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17-18 October 2017

Thessaloniki , Greece

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Monday, 16th October 2017 – Arrival and accommodation at the hotel

Tuesday, 17th October 2017

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| 09.30 – 10.00 | Registration |
| 10.00 – 11.00 | Opening Session |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | Coffee break |
| 11.30 – 13.00 | Session 1: Metropolitan governance and current trends
Overview of the content of the seminar. Presentation of contemporary research and knowledge about the adoption of governance frameworks by metropolitan areas in OECD and European countries. |
| 13.00 – 14.30 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14.30 – 17.30 | Session 2: Practices in Metropolitan governance in member States
Sharing thinking about how national states are reviewing different options for the organisation of metropolitan governance structures in their own countries. |

Wednesday, 18th October 2017

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| 09.00 – 12.30 | Session 3: Practices in Metropolitan and Capital cities
Providing illustrations of how and why different models have been adopted for organising metropolitan governance in capital cities and other metropolitan areas. |
| 12.30 – 14.00 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14.00 – 16.00 | Session 4: Participatory democracy in metropolitan cities
Exploring case studies of how metropolitan areas and capital cities have addressed the bottom-up participation in governance by their citizens. |
| 16.00 – 17.00 | Closing Session: Conclusions and lessons learnt
Reviewing what has been learnt from the different contributions. Identifying best practice lessons and principles that should be addressed in recommendations for actions. |
| // | <i>Departure</i> |

Tuesday, 17 October 2017

10.00 – 11.00 *Opening session: Welcome and introduction*

Mr Nikos Fotiou, Vice-Mayor of Administrative Reform and Civil Society, Municipality of Thessaloniki

Mr Demosthenis Papastamopoulos, Head of Cabinet, Hellenic Ministry of Interior (MoI)

Mr Daniele Dotto, Head of Unit - Governance and public administration, Structural Reform Support Service (SRSS), European Commission

Mr Daniel Popescu, Head of the Democratic Governance Department, Council of Europe (CoE)

Mr Georgios Patoulis, President of Central Union of Municipalities and Communities of Greece (KEDE) and the Institute of Local Administration (ITA)

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 – 13.00 *Session 1: Metropolitan governance and current trends*

Mr Diogo Machado, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Local Development and Tourism, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Mr Thomas Kiwitt, Network of European Metropolitan Regions and Areas (METREX)

Mr Dimitrios Kalogeropoulos, President of the Hellenic Agency for Local Development and Local Government (EETAA) & Member of the European Committee of the Regions 2017, Greece

Mr Ioannis Psycharis, Council of Europe expert, Greece

Mr Paul Hildreth, Council of Europe expert, United Kingdom

13.00 – 14.30 *Lunch*

14.30 – 17.30

Session 2: Practices on Metropolitan governance in member States

Moderated by Mr Daniel Popescu, Head of the Democratic Governance Department, CoE

Mr Jurij Mezek, Senior Adviser, Office for Local Self-Government, Ministry of Public Administration, Slovenia

Dr Mark Ewbank, Senior Policy Advisor, Governance Reform & Democracy, Department for Communities and Local Government, United Kingdom

Ms Christine Troupel, Deputy Head of the Territorial Structures Office, Ministry of Interior, France

Mr Diarmuid O'Leary, Principal Officer, Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, Ireland

Ms Paraskevi Patoulidou, Deputy Governor of the Region of Central Macedonia, Regional sector of Thessaloniki, Greece

Wednesday, 18 October 2017

9.30 – 12.30

Session 3: Practices in Metropolitan and Capital cities

Moderated by Mr Diogo Machado, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Local Development and Tourism, OECD

Ms Tanja Blätter, Association of German Metropolitan Regions, Germany

Mr Olivier Filot, First assistant, Staff of the General Director, Brussels Local Authorities, Brussels Regional Public Service, Belgium

Mr Miguel Angel Abadia Iguacen, General Coordinator, Department of Urbanism and Sustainability of the City Council of Zaragoza, Spain

Ms Fatma Fridenberga, Deputy Director of the Legal Office, Riga City Council, Latvia

Mr Giuseppe De Biasi, Head of Cabinet, Metropolitan City of Bologna, Italy

Mr Lazaros Kyrizoglou, Head of the Regional Association of Municipalities (PED) of Central Macedonia, Greece

12.30 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 16.00

Session 4: Participatory democracy in metropolitan cities

Moderated by Mr Paul Hildreth, Council of Europe expert, UK

Mr Juris Radzevics, Executive Director, City of Riga, Latvia

Mr Halldór Auðar Svansson, Member of the Reykjavik City Council, Chairman of the Committee on Administration and Democracy, Iceland

Dr Kyriakos Papanikolaou, Attorney at Law, Region of Attica, Greece

Mr Daniel Popescu, Head of the Democratic Governance Department, CoE

16.00 – 17.00

Closing session: Conclusions and lessons learnt

Mr Paul Hildreth, Council of Europe expert, United Kingdom

Mr Ioannis Psycharis, Council of Europe expert, Greece

Mr Demosthenis Papastamopoulos, Head of Cabinet, Mol

Mr Georgios Patoulis, President of KEDE and ITA

Mr Daniel Popescu, Head of the Democratic Governance
Department, CoE