

**“Building democratic participation in the City of Mostar”**

**Mostar at the vanguard of deliberative democracy**

3 March 2021

ZOOM Platform

10:00 – 12:00 (CET)

## CONTEXT

The project “Building Democratic Participation in the City of Mostar” is implemented as part of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Bosnia and Herzegovina 2018-2021. It stems from the work of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, its reports and recommendations following the observation of local elections and the monitoring of the implementation of the principles laid down by the *European Charter of Local Self-Government* in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The aim of the project is to create opportunities for citizens to engage in a deliberative process and increase their input in local decision-making. In turn, this process will foster dialogue at local level and contribute to the revitalisation of democratic processes in the City of Mostar.

The project is based on needs and recommendations voiced by relevant stakeholders and beneficiaries, and follows up on recommendations issued by the [Reflection Group on Mostar](#) that was established by Congress in 2017 with the goal of proposing a sustainable solution for restoring democracy in the City of Mostar.

The objective of the meeting is to introduce newly elected City Councilors and the Mayor of the City of Mostar to the concept of deliberative process and to the project activities. The tailored methodology for the deliberative process in Mostar will be discussed, as well as ways in which local councillors would be involved and could contribute to upcoming stages of the project.

In this regard, the Congress aims to build a strong partnership with the authorities in the City of Mostar with a view to jointly work towards enhanced democratic governance at local level.

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## PROGRAMME

### **10:00 – 10:30 Opening and introductory remarks**

*Moderated by Marité MORAS, Head of Unit, Co-operation and External Relations Division, Secretariat of the Congress*

Bojana URUMOVA, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Sarajevo

Stewart DICKSON, Thematic Spokesperson of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe on observation of local and regional elections

Mario KORDIĆ, Mayor of the City of Mostar (TBC)

Salem MARIĆ, President of the City Council of the City of Mostar (TBC)

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### **10:30 – 10:45 Deliberative democracy and bringing best practice to the City of Mostar**

Yves DEJAEGHERE, Co-ordinator of the G1000 platform and specialist for democratic innovation

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### **10:45 – 11:00 Methodology of deliberative process in the City of Mostar**

Damir KAPIDŽIĆ, Professor at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Sarajevo

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### **11:00 – 12:00 Q&A session and conclusions**

Moderated by Damir KAPIDŽIĆ and Marité MORAS

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