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Authorities of South-East Europe

**10-11 April 2014**

**Sarajevo,**

Bosnia and Herzegovina

**NALAS IX**

General Assembly

## **Dear Delegate, dear Guest,** **Welcome to Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina!**

We are very grateful to have you at the **IX NALAS General Assembly** and the conference focusing on “**Local Governments in South East Europe – Opportunities and Limitations in Addressing Increasing Social Demand**”.

This NALAS General Assembly is being hosted in Sarajevo, a beautiful city where cultures and religions meet, but also a fast growing city that undergoes a post-conflict recovery. In the time when all SEE local governments face serious difficulties as a result of lack of resources and increased social pressure, this General Assembly will search for answers what local governments can do to overcome these challenges and provide better governance and services for their citizens.

All events related to the General Assembly will be held in the **Conference Hall 1 of Hotel Europe in Sarajevo**. The program for NALAS General Assembly **Delegates** starts on 10 April 2014 at 12:30.

The program for NALAS **Liaison Officers** starts a bit earlier, with a CLO meeting on 9 April 2014, starting from 15:00, in **Meeting Room 1 of Hotel Europe**.

The programme of the General Assembly finishes on 11 April at 15:15. Along with this letter you will find the Agenda for both days and some practical information about the host City.

We wish you a pleasant stay and productive meetings in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina!

Yours sincerely,

**Kelmend Zajazi**  
NALAS Executive Director

**Vesna Travljanin**  
SOGFBiH Executive Director

# Welcome to **IX** NALAS General Assembly

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Sarajevo is capital and the largest city of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is its administrative, economic, cultural, educational and sports center. The city is famous for its traditional cultural and religious diversity. Although settlement in the area stretches back to prehistoric times, the modern city arose as an Ottoman stronghold in the 15th century.

Sarajevo has attracted international attention several times throughout its history. In 1885, Sarajevo was the first city in Europe and the second city in the world to have a full-time electric tram network running through the city, following San Francisco. In 1914, it was the site of the assassination of the Archduke of Austria that sparked World War I. Seventy years later, it hosted the 1984 Winter Olympics.

Today, Sarajevo is the fastest growing city on Bosnia and Herzegovina. The city of Sarajevo is a unit of local self-governance, which consists of four city municipalities: Old City, Center, New City and New Sarajevo.



## Sarajevo Landmarks

- ▶▶ Baščaršija (the Old Town)
- ▶▶ Sebilj Fountain in Baščaršija
- ▶▶ The Coppersmith Street
- ▶▶ The Town Hall (Gradska vijećnica)
- ▶▶ The National Museum of BiH
- ▶▶ Botanical Garden of the National Museum of BiH
- ▶▶ Brusa Bezistan (domed market building)
- ▶▶ Mosques: Ali Pasha's Mosque (Alipašina džamija), The Emperor's Mosque (Careva džamija), Gazi Husref-bey's Mosque (Gazi Husrefbegova džamija)
- ▶▶ The Orthodox Cathedral
- ▶▶ Sarajevo Cathedral
- ▶▶ Gazi Husref-bey's covered market building (Gazi Husrefbegov bezistan)
- ▶▶ The Latin Bridge (Gavrilo Princip's Bridge)
- ▶▶ The Spite House (Inat kuća)
- ▶▶ Springs of river Bosna
- ▶▶ Nearby Mountains: Igman - Bjelašnica, Jahorina



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Most of the Delegates for the General Assembly, as well as most of NALAS Liaison Officers will be accommodated in Hotel Europe.

Hotel Europe is located in the heart of the city of Sarajevo, just a few steps away from the main street and the Old Town, Baščaršija, which is known for its architecture and small craftsmen's shops from the Ottoman Empire. Almost all main historical and cultural attractions are located in the imminent vicinity of Hotel Europe.

Due to the limited number of rooms, some of the guests will be accommodated in the nearby hotels Art, City Boutique and Central.



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**Morning** Arrivals, Registration

**12:30** Lunch

### Opening and Introduction

*Moderator: Ms Vesna Travljanin, SOGFBiH Executive Director*

- 14:00**
- Mr Anton Persak, NALAS President
  - Mr Dzevad Becirevic, President of the Assembly of SOGFBiH
  - Mr Nenad Samardzija, Mayor of East Sarajevo, Representative of ALVRS
  - Mr Husejin Smajlovic, President of SOGFBiH
  - Mr Ivo Komsic, Mayor of Sarajevo
  - Mr Nermin Niksic, Prime-minister of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)

### Session 1: Financial Capacities of the Local Governments in SEE

*Moderator: Ms Ginka Chavdarova, NAMRB Executive Director*

- 14:45** Main Findings of the NALAS Report on Fiscal Decentralisation Indicators for 2012
- Mr Anthony Levitas, Co-author of the report

**15:00** Discussion

**15:15** Coffee Break

### Session 2: Citizens' stocktaking in good governance

*Moderator: Mr Agron Haxhimali, AAC Executive Director*

- 15:45** How can a Mayor respond to the increasing social demand for better governance and services?
- Mr Anton Persak, NALAS President

- 16:00** The citizen participation perspective of municipal service delivery
- Mr Vladimir Moskov, Mayor of Gotse Delcev, Bulgaria and Former President of NALAS

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- 16:15** Between rock and hard place: Local leaders dealing with citizen protests against national policies  
- Mr Murat Daoudov, Lecturer at Marmara University, Faculty of Political Science, Istanbul
- 16:30** Social movements, outbreak of public anger, political inertia – What are the lessons to be learned?  
- Ms Susan Woodward, Professor, Political Science dept, City University, New York, USA
- 16:45** Going out of the box: Social Enterprises, Supporting Youth and Creative Communities  
- Ms Jasmina Vidmar, Executive Director of The Association of Towns and Municipalities of Slovenia
- 17:00** Discussion
- 17:15** *Coffee Break*

### **Session 3: Municipal Showcases**

*Moderator: Mr Aco Pantic, ALVRS General Secretary*

- 17:30** Innovative tools for improved citizen participation – Municipality of Old Town, Sarajevo, BiH
- 17:45** Utilisation of EU Funds for City Transformation – Municipality of Plovdiv, Bulgaria
- 18:00** Municipality open to citizens – Municipality of Istog, Kosovo
- 18:15** How interventions in urban development supported by NALAS and Open Regional Fund for Municipal Services Resulted in Improved Investment Climate – Municipality of Prijedor, BiH
- 18:30** Discussion, Q&A
- 19:00** **Closing remarks**
- 20:00** *Dinner*  
*Presentation of the Touristic Potentials of Local Governments from BiH*
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# Friday, 11 April 2014

## NALAS General Assembly Meeting

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- 09:00**    **Opening of GA meeting**
  - 09:15**    **GA Meeting Procedures and overview of the agenda**
  - 09:30**    **2013 General Assembly Meeting Report**
  - 09:45**    **NALAS 2013 Reports: Activity Report 2013 and Financial Report 2013**
  - 10:15**    **Inauguration of the new NALAS President and Vice Presidents**  
(according to the rotation schedule)
  - 10:30**    **Associate Membership Applications**
  - 10:45**    *Coffee Break*
  - 11:15**    **2014 Workplan and 2014 Budget of NALAS**
  - 11:45**    **Launching NALAS E-academy**
  - 12:30**    **Presentation of NEXPO 2015, Plovdiv**
  - 12:45**    *Lunch*
  - 14:00**    **A session on Bosnia and Herzegovina, prepared by SOGFBiH and ALVRS**
  - 15:00**    **Closing of GA Meeting**