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TOWARDS A MORE EFFICIENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN EASTERN  
PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES: NEW WAYS AND TOOLS

*Sharing the experience*

7-8 July 2016

Hilton Hotel, Batumi, Georgia

**Preliminary Draft PROGRAMME**

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**Day 1**

**7 July 2016**

**09:15**

**Registration of participants**

**10:00**

**Opening and welcome**

**Nodar JAVAKHISHVILI**, *Minister of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia (tbc)*

**Valentin GUZNAC**, *Deputy General Secretary of the Government of the Republic of Moldova (tbc)*

**Alfonso ZARDI**, *Head of the Democratic Institutions and Governance Department, Directorate General of Democracy (DG II), Council of Europe*

**Janos HERMAN**, *Ambassador of the European Union to Georgia (tbc)*

**Cristian URSE**, *Head of the Council of Europe office in Georgia (tbc)*

**Giorgi ERMAKOV**, *Mayor of Batumi city (tbc)*

**10:45**

**Towards a more efficient local finance management: local finance benchmarking toolkit – from theory to practical implementation.**

*(interrupted by coffee break)*

**Chair and Moderator:**

**Alfonso ZARDI**, *Head of the Democratic Institutions and Governance Department, Directorate General of Democracy (DG II), Council of Europe*

**Panel:**

**Benchmarking local finances: why, what and how?**

**Local Finance Benchmark, the Basque approach**

by *Ibon Uribe ELORRIETA*, international expert from Spain

**Local final database – Moldovan case, potential cooperation in the implementation in EaP countries**

by *Angela SECRIERU*, expert IDIS Viitorul, Moldova

**Questions and discussions**

12:30

*Lunch*

14:30

**Local finance benchmark pilot initiatives in the Eastern Partnership countries.**

**Moderator:**

**Tengiz SHERGELASHVILI**, Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Infrastructure, Georgia

**Panel:**

**Adapting Local finance benchmark toolkit to country specific**

by *Marcel BLANUTA*, Council of Europe LFB local expert, Moldova

**LFB piloting in Armenia**

by *Levon BARHUDARYAN*, Council of Europe local expert, Armenia  
(tbc)

**How the adjusted LFB toolkit can measure the impact of the new system of local finance in Moldova**

by *Nicolae TUDOREANU*, mayor of Festelita, Stefan Voda district, Moldova

**Questions and discussions**

15.45

*Coffee brake*

16.15

**Local finance benchmark initiative in Georgia.**

**Moderator:**

**Giorgi TOKLIKISHVILI**, local LFB expert

**Next steps and the support needed from the host organisation and partners.**

by *Natalia KAKABADZE*, Council of Europe LFB local expert, Georgia

17:15

**Closing statements of the day**

18:00

*Dinner*

**Day 2**

**8 July 2016**

09:00

**Inter-municipal cooperation in Eastern Partnership countries - best practices in empowering local governments to deliver services.**

*(interrupted by coffee break)*

**Moderator:**

**Gennadiy KOSYAK**, *Centre of Expertise for Local Government Reform, Directorate General of Democracy (DG II), Council of Europe*

**Panel:**

**Incentives for municipalities to co-operate and create IMC.**

*by Mar Zabala, Director General of EUDEL, Basque Country, Spain*

**The main factors and conditions for successful IMC initiatives.**

*by Alba Dakoli-Wilson, international expert, Albania*

**Forms and experience of Inter-Municipal cooperation in Poland.**

*by Tomasz Potkański, international expert, Poland*

**How the CoE tools and frameworks can contribute to prepare LAs for a better cooperation.**

*by Ramona VELEA, Institute of International Sociology of Gorizia, international expert, Italy*

**IMC pilots in Armenia: first lessons**

*by Vache TERTERYAN, First Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration and Development, Armenia*

**Inter-municipal cooperation in....., mayor of \_\_\_\_\_, Ukraine**

**Best practices in inter-municipal cooperation in Moldova**

*by Ghenadie IVASCENCO, UNDP Moldova*

**Inter-municipal cooperation - synergy of local governments and better services for citizens \_\_\_\_\_, mayor of \_\_\_\_\_, Armenia**

**Questions and interventions**

12.30

*Lunch*

14:00

**Inter-municipal cooperation in Georgia – potential areas and topics.**

**Moderator:**

**Vache TERTERYAN**, *First Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration and Development, Armenia (tbc)*

**IMC pilot municipalities and further implementation in Georgia**

*by Tengiz SHERGELASHVILI, First Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Infrastructure, Georgia (tbc)*

**Potential spheres for IMC implementation in Georgia. IMC in the energy efficiency sector**

*by David Losaberidze Council of Europe IMC local expert, Georgia*

**Discussions and interventions.**

*15.00*

**Closing remarks**