



Efficient Mechanism of Consultations and Negotiations between the National Governments and the Local and Regional Governments

Expert meeting of the Eastern Partnership Panel on Public Administration Reform

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Thursday, 18 June

19:00-21:00 Dinner
 Venue: Radisson Blu Daugava Hotel, 24 Kuģu iela

Friday, 19 June

9:00-9:30 Registration of participants
 Venue: Accreditation Centre, 1st floor

9:30-10:00 Welcome coffee
 Venue: Mezzanine floor

10:00-10:30 Opening of the meeting:
 - Welcome address by Mr Andris Jaunsleinis, Chairman of Latvian Association of
 Local and Regional Governments
 - Address by Mr Juris Poikāns, Latvian Ambassador-at-Large for Eastern
 Partnership
 - Address by Mr Andris Kužnieks, Deputy Head of the Representation of the
 European Commission in Latvia

Venue: Vidzeme Hall, Mezzanine floor
Simultaneous interpretation: LV/EN/RU

10:30-12:30 **Part I: Experience of the self-government associations in the EU Member States
regarding consultations and negotiations with the national governments**
Moderator: Mr Toivo Riimaa, Deputy Director, Association of Estonian Cities (Estonia)

- Ms Marité Moras, Head of Co-operation Activities Unit, Council of Europe – Secretariat of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
- Ms Nellija Kleinberga, Member of National Parliament, former Chairperson of Skrunda Municipality Council (Latvia)
- Mr Māris Pūķis, Senior Adviser, Latvian Association of Local and Regional



Governments (Latvia)

- Mr Dan Jiranek, President, Union of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic (The Czech Republic)
- Mr Andrzej Porawski, Executive Director, Association of Polish Cities (Poland)
- Ms Betty De Wachter, Head of European and International Affairs, Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities (Belgium)
- Mr Rob de Lobel, Programme Manager, Directorate-General for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission

Discussions

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12:30-13:30

Lunch

Venue: Restaurant, 1st floor

13:30-15:30

Part II: Experience of the self-governments and their associations of the Eastern Partnership countries in developing consultation mechanisms with the national governments

Moderator: Mr David Melua, Executive Director, National Association of Local Governments in Georgia (Georgia)

- Ms Nataliya Romanova, Vice-President of Chamber of Regions, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe (Ukraine)
- Ms Natalya Lapauri, Executive Director, Union of Communities of Armenia (Armenia)
- Mr David Melua, Executive Director, National Association of Local Governments of Georgia (Georgia)
- Mr Goshgar Mammadov, Vice-Chair, Association of City Municipalities of Azerbaijan (Azerbaijan)
- Mr Viorel Furdui, Executive Director of Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova (Moldova)
- Mr Miroslav Kobasa, Chairman of the Board, NGO "Lev Sapieha Foundation" (Belarus)

Discussions

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15:30-16:00

Coffee break

Venue: Mezzanine floor

16:00-16:30

Conclusions

- Mr Frederic Vallier, Secretary-General of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions
- Mr Māris Pūķis, Senior Adviser, Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments (Latvia)





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18:45

Bus transfer to dinner
From Radisson Blu Daugava Hotel, 24 Kuģu iela

19:00

Dinner
Venue: restaurant "Ostas skati", 15 Matrožu iela, Ķīpsala

Transfer back to the hotel

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