, just like Ukraine, was approved by the European Council on 23 June 2022, which thus confirmed the European vocation of these countries.

This conference, organised in direct collaboration with the French Embassy in Moldova, will provide an opportunity for exchanges between French and Moldovan elected representatives and national and local officials.

The first day will be devoted to thematic round tables, dedicated to the issues of territorial organisation, public finance or management of public services, while the second day will be more focused on the political dialogue with the countries of the Eastern Partnership and the Balkans in the perspective of accession, and the role that cooperation between local authorities can play.

Created in 2008 at CEMR's initiative, the PLATFORMA network brings together European local and regional authorities and their associations active in development cooperation. Since 2015, it has benefited from financial support from the European Commission for its numerous activities throughout Europe.

Within this framework and with the support of the PLATFORMA network, AFCCRE proposes numerous actions on several priority themes: gender equality, awareness-raising on development and decentralised cooperation, cooperation on climate and energy, dialogue with the EU's eastern neighbourhood, in addition to its training and advocacy activity in favour of the recognition of the external action of local and regional authorities

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