



Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe

NALAS General Assembly Meeting

14 April 2016 | Prishtina

Thematic Session

Increasing Municipal Investment Capacities in SEE

AGENDA

13:00 – 13:30

WELCOME AND OPENING

Mr Emil Draghici, NALAS President

Mr Naim Ismajli, AKM President

Ms Sabine Palmreuther, Senior Operations Officer, World Bank

Conference Co-moderators: Mr Kelmend Zajazi, NALAS Executive Director; Natasha Ilijeva Acevska, NALAS Program Officer

13:30 – 14:30

CHALLENGES IN CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROJECTS AT LOCAL LEVEL IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE - BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Keynote addresses:

Findings of the Monitoring of Fiscal Decentralization, Mr Emil Savov, Deputy Executive Director, National Association of Municipalities of the Republic of Bulgaria, host of NALAS Task Force on Fiscal Decentralization

Findings of the Monitoring of Solid Waste Management, Mr Miodrag Gluscevic, Head of the Department for Communal Services, Urban Planning and Environment, Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities, host of NALAS Task Force on Solid Waste and Water Management

Panelists:

Ms Jasmina Vidmar, Executive Director, Association of Municipalities and Towns of Slovenia, host of NALAS Task Force on Urban Planning

Mr Sazan Ibrahim, Executive Director, Association of Kosovo Municipalities, host of NALAS Task Force on Energy Efficiency

Mr Ivan Vukadin, Delegate of the Association of Municipalities and Cities of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, host of NALAS Task Force on Sustainable Tourism

Key questions:

- What is the current situation and main challenges for municipal investments in SEE?
- How important is it for LG to be able to understand the emerging challenges (financial distress, higher environmental standards, land use, disaster management, etc.) and managing them well through long term planning and investments?
- What is the influence of transposition and implementation of EU laws and the EU Integration policies on the local investments?

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CREATING INVESTORS' CONFIDENCE THROUGH GOOD GOVERNANCE OF MUNICIPAL FINANCES

Experiences in the application of LG self-assessment tools in SEE Region, Ms Catherine Farvacque - Vitkovic, Lead Urban Specialist, World Bank

Municipal Finance Self-Assessment and Improvement Plan of the City of Bijeljina, Mr Mico Micic, Mayor of the City of Bijeljina, Vice-President of NALAS

Municipal Finance Self-Assessment in the Municipality of Kisela Voda, Ms Marina Trajcovska, Finance Department

Municipal Finance Self-Assessment in the Municipality of Gazi Baba, Mr Vladimir Bozinovski, Finance Department

Discussion

15:30 – 16:00

COFFEE/TEA BREAK

16:00 – 17:00

PRACTICES IN ATTRACTING FUNDING AND CREATING INFRASTRUCTURE VALUE

Municipal Investments in Shtime, Mr Naim Ismaili, Mayor of Shtime, Vice –President of NALAS

Innovative Solutions for Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, Mr Mehmet Onur Partal, Istanbul Development Agency

Reviving Rijeka Port with Foreign Capital Investments and Improvement of Local, National and European Sea Transport , Mr Miroslav Matesic, Deputy Mayor, City of Rijeka

Investments in the City of Danilovgrad, Mr Bransilav Dzuranovic, Mayor of Danilovgrad

Discussion

17:00 – 17:45

CURRENT AND EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUNDING MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS IN SEE

The potentials of Involving Private Investors for Municipal Services, Mr James Macbeth, GIZ Regional Director

National Fund for Stimulation of Local Investment in Albania, Ms Voltana Ademi, Member of the Evaluation Committee of the Fund, Mayor of Shkoder

Pool Financing and Joint Borrowing Operations, Mr Emanuil Manolov, NALAS Delegate of the National Association of Municipalities of the Republic of Bulgaria, Mayor of Pavlikeni

Perspectives for Regional Investments for Growth in South East Europe, Ms Maja Pinjo Talevska, Senior Policy Analyst, Regional Cooperation Council

Discussion

17:45 – 18:00

Launching of the book “Municipal Finances - A Handbook for Local Governments”

Ms Catherine Farvacque - Vitkovic, Lead Urban Specialist, World Bank

Conclusions

