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# ‘Competences and Preparedness of Local Authorities from South-East Europe for Prevention and Risk Crisis Management’

18 May 2015  
‘Bulgaria’ Hall, Congress Center,  
International Fair - Plovdiv  
15.00 – 18.30 h

**DRAFT AGENDA**

# D R A F T   A G E N D A

**Moderator: Mrs. Yordanka Fandakova** – Mayor of the Capital municipality of Sofia

## Opening and official addresses:

15:00 - 15:10 — Mr. Rossen Plevneliev – President of the Republic of Bulgaria

15:10 - 15:20 — Mr. Boyko Borissov – Prime minister of the Republic of Bulgaria

15:20 - 15:30 — President of NALAS

## Introductory presentations: “EU policies and Global Experiences on DRM”

15:40 – 15:55 — EU policies for risk reduction and assistance in natural disasters crisis- Mr. Hristos Stilianides –European Commissioner „Humanitarian aid and crisis“.

15:55 – 16:00 — Innovative technologies and smart solutions to help Nations & Cities become more Secure, Reliable, Resilient, Smart & Cyber protected, Mr Eli Fux, president of the Israeli high-tech company ERSolution.

16:00 - 16:20 — Risk management in natural disasters - Mr. Joaquin Toro - Senior Disaster Risk Management Regional Coordinator; Social, Rural, Urban, & Resilience Global Practice Europe and Central Asia Region; World Bank.

## Panel: “Local Governments respond to disasters”

16:20 - 16:35 — The experience of local authorities from Republic of Serbia for managing the floods crisis in 2014 – President of the municipality of Paraćin, Mr. Saša Paunović, Representative of the Standing conference of towns and municipalities in Serbia.

16:35 - 16:50 — How Bulgarian municipalities responded to disasters in 2014 and 2015. The role of the inter-municipal solidarity in recovery from natural disasters in Bulgaria. - Mr. Todor Popov – Chairman of NAMRB Board of Directors, mayor of Pazardzhik municipality.

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- 16:50 - 17:00 — Coordination between national and local authorities – main precondition for effective response to disasters. - Chief Commissioner Nikolay Nikolov – Head of GD “Fire Safety and Civil Protection“.
- 17:00 - 17:10 — Capacity development of Sofia Municipality for disasters' response. - Mrs. Yordanka Fandakova – Mayor of the Capital municipality of Sofia.
- 17:10 - 17:25 — Macedonian experience in inter-municipal solidarity during the recent floods in the region. Mr. Koce Trajanovski, Mayor of the City of Skopje, President of ZELS.
- 17:25 - 17:40 — The natural disasters in BiH – the experience and the lessons learned for the local authorities in the Republic of Srpska. – Mr. Mico Micic, Mayor of the City of Bijelina, President of ALVRS, NALAS Vice-president.
- 17:40 - 18:10 — Discussion and reflections
- Coordination between central and local authorities in case of natural disasters;
  - LGA role in promoting Inter-municipal solidarity in South-East Europe;
  - LGAs initiatives to improve prevention policies.
- 18:10 - 18:25 — Announcement of NALAS Declaration on Disaster Risk Management  
Policies in SEE – President of NALAS.
- 18:25 - 18:30 — Closing of the Conference – Moderator.



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