

Programmatic Cooperation Framework for
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus



STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS FOR LOCAL GOVERNANCE

Adaptation and pilot of Local Finance Benchmark in Georgia*
Meetings on launching LFB activities

PROGRAMME

18-19 May 2016

Hotel ZP Palace,

Marzhanishvili Street 44/48, Tbilisi 0102, Republic of Georgia

Objectives of the activity:

1. to identify pilot municipalities;
2. to study the benefits and prospects of the LFB toolkit;
3. to map the next steps of the LBF implementation in Georgia;
4. to discuss topics for the regional Conference in Georgia on 7-8 July 2016.

Wednesday, 18 May

9:30 **Registration of the participants**

10:00-10:30 **Opening and welcome**

Tengiz SHERGHELASHVILI, *First Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Infrastructure, Georgia*

Ana ZEC – *Deputy Head of the Council of Europe Office in Georgia*

Gennadiy KOSYAK, *Senior Programmes Manager, Co-ordinator, Good Governance Department, DGII – Democracy, Council of Europe*

_____, *Head of Budget Department, Ministry of Finance*

Jikia DAVIT, *President of the NALA, Georgia*

10:30-10:45 **Strengthening institutional frameworks for local governance – contribution of the PCF to improving good local governance and fiscal decentralisation**

Gennadiy Kosyak, *Senior Programmes Manager, Co-ordinator, Good Governance Department, DG II – Democracy, Council of Europe*

Sergiu Tatarov, *Senior Project Officer, Council of Europe*

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10:45-12:45 **LFB: prospects, benefits, methodology**

Gabor Peteri, Council of Europe's leading LFB project expert, national experts

Discussion and questions

Interrupted by coffee-break

Summing up *by the Council of Europe and the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure*

12:45-14:00 *Lunch*

14:00-18:00 **Bilateral meetings with national partners (MRDI, Ministry of Finance, associations) tbc**

Thursday, 19 May

9:30 - 12:00	<i>Finalizing the LFB program plans and timetable (international expert, local experts, NALAG if needed)</i>
12:00- 13:30	<i>Lunch break (free time)</i>
13:30- 18:00	Visit to Rustavi Self Governing city (pilot)

*series of meetings with the national experts and prospective LFB pilot municipalities' representatives will take place during the first or second day of even.