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**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**GOOD GOVERNANCE AT LOCAL LEVEL - CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS**  
**31 March 2016, Sofia**

*Organised by the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works of Bulgaria  
in co-operation with the Council of Europe European Committee on Democracy and Governance*

*Venue: Grand Hotel Sofia, 1 Gurko Str.*

**PROGRAMME**

8.30–9.00 Registration of the participants

**WELCOME SPEECHES**

9.00–9.10 Mrs Lilyana PAVLOVA, Minister of Regional Development and Public Works

9.10–9.20 Mr Rumen ALEXANDROV, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

9.20–9.30 Mr Tomislav DONCHEV, Deputy Prime Minister for European Funds and Economic Policy

9.30–9.40 Mr Andreas KIEFER, Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

9.40–9.50 Mr Paul–Henri PHILIPS, Vice–chair of the European Committee on Democracy and Governance of the Council of Europe

9.50–10.00 Mr Daniel PANOV, Chairman of the Managing Board of the National Association of Municipalities of Bulgaria

**MODULE 1: INITIATIVES FOR STIMULATING GOOD GOVERNANCE AT LOCAL LEVEL**

Introduction by the Moderator, Mr Belin MOLLOV, Former Deputy minister and former Advisor to the Minister of Regional Development and Public Works

10.00–10.20 Initiatives for improving Good Governance at Local Level in Norway  
Ms Grete ELLINGSEN, Deputy Minister of Local Government and Modernisation

10.20–10.40 Initiatives for improving Good Governance at Local Level in Bulgaria  
Mr Ivan ASPARUHOV, Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works

10.40–11.00 *Coffee break*

## **The Strategy for Innovation and Good Governance in Bulgaria**

11.00–12.00 *Good practices of awarded municipalities*

Mrs Yordanka FANDAKOVA, Mayor of Sofia  
 Mrs Polia VELEVA, Deputy mayor of Troyan  
 Mrs Nela RACHEVIC, Deputy mayor of Gabrovo  
 Mr Ivo DIMOV, Mayor of Dimitrovgrad

12.00–12.20 **Questions and answers**

12.20–13.00 *Application and evaluation process at municipal level*

Mrs Boryana ANDREEVA, Director of department, municipality of Dobrich  
 Mr Stoyan PARASHKEVOV, Director of department, municipality of Svishtov  
 Mr Ivan VARLYAKOV, Executive director of the Regional Association of municipalities  
 “Trakia”, independent expert participating in the municipalities’ evaluation  
 Mr Zlatko ZHIVKOV, Mayor of Montana, representative of the National Commission for  
 Awarding the Label

13.00–14.00 *Lunch*

## **The Strategy for Innovation and Good Governance in Norway**

14.00–14.10 Mrs Lise SPIKKELAND, Representative of the Norwegian Association of Local and  
 Regional Authorities (KS)

14.10–14.20 Mr Frode FJELDSBØ, Mayor of Gjesdal, Norway

14.20–14.40 **Questions and answers**

## **MODULE 2: THE PRINCIPLES FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE: A TOOL FOR CHANGE**

Introduction by the Moderator, Mr Alfonso ZARDI, Head of Democratic Institutions and  
 Governance, Council of Europe

14.40–14.50 Good governance: standpoint of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe  
 Mr Jeffrey DONALDSON, General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities

14.50–15.30 Efficiency: presentation of the principle and tools, exchange of views  
 Mr Jonathan BARBER, Associate Director James Paget University Hospitals Foundation  
 Trust, United Kingdom

15.30–16.10 Public Ethics: presentation of the principle and tools, exchange of views  
 Mr Cezary TRUTKOWSKI, PhD, Executive Board member of the Foundation in Support  
 of Local Democracy, Poland

16.10–16.30 *Coffee break*

16.30–17.10 Openness and Transparency: presentation of the principle and tools, exchange of views  
Mr Sorin IONIȚĂ, Expert in public administration reform, *Expert Forum* (EFOR),  
Romania

17.10–17.30 **CONCLUSIONS**

18.00–19.00 *Reception at the invitation of the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works  
of Bulgaria*

**1 April 2016**

9.00–11.30 Walking tour through the most significant places in the centre of Sofia  
Guided by Mr Todor CHOBANOV, Deputy mayor of Sofia