

International Conference
“Challenges and perspectives in regional and local development”
-Decentralization and EU Accession-

26-27November, 2015, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia
Hotel Kontinental-Skopje

Agenda

Day 1, 26 November 2015 (Thursday)

09.00-09:30	Registration of participants, welcome coffee
09:30-10.15	<p>Opening</p> <p>Moderators Mr. RizvanSulejmani</p> <p>Welcome addresses</p> <p>- Mr. Lirim Shabani Minister of Local Self-Government of Republic of Macedonia</p> <p>-Mr. Musa Xhaferri, Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, in charge for implementing the Ohrid Framework Agreement</p> <p>- Mr. Koce Trajanovski, President of ZELS</p> <p>- Mrs. Louisa Vinton, UNDP Resident Representative in Republic of Macedonia</p> <p>- Mr. Hans-Helge Sander, Deputy German Ambassador in Republic of Macedonia, in charge of economic affairs</p> <p>-Mrs. Katharina Stocker - Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Switzerland in the Republic of Macedonia</p>
10.15-11.00	<p>Press statements</p> <p>Coffee break</p>
	Expo (Centers for Regional Development and Municipalities)
11.00-12.00	<p>❖ The process of decentralization and sustainable development - challenges, solutions and perspectives</p> <p>Moderator Mr. Toni Popovski Decentralization and Local Development Initiatives Coordinator, UNDP</p> <p>-Domestic Former Ministers for LSG</p> <p>-Mr. Ljupcho Prendzov, Deputy Minister for Local self-government</p> <p>-Mr. Xhemail Elmazi, Director of the Bureau for Regional Development</p>

12.00-13.45	<p>❖ Regional development in the EU perspective</p> <p>Moderator Mr.JurijKobal, Oikos, Sustainable development, Inc., Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>"Regional Development Policy, Challenges and Opportunities for R.Macedonia"</i> -Mrs. Biljana Cvetanovska Gugoska- State Secretary at the Ministry of Local Self Government,, Republic of Macedonia • <i>"Legal and institutional framework for regional development in the Republic of Kosovo-EU perspective"</i> -Mr.Besnik Osmani, State Secretary in the Ministry of Local Self Government, Republic of Kosovo • <i>"International connectivity of regions and municipalities to address global challenges"</i> -Martin Bratanič, Director, Regional Development Agency – Posavje, Republic of Slovenia • <i>"Horizontal and vertical coordination of policy for balanced regional development"</i> -Mr. Zoran Krajovski, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Republic of Macedonia, in charge for economic affairs and economic development Republic of Macedonia • <i>"The experience of establishing international network"</i> -Mrs. Irena Dzimrevska, SWG- Head of Operations, Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in South Eastern Europe, Republic of Macedonia <p>Questions & answers / Discussion Conclusions by the moderator (comparative analysis)</p>
13.45-15.00	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Expo (Centers for Regional Development and Municipalities)</p>
15.00-16.45	<p>❖ How to achieve sustainable local growth and development</p> <p>Moderator Mr.Azis Polozani</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Current situation of the policy and institutional set up for local sustainable development in Republic of Macedonia" -Mrs. Elena Petkanovska, Ministry of Local Self Government, Head of Department, Republic of Macedonia • "Sustainable development through stimulation of the social businesses as instrument of the local government" -Mr. Kastriot Sulka , Director of the Institute for Sustainable Development, Republic of Albania • "Innovation based development - lessons learned from the Czech Republic". -Mr. Tomáš Vlasák, Economic development specialist, Berman Group, Czech Republic • "Recommendations regarding the improvement of planning and delivery of regional policy" -Mr. Jurij Kobal, Oikos, Sustainable development, Inc., Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia Republic of Slovenia • "Need to rethink decentralization in Western Balkans: Case of BiH, AL, MC and KS" -Mr.Besnik Tahiri, Director, Kosovo Local Government Institute, Republic of Kosovo <p>Question & answers / Discussion Conclusions by the moderator (comparative analysis)</p>
17:00-18:00	Free program
18.00-19.30	City tour
19:30 -22:00	Buffet/Dinner

Day 2, 27 November 2015 (Friday)

08.30-09.00	Registration of participants
09:00-11.00	<p>❖ Regional policy and competitiveness Investment, supporting small and medium enterprises</p> <p>Opening/Moderator Mr.Jurij Kobal, Oikos, Sustainable development, Inc., Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Regional Competitiveness indicators and use of the data for developing strategies" -Mr.Darko Vuković, Belgrade Academy, Republic of Serbia

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Strengthening capacities of business support centers - How to increase innovativeness of the local companies?" -Mr. Radmil Polenakovik - Professor, University of Cyril and Methodius-Skopje Republic of Macedonia • "Economic development and territorial competitiveness", -Mr. Dušan Kulka, Economic development specialist, Berman Group, Czech Republic • "Cluster as an instrument for improvement of the regional competitiveness " -Mr. Aleksandar Karaev, GIZ , LEIWW-Advisor, Private Sector-Regional and Local Economic Development Republic of Macedonia <p>Questions& answers / Discussion Conclusions by the moderator (comparative analysis)</p>
11.00-11:30	Coffee break
	Expo (Centers for Regional Development and Municipalities)
11.30-13.00	<p>❖ Innovative practices for local and regional development</p> <p>Moderator Mr.Toni Popovski Decentralization and Local Development Initiatives Coordinator, UNDP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Network for inclusive development at Vardar planning region " -Mrs. Zaneta Chaushevska-Mayor of Gradsko, Republic of Macedonia • "Local development in coordination with regional strategies" -Mr. Damijan Jaklin, Mayor of Velika Polana, Republic of Slovenia • "Cross Border cooperation and regional development" -Ms. Emilia Geroska, Head of Center for regional development at Pelagonija planning region, Republic of Macedonia • "Local development in the two-tier decentralization - the experience of Albania" Ms. Ana Verushi, Head of the Regional Council of Korca Republic of Albania <p>Questions& answers / Discussion Conclusions by the moderator (comparative analysis)</p>
13.00-13.30	Coffee break
	Expo (Centers for Regional Development and Municipalities)
13.30-15.00	❖ Management models at local and regional level

	<p>Moderator Mr.Rizvan Sulejmani</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Innovation in governance" -Mr.Musharraf Rasool Cyan, State University, Georgia, USA • " Inter municipality cooperation in Republic of Macedonia", -Mr. Ilmiasan Dauti, Local government specialist / Project Manager UNDP CO Skopje • "Assembly of Mayors and inter-regional cooperation" -Mrs. Zulieta Gjarkova, Head of Center for regional development at South East planning region, Republic of Macedonia • "Social partnerships" -Mrs. Aferdita Haxhijaha Imeri, expert for social inclusion and innovation, Republic of Macedonia <p>Questions& answers / Discussion Conclusions by the moderator (comparative analysis)</p>
15.00-16.00	Lunch
16:00	Closing the Conference