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Programme

Sharing the vision: local democracy and ethical governance in practice

*Purcari Winery, Purcari, Republic of Moldova
27-28 September 2017*

Objective

This meeting is organised to share the experiences and good practices of the local initiatives on ethical governance and transparency implemented by the municipalities of Budesti (Chisinau), Costesti (Ialoveni district) and Palanca (Stefan Voda district) with other Moldovan mayors, in particular those from the district of Stefan Voda.

Envisaged as a peer review, this meeting also aims to discuss sustainability of these local policies, in the framework of local self-government and territorial reforms.

Context

Three municipalities from Moldova – Budesti, Costesti and Palanca are implementing local initiatives on ethics and transparency. Expert guidance, along with financial support, was provided to each municipality. Tailored to the specific objectives of each local initiative this support aimed to increase the quality and to ensure sustainability and higher impact of these new policies.

This support scheme is a follow-up to a series of national workshops and regional seminars organised over the previous two years, providing the opportunity for mayors from the Eastern Partnership region to exchange views on their day-to-day challenges, as well as their roles and responsibilities as leaders of change. They shared best practices, with a focus on the need to plan effectively and strategically, involving relevant stakeholders and fostering the participation of citizens in local decision-making.

The meeting “Sharing the vision: good practices on local democracy and ethical governance” is organised within the thematic programme “Strengthening institutional frameworks for local governance”, as part of the CoE/EU Partnership for Good Governance (PGG) 2015-2017 for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus. The programme is implemented by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe (the Congress), in close co-operation with the Directorate General for Democracy.

Interpretation will be provided in Romanian, English and Russian.

Agenda

Wednesday, 27 September 2017

10:00 **Registration of participants**

10:20 **Opening and welcome**

Moderation: Svetislav Paunović, Project Co-ordinator, Co-operation Activities Unit, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Sergiu Boișteanu, Mayor of Purcari, Moldova

Tsvetomir Svilenov, Project Manager on Public administration reform and anti-corruption, the European Union Delegation to the Republic of Moldova

Sergii Mazur, Mayor of Balta, member of the Ukrainian delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

10:40 **Local democracy and ethical governance - what does it entail?**

Moderation: Sorin Ionita, international expert and Gheorghe Caraseni, national expert

Presentation by experts, and exchange of views with the participants, on the main elements of local democracy and ethical governance, such as: transparency, access to information, accountability, and public participation. Presentations will include a brief overview of the international framework and relevant national legislation.

→ *Coffee Break (11.30-11.50)*

11:50 **Leading change in Moldova**

Moderation: Sorin Ionita, international expert

Presentation on the results and challenges met when implementing local initiatives supported within the thematic programme "Strengthening institutional frameworks for local governance"

Nina Costiuc, Mayor of Budești

Project: Today Young Advisors - Tomorrow's Leaders of Change

Natalia Petrea, Mayor of Costești

Project: Increasing transparency and accountability of the local governance and public participation in the Costești village

Larisa Voloh, Mayor of Palanca

Project: Partnership for good governance and local development

→ *Lunch (13:30 - 14:30)*

14.30 ***Leading change in Ukraine***

Moderation: Gheorghe Caraseni, national expert

Presentation by a member of the Congress: The implementation of initiatives on local democracy, ethical governance and citizen participation, with reflection on the effects of amalgamation and how to ensure sustainability of local policies.

Exchange of views between all participants, experts and a Congress member

→ *Coffee Break (16.00-16.30)*

17.30 ***Conclusions***

Lessons learnt with reflections from participants and the experts

→ *Joint dinner (18:30)*

Thursday, 28 September 2017

9:15 ***Warm-up and feedback from previous sessions***

9.30 ***Co-operation for sustainable participatory policies***

Moderation: Gheorghe Caraseni, national expert

In this session, mayors from the Stefan Voda district will be encouraged to share their experience (good practices and challenges) in increasing transparency and involving the community in local governance.

Mayors from the Stefan Voda rayon are invited to speak and reflect on the prospective aspects of Day 1 with: comment on projects/lessons learnt/good practices, and on how they would introduce these in their daily work.

Exchange of views with mayors on experience and tools available

→ *Coffee Break (11.30-12.00)*

12.00 ***Building trust for good local governance***

Moderation by Sorin Ionita, international expert and Gheorghe Caraseni, national expert

Work in groups: challenges and sustainability of local policies

12:40 ***Conclusions, evaluation and closing remarks***

→ *Lunch (13:00 - 14:00)*

End of meeting

List of participants

1. Mayors

Sergiu BOIȘTEANU, Mayor of Purcari
Vladislav COCIU, Mayor of Carahasani
Nina COSTIUC, Mayor of Budesti
Petru MARCOV, Mayor of Olanesti
Valeriu TABUNȘCIC, Mayor of Caplani
Anatolie TIMOȘENCO, Mayor of Tudora
Natalia PETREA, Mayor of Costesti
Sergiu PRICOP, Mayor of Antonesti
Ion VELEȘCO, Mayor of Crocmaz
Larisa VOLOH, Mayor of Palanca

2. Members of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

Sergii MAZUR, Mayor of Balta, Ukraine

3. Project co-ordinators in local authorities

Maria BIVOL, project co-ordinator, Costesti
Dumitru COZLOVSCHI, project co-ordinator, Purcari
Valentina TARANU, Deputy-mayor of Olanesti
Elena ZAGORNII, project co-ordinator, Budesti
Svetlana BORDEA, Representative of the Mayoralty of Antonesti
Veaceslav BUZA, Representative of the Mayoralty of Caplani
Representative of the Mayoralty of Carahasani (tbc)
Representative of the Mayoralty of Crocmaz (tbc)
Silvia SPICEAC, Representative of the Mayoralty of Purcari
Natalia GRATII, Marina CHILIAN, Representatives of the Mayoralty of Tudora

4. Delegation of the European Delegation to the Republic of Moldova

Peter MICHALKO, Ambassador, Head of the Delegation (tbc)

5. Council of Europe

Council of Europe Headquarters in Strasbourg

Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Svetislav PAUNOVIĆ, Project Co-ordinator, Co-operation Activities Unit

Council of Europe Office in Chisinau

Ion BESCHIERU, Programme Manager
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