



STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS FOR LOCAL GOVERNANCE

ROUND TABLE INTRODUCING INTER-MUNICIPAL COOPERATION IN ARMENIA*

PROGRAMME

15 April 2016

Venue: Ani Plaza Hotel, 19 Sayat-Nova Ave., Yerevan

- 9:30 ***Registration of the participants***
- 10:00-10:30 ***Opening and welcome***
Vache TERTERYAN, First Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration and Development, Armenia
Piotr SWITALSKI, Head of the European Union Delegation to Armenia, Ambassador (tbc)
Natalia VOUTOVA, Head of Office of the Council of Europe in Yerevan
Gennadiy KOSYAK, Senior Programmes Manager, Co-ordinator, Good Governance Department, DGII – Democracy, Council of Europe
Emin YERITSYAN, President, Union of Communities (Municipalities) of Armenia, Councilor, Community of Parakar, Head of Armenian delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- 10:30-11:00 **Understanding the Inter-Municipal Co-operation (IMC)**

By dr Cezary Trutkowski, Deputy Head of the Foundation in Support of Local Democracy, Lecturer at the University of Warsaw, Council of Europe expert, Poland
- 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**
mayors from pilot municipalities,

representatives *from the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development*
representatives *from Ministry of Finance*
local experts

Interrupted by coffee-break

12:00-12:30 The Italian Territorial Reform: 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

12:30-13:00 Next steps of IMC piloting in Armenia

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 Territorial Administration and Development*

13:30-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-18:00 Field-visit to municipality VEDI, Ararat region

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 Armenia.

*series of meetings expert meetings will take place prior-- and post-event, on 13-14 April 2016 and on 16 April 2016, respectively.