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Local public ethics: from vision to action

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Context

The seminar is organised by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe (the Congress) within the thematic programme “Strengthening institutional frameworks for local governance”, implemented jointly with the Council of Europe Centre of Expertise for Local Government Reform, Directorate General of Democracy. This programme is funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe, and implemented by the Council of Europe, through the Programmatic Co-operation Framework for 2015-2017 for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus.

The aim of the seminar is to increase the awareness and readiness of mayors to implement higher ethical standards in public policies, and to promote ethical governance and transparency in their daily activities. It will provide a platform for local elected representatives from the region to share experience between themselves and with peers from other European countries on the ways to develop ethical policies in local decision-making. Presentations and working groups will focus on public ethics and its role in building trust in local authorities, taking into consideration the available tools and mechanisms to enhance transparency and accountability at the local level. The seminar will also serve as a means for discussions on the local initiatives to be implemented in the region.

Interpretation will be provided in English, Russian and Ukrainian, with working groups in English and Russian only.

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responsible for strengthening local and regional democracy in its 47 member states.
Composed of two chambers – the Chamber of Local Authorities and the Chamber of Regions – and three committees, it brings
together 648 elected officials representing more than 200 000 local and regional authorities*

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Programme

Tuesday 21 June

→ Lunch (12:30 – 14:15)

14:15 ***Registration of participants***

15:00 ***Opening and welcome***

Moderation: Maria Ochoa-Llido, Head of the Co-operation and External Relations Department, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

- Volodymyr Prokopiv, Deputy mayor - Chairman of the Kyiv City Council
- Roman Andarak, PCF National Co-ordinator for Ukraine, Head of Unit “Justice, Liberty, Security, Humanitarian and Cross-Border Cooperation”, Directorate General European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Marten Ehnberg, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Kyiv
- Sergii Chernov, Vice President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

15:45 ***Introduction of the aims and programme of the seminar***

16:00 ***Plenary session I: The European perspective on public ethics in local government***

Moderation: Viktor Taran, expert, Ukraine

International policies and European standards

Drago Kos, expert, Slovenia

The presentation will highlight the need for international co-operation in promoting public ethics and anti-corruption measures, focusing on the various policies that apply to measures involving state and to decisions at the local level.

Effective implementation at the local level

Juliana Hoxha, expert, Albania

The presentation will examine how the tools promoted at European level can be used to combat corruption and improve transparency in decision-making. It will highlight the various methods that can be used to adapt and apply the existing tools as a response to the realities and the needs at local level.

Discussions

The floor will be open to questions and feedback from the audience.

→ Coffee Break (17:00 – 17:15)

17:15 **Plenary session II: Accountability and ethical behaviour: local elected representatives as role models**

Moderation: Drago Kos, expert, Slovenia

The importance of ethics and accountability in local government

Albena Kuyumdzhieva, expert, Bulgaria

The presentation will examine ethics in the context of public service, highlighting the obligations that local elected representatives face in ensuring open, transparent and accountable governance.

Transparency and openness in local government

Sorin Ioniță, expert, Romania

The presentation will examine the principles of public funds allocation, focusing on public procurement as a crucial area that needs to be developed in order to raise the quality of local governance.

Discussions

The floor will be open to questions and feedback from the audience.

→ Joint dinner (20:00)

Wednesday 22 June

9:00 **Summary of the previous day and presentation of the agenda for day two**

Moderation: Juliana Hoxha, expert, Albania

9:15 **Work in groups session: Transparency and accountability at local level**

Facilitation by:

Henk Bruning, expert, the Netherlands

Gheorghe Caraseni, expert, Moldova

Juliana Hoxha, expert, Albania

Drago Kos, expert, Slovenia

Albena Kuyumdzhieva, expert, Bulgaria

Giorgi Meskhidze, expert, Georgia

Aive Pevkur, expert, Estonia

Viktor Taran, expert, Ukraine

Armine Tukhikyan, expert, Armenia

Participants will be divided into four working groups to discuss specific topics on:

- 1. City Councils*
- 2. Local government administration*
- 3. Private sector*
- 4. Civil society*

Each working group will appoint a rapporteur (a mayor) to report on the conclusions made by the respective group in the plenary.

→ Coffee Break (11:15 – 11:45)

11:45 **Feedback from the work in groups in plenary**

Moderation: Drago Kos, expert, Slovenia and Juliana Hoxha, expert, Albania

The rapporteurs will present the conclusions. Participants from other groups may share their considerations.

Presentation of the common conclusions and first elements for recommendations

→ Lunch (12:45 – 14:00)

14:00 **Plenary session III: Good practices in Europe for a transparent and ethical local government**

Moderation: Drago Kos, expert, Slovenia and Albena Kuyumdzhieva, expert, Bulgaria

- Robert Biedron, Mayor of Slupsk, member of the Delegation of Poland to the Congress
- Sasa Paunovic, Mayor of the municipality of Paracin, Member of the Delegation of Serbia to the Congress

The session will address challenges in implementing local initiatives. Congress members will present their experience on the importance of building trust and shared values between mayors and citizens, in order to improve transparency and address corruption.

→ Coffee Break (15:00 – 15:30)

15:30 **Work in groups session II: Transparency and accountability at local level: taking positive steps**

Focus will be made on the ways to address the challenges identified, building on the information and experiences shared during the two days. Participants will continue in the same working groups.

→ Joint dinner (19:30)

Thursday 23 June

9:00 **Summary of the previous day and presentation of the agenda for day three**

Moderation: Juliana Hoxha, expert, Albania

9:15 **Feedback from the work in groups in plenary**

Moderation: Juliana Hoxha, expert, Albania and Albena Kuyumdzhieva, expert, Bulgaria

Rapporteurs selected by each working group will present the conclusions. Participants from other groups may share their considerations.

10:15 **Presentation of the local initiatives scheme**

Presentations will be made on the local initiatives scheme and the coaching to be provided in support.

→ Coffee break and administration issues (11:15 – 11:45)

11:45

Conclusions, evaluation and next steps

Facilitation: Marité Moras, Head the Co-operation Activities Unit, the Congress

- *José-Luis Herrero, Head of the Council of Europe office in Chisinau*
- *María Ochoa-Llido, Head of the Co-operation and External Relations Department, the Congress*

→ Lunch (13:30)

End of seminar

List of participants*

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2. Mayors

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Marzpet GRIGORYAN, Yeghipatrush
Vachagan HOVHANNISYAN, Karmir Aghek

Ara MKRTCHYAN, Kasakh
Aram NERSISYAN, Oshakan
Seryozha PETROSYAN, Aygepat
Artush SARGSYAN, Norashen
Ara SUKIASYAN, Nor Kyanq

Georgia

Malkhaz BAZADZE, Sachkhere
Vaja CHOKHELIU, Dusheti
Gocha GOCHITASHVILI, Kaspi
Lela KITESASHVILI, Tianeti

Giorgi KOPADZE, Akhaltsikhe City
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Alexei COADA, Cuşmirca
Pavel CODREANU, Rusestii Noi
Nina COSTIUC, Budesti*
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Raisa LOZINSCHI, Chetroşica Nouă

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Titus SARATEANU, Pelinia
Vasile SIRBU, Căzăneşti
Svetlana TABACARI, Scoreni
Larisa VOLOH, Palanca
Angela ZAPOROJAN, Coloniţa

Ukraine

Vladimir BORISOV, Slavutyh
Oleksandr GERASYMENKO, Drabivtsi
Ludmyla KOVAL, Netchyntsya
Volodymyr MUZYCHKA, Berezhany
Leonid KUCHERIAVYI, Dymer

Vitaliy MAZUR, Bratzlav
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Oleksandra SHEREMETYEVA, Omelnyk
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3. Local representatives

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Aytaj ALIYEVA, Chair of Binagadi Settlement Municipality

Lyudmila KHALILOVA, Deputy Chair of Garachukhur Municipality

Belarus

Ihar ASLIUK, Deputy Head of the Zhlobin Executive Committee

4. Members of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and representatives of associations of local and regional authorities

Robert BIEDRON, Mayor of Slupsk, member of the Delegation of Poland to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities*

Sasa PAUNOVIC, Mayor of Paracin, Member of the Delegation of Serbia to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities*

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Liza KOSTANYAN, assistant to the President of the Communities Association of Armenia (CAA)

Azerbaijan

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Ali AKBAROV, Member of Yasamal Municipality, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Association of Settlement Municipalities of Azerbaijan

Georgia

Davit MELUA, Executive Director, National Association of Local Authorities of Georgia (NALAG), member of the Group of Independent Experts on the European Charter of Local Self-Government of the Congress

Moldova

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Mykola POIEDYNOK, Executive Director, the Association of Village and Settlement Councils of Ukraine (VASSR)

Yuriy ANDRIYCHUK, Head of Secretariat of the Ukrainian Association of District and Regional Councils

Myroslav PITSYK, Executive Director of the Association of Ukrainian Cities (tbc)

5. Experts

Henk BRUNING, expert on anti-corruption and governance, the Netherlands

Giorgi MESKHIDZE, expert on local government policy, Georgia

Gheorghe CARASENI, expert on capacity building within civil society, governmental and commercial sectors, Moldova

Aive PEVKUR, expert on public/local government administration, Estonia

Juliana HOXHA, former Vice-President of the Congress, expert on capacity building within local government and civil society, Albania

Viktor TARAN, expert on public ethics, Ukraine

Sorin IONIȚĂ, expert on public administration reform, Romania

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