



STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS FOR LOCAL GOVERNANCE

Improving financial management through Local Finance Benchmarking (LFB) and introducing the LFB in Armenia

PROGRAMME

14 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*

10:30-10:45 **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

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

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

Discussion and questions

*mayors from pilot municipalities,
representatives from the Ministry of Territorial Administration and*



Development

representatives from *Ministry of Finance of Armenia*

local experts

Interrupted by coffee-break

Summing up by the *Council of Europe* and the *Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development*

12:45-14:15 *Lunch*

14:15-18:00 Planning session with the candidate pilot municipalities

Objectives of the activity:

1. to identify and inform the potential pilot municipalities about the LFB project implementation;
2. to discuss the benefits and prospects of the LFB;
3. to map the next steps of the LBF implementation in Armenia.

*series of meetings with the national experts and prospective LFB pilot municipalities' representatives will take place prior to the event, on 13 April 2016, throughout the day