



STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS FOR LOCAL GOVERNANCE

PROGRAMME

ROUND TABLE

IMPLEMENTING INTER-MUNICIPAL COOPERATION IN GEORGIA*

20 May 2016

Venue: **Hotel ZP Palace**, Marzhanishvili Street 44/48, Tbilisi 0102, Republic of Georgia

9:30 ***Registration of the participants***

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

Tengiz SHERGELASHVILI, *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*

Jikia DAVIT, *President of the NALA, Georgia*

10:30-11:00 **Understanding the Inter-Municipal Co-operation (IMC)**
By John JACKSON, Council of Europe expert

Discussion and questions

11:00 -11:40 **CoE package for Triggering Successful IMC – key steps towards effective and efficient IMC**

By Alba Dakoli Wilson, Council of Europe expert

Discussion and questions

Interrupted by coffee-break

12:00-12:30 **How the CoE tools and frameworks can contribute to prepare LAs for a better cooperation**

By Ramona VELEA, Researcher and Project Manager - Institute of International Sociology of Gorizia, Council of Europe expert

Discussion and questions

12:30-14:00 Aries and next steps of IMC piloting in Georgia and upcoming regional Conference in Georgia on 7-8 July 2016

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

Sergiu TATAROV, Senior Project Officer, Council of Europe

Discussion and questions

Summing up *by the Council of Europe and the Ministry of MRDI*

14:00-15:00 *Lunch break*

15:00-18:30 Field-visit to municipality Gori (tentative)

Objectives of the activity:

1. to identify pilot municipalities;
2. to study benefits and prospects of the IMC;
3. to discuss the launching steps of the IMC implementation in Georgia
4. to outline the IMC topics to Conference in Batumi on 7-8 July 2016.

*series of expert meetings might take place prior - and post-event on 19 or 21 May 2016.