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Inter-municipal cooperation pilots in Armenia: FIRST LESSONS

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The Constitution of Armenia (Article 189) – Inter-municipal Unions

- to increase the effectiveness of local self-government the Community Council can create inter-municipal unions
- The Government can propose to create Inter-municipal union for Public interest.
- To have powers vested by law and by community Council decision.
- Inter-municipal union is a public entity of public right



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The RA Law on Local Self-Government

Article 16 –Powers of Municipality Council

Article 32 - Powers of the Head of Municipality

Chapter 8 – Inter-municipal Unions

Article 78 – The Right of Form inter-municipal Unions

- Local self-Government bodies may form inter-municipal unions for the purposes of providing solution to some problems faced by the municipalities and decrease of expenses

Article 79 – Order of the Formation of Inter-municipal Unions

- Inter-municipal unions shall be formed by the heads of municipalities through the execution of agreements, to be approved by the municipality councils

Article 80 – Bodies of the Inter-municipal Unions

- For the purposes of management of inter-municipal union a council shall be formed, comprised from heads of municipalities The inter-municipal union council shall elect from its composition the chairman of the council.

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Municipalities Assosiations

There are 25 municipalities assosiations in Armenia, including 495 municipalities

Regions/marzes	Ares (km ²)	Population /1000 peopl/ 01,01,2016	Municiplities /numbers/	Municipality assosiations /number/	Municipalities in assosiation /number/
YEREVAN	223	1,072,11	1	1	40
ARAGATSOTN	2756	154,52	114	2	33
ARARAT	2090	287,26	97	4	67
ARMAVIR	1242	301,32	97	-	-
GEGHARKUNIK	5349	249,48	92	4	61
LORI	3799	305,15	107	4	91
KOTAYK	2086	313,12	67	-	-
SHIRAK	2680	299,97	119	1	8
SYUNIK	4506	138,93	102	4	108
VAYOTS DZOR	2308	60,44	44	1	27
TAVUSH	2704	137,34	56	4	60
TOTAL, ARMENIA	29743	3,319,68	896	25	495

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Vedy municipality association, Ararat region

- To establish 'Clean Country' Ltd in 2009

Objective: to impelement watse removal activities in the number of municipalities

- member of assosiation - 15 communities (1 urban and 14 rural)
- not member of accosiations – 3 more communities recieving garbage removal servises
- waste removal servises delivered to 5200 households and 326 legal entities
- Twice a day in urban and once a week in rural communities



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Successful experience of managing land & property taxes bases by municipalities

68 structures established by municipalities operating on a contractual basis to cover
427 municipalities

Regions /marzes	Municipality associations (MA)		Inter-municipal structure (IMS)		Municipalities in MA and IMS	Municipalities managing their own database only	Municipalities lacking own databases	Computers with databases intalled
	number	MA member municipalities /number/	number	IMS member municipalities /number/				
ARAGATSOTN	2	9	17	48	57	57	39	75
ARARAT	4	27	2	12	39	58	35	62
ARMAVIR	0	0	1	2	2	95	1	96
GEGHARKUNIK	0	0	7	30	30	62	23	69
LORI	3	48	5	16	64	49	59	57
KOTAYK	0	0	1	2	2	65	1	66
SHIRAK	0	0	17	53	53	66	36	83
SYUNIK	4	100	0	0	100	9	100	13
VAYOTS DZOR	3	28	1	2	30	14	26	18
TAVUSH	4	50	0	0	50	12	50	16
TOTAL	17	262		495	427	487	370	555

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Domains where IMC is most needed or would be easy to implement

Public services delivery and administrative tasks where IMUs are mostly needed

- Management and collection of local taxes, local **duties and** fees:
- Water supply, sewerage, irrigation and their maintenance
- Landscaping and municipality improvement
- Construction, maintenance and operation of municipal and inter-municipal roads, bridges and other engineering structures are within the municipality's jurisdiction
- Operation of municipal and inter-municipal public transport
- Waste collection and disposal
- Specialized education and sport
- Social assistance and healthcare





Thank you