



Wednesday, 9 December – Arrival to Istanbul

18.30-20.00 NALAS Committee of Liaison Officers Meeting

DAY 1 - Thursday, 10 December

09.00-09.30 Registration of participants

09.30-11.30 **Round Table 1: “Involving LGs of SEE in EU integration process”**

- Discussion topics: Lessons learned from new EU member states: How were LGs affected after accession?
Collaboration between local authorities, local governments’ associations and national governments in accession process.

11.30-12.00 Coffee Break

12.00-14.00 **Round Table 2: “How to bring EU funding opportunities closer to LGs in SEE?”**

- Discussion topics: Information tools for local authorities, LG Cross-border cooperation in SEE, IPA funds, SEE program, good practices, opportunities, role of local governments’ associations

14.00 Lunch

15.30 **Marketplace: “Partnership for cross-border cooperation”**

- presentation of existing partner databases,
- showcase of successful cross-border project,
- initiate new project ideas and partnerships

20.00 Dinner

DAY 2 - Friday, 11 December

09.00-09.30 Registration of participants

09.30-10.15 **Opening Speeches, Declaration on “Role of Local Governments of SEE in EU Integration”**

- Mr. Tarzan Milosevic, President of NALAS
- Mr. Recep Altepe, President of Union of Municipalities of Marmara
- Ms. Tanja Fajon, Member of the European Parliament
- Mr. Yavuz Mildon, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
- Mr. István SERTO-RADICS, President of the RELEX Commission, EU Committee of the Regions (tbc)
- Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime-Minister of Turkey (tbc)

10.15-10.40 **NALAS Achievements in 2009**

10.40-11.00 **Adoption of General Assembly Meeting Procedures**

11.00-11.15 Coffee Break

11.15-11.45 **Elections of NALAS Presidency**

11.45-12.15 **NALAS 2010 Workplan and Budget** (presentation, discussion, approval)

12.15-12.30 Gallup Balkan Monitor Report: How residents of Western Balkans view their local authorities
Mr. Robert Manchin, Managing Director, Gallup Europe

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-16.00 City Tour

19.00 **Official Dinner**

Presentation “5 Years of NALAS”
Ceremony of awards for personal contribution
Presentation of new NALAS members