

Citizens as partners in local policy-making in the Eastern Partnership region

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“We work with our citizens so that they don’t just live in their municipality but with their municipality – what we do, we do together” shared Vladimir Prebilič, Mayor of Kočevje, member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, (Slovenia, PAP-NPA) with fellow mayors in the regional seminar “Citizen participation: an essential tool in local democracy”, held in Chisinau, Moldova, from 16 – 17 November 2016.

Peer exchanges focused on citizen-oriented local policy-making, on the effective tools and methodologies to increase citizens’ trust and ensure further engagement. The determination and will expressed by the local elected representatives from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus, highlighted their commitment as local leaders to develop inclusive dialogue with their citizens to address their needs.

The seminar was organised by the [Congress of Local and Regional Authorities](#) and gathered together local elected representations, associations of local and regional authorities, members of the Congress and experts. It was held 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.

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