

III NALAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORT

The Third NALAS General Assembly Meeting was held in Bucharest, on 14 December 2007. It was organized with support of Romanian Federation of Local Authorities. Delegates, liaison officers, as well as experts from all member associations were present at the event, and participated actively in it. Seventeen delegates of the total number of 24 delegates of the NALAS General Assembly attended the meeting. New presidency was elected: Mr. Tarzan Milosevic was re-elected for his second mandate as NALAS President, while Mr. Vladimir Moskov and Mr. Vasile Balan are the new NALAS Vice-Presidents. The General Assembly also approved the NALAS 2008 reports and adopted the 2008 Work Plan and budget.

The Plenary Session of the General Assembly started with the introductory speeches of NALAS and FALR Presidents, representatives of Romanian state government, vice president of CLRAE, Head of the CoE Center of Expertise for LG Reform, as well as representatives of SDC, GTZ and CEMR. Additionally, the president of Turkish association of Marmara region showed the interest to join NALAS network and participate actively in its activities.

The NALAS President and Executive Director presented the Activity and Financial Report for 2007 which were adopted by the GA. The NALAS Secretariat took responsibility to additionally submit the 2007 Final Financial Report after the end of the fiscal year 2007. The Host Associations of the NALAS Task Forces (on Fiscal Decentralisation – NAMRB, Urban Planning – SOS, Solid Waste – SCTM, Association Development - ZELS) presented their activities and plans for 2008.

The main part of the General Assembly Session were elections for NALAS Presidency, namely for a president and 2 vice-presidents. The Executive Bureau had the role of the Verification Commission, while 3 mayors from Macedonia, Romania and Albania were in the Election Commission.

The candidates for the president were: Tarzan Milosevic, Montenegro and Vladimir Moskov, Bulgaria, while the candidates for vice-presidents were Vladimir Moskov, Bulgaria, Zdravko Krsmanovic, Republic of Srpska and Vasile Balan, Moldova.

All of the 18 delegates which were present at the General Assembly meeting voted at the elections, with one proxy vote included.

After voting, the new Presidency was established, comprising of:

- Tarzan Milosevic, president (13 votes out of 18).
- Vladimir Moskov, first vice-president (13 votes out of 32)
- Vasile Balan, second vice-president (10 votes out of 32).

After elections, NALAS Work Plan and estimated Budget for 2008 were presented and discussed.

The Executive Bureau was given the task by the GA to suggest amendments of the Statute, to be adopted at the next GA meeting, planned for end November 2008.