



Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe - NALAS



National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria



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DAY 1:	16 May 2015 (Saturday)
	Arrival and accommodation of the NALAS General Assembly delegates
17:00 - 19:00	NALAS CLO Meeting
19:30	Dinner

DAY 2:	17 May 2015 (Sunday)
10:00 – 13:00 on site	AGENDA FOR THE NALAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATES Presentation of good practices from the City of Plovdiv: Visit to the economic zone (discussion with a moderator at the spot) Visit to the early Christian Basilica Visit to the Philippolis Forum and Odeon (at the Central City Garden) Visit to the Roman Stadium and Ancient Theater Visit to the St. Konstantin and Elena Church, Ethnographic Museum, Bayatova House and Nebet Tepe

DAY 2:	17 May 2015 (Sunday)
After 12:00	Accommodation of Bulgarian and foreign participants, arriving on 17 May 2015
13:00 - 14:00 Plovdiv International Fair	Lunch for the delegates of NALAS General Assembly
14:00 – 14:30 Exhibition Building 6	AGENDA FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS Opening of the Business Fair and Municipal projects market by: Mr. Tomislav Donchev, Vice-Prime Minister for European funds and economic policy Mr. Ivan Totev, Mayor of the City of Plovdiv Mr. Todor Popov, the NAMRB Board of Directors' Chair, Mayor of Pazardzhik Mr. Djuro Bukvic, President of NALAS Visit to the municipal and business exhibition booths
14:30 – 16:00 Exhibition Building 6	AGENDA FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS Municipal Projects Market 2007 - 2014 Representatives from: Municipalities from Bulgaria and South East Europe Heads of Managing Authorities of EU funds Fund FLAG and city development funds

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14:30 – 16:00 Exhibition Building 6 NALAS Booth	Municipal Projects Market 2007 - 2014 Presentation of the awarded GENIYOUTH Municipal initiatives from SEE at the NALAS Booth. Welcome address by NALAS President Mr Djuro Bukvic Individual Presentations of the awarded practices by: Ms. Anduena Prifti, Deputy mayor of the municipality of Elbasan, Albania Mr Ozren Petković, Mayor of Petrovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina Mrs. Jelka Černivec, Vice-Mayor of Maribor, Slovenia Mrs Rozeta Aleksov, Gender Equality Coordinator in the Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities in Serbia Mr Tadej Beočanin, Mayor of Ajdovscina, Slovenia Mr Cemil Arslan, General Secretary, Marmara Municipalities Union
16:00 – 18:00 Exhibition Building 6	Municipal Projects Market 2007 - 2014 Information meetings under Operational programs 2007 - 2013 (OPE, OPRD, RDP, OPAC, OPHRD, OPTA) – organized specific areas for programs for consultations & presentations
15.30 – 18.00 Exhibition Building 6 (main stage)	Concert of municipal performers and bands "MUNICIPAL STAGE" (cultural programme)
19:00	Dinner for all participants

DAY 3:	18 May 2015 (Monday)	
	NAMRB General Assembly Meeting	NALAS General Assembly Meeting
08:00 - 09:30	Registration (lobby of Exhibition building 6)	Registration (Congress Centre, Bulgaria Hal)
	09:30 – 10:45 NAMRB General Assembly with participation of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions Secretary General – Frédéric Vallier 11:00 – 12:30 Discussion Forum Exhibition Building 6 For all participants	NALAS General Assembly with participation of Mr Gazmend Turdiu, Deputy Secretary General, of the Regional Cooperation Council and Ms Barbara Toce, Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe NALAS General Assembly Statutory decisions Inauguration of NALAS New Presidency Thematic presentations: WB Urban Partnership Programme II Mrs. Sabine Palmreuther - Sr. Operations Officer; Social, Rural, Urban, & Resilience Global Practice; World Bank ORF MMS Mr. Christophe di Marco - Sector Fund Manager, Open Regional Fund for South East Europe, Modernisation of Municipal Services IAWD, Danube Water Program Mr. Walter Kling - IAWD - Secretary General. GENIYOUTH Municipal Initiatives Congress Centre, Bulgaria Hall

DAY 3:	18 May 2015 (Monday)
12:30 – 13:30 Exhibition Building 6	Award – European Label for Innovation and Good governance at local level" Mrs. Lilyana Pavlova, Minister of Regional Development and Public Works Ms Barbara Toce, Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
13:30 – 15:00 Exhibition Building 6	Lunch
15:00– 15:40 Congress Centre, Bulgaria Hall	Conference 'Competences and Preparedness of Local Authorities from South-East Europe for Prevention and Risk Crisis Management' Moderator: Mrs. Yordanka Fandakova – Mayor of the Capital municipality of Sofia Opening and official addresses: Mr. Rossen Plevneliev – President of the Republic of Bulgaria Mr. Boyko Borissov – Prime minister of the Republic of Bulgaria President of NALAS
15:40 -16:20 Congress Centre, Bulgaria Hall	 Introductory presentations: "EU policies and Global Experiences on DRM" EU policies for risk reduction and assistance in natural disasters crisis- Mr. Hristos Stilianides – European Commissioner "Humanitarian aid and crisis". Innovative technologies and smart solutions to help Nations & Cities become more Secure, Reliable, Resilient, Smart & Cyber protected - Mr. Eli Fux, president of the Israeli high-tech company ERSolution Risk management in natural disasters: Mr. Joaquin Toro - Senior Disaster Risk Management Regional Coordinator; Social, Rural, Urban, & Resilience Global Practice Europe and Central Asia Region; World Bank.

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	Panel: "Local Governments respond to disasters"
	 The experience of local authorities from Republic of Serbia for managing the floods crisis in 2014. Mr. Saša Paunović – President of the Municipality of Paraćin, Representative of the Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities in Serbia.
	How Bulgarian municipalities responded to disasters in 2014 and 2015. The role of the intermunicipal solidarity in recovery from natural disasters in Bulgaria.
	☑ Mr. Todor Popov – Chairman of NAMRB Board of Directors, mayor of Pazardzhik municipality.
	Coordination between national and local authorities – main precondition for effective response to disasters.
	□ Chief Commissioner Mr. Nikolay Nikolov – Head of GD "Fire Safety and Civil Protection".
16:20 - 17:40	Capacity development of Sofia Municipality for disasters' response.
Congress Centre, Bulgaria Hall	□ Mrs. Yordanka Fandakova – Mayor of the Capital municipality of Sofia.
	Macedonian experience in inter-municipal solidarity during the recent floods in the region.
	☑ Mr. Koce Trajanovski, Mayor of the City of Skopje, President of ZELS.
	The natural disasters in BiH – the experience and the lessons learned for the local authorities in the Republic of Srpska.
	☑ Mr. Mico Micic, Mayor of the City of Bijelina, President of ALVRS, NALAS Vice-president.

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17:40 – 18:10 Congress Centre, Bulgaria Hal	 Discussion and reflections Coordination between central and local authorities in case of natural disasters; LGA role in promoting Inter-municipal solidarity in South-East Europe; LGAs initiatives to improve prevention policies.
18:10 – 18:25 Congress Centre, Bulgaria Hall	Announcement of NALAS Declaration on Disaster Risk Management Policies in SEE President of NALAS
18:25 – 18:30 Congress Centre, Bulgaria Hall	Closing of the Conference – Moderator
19:00	Gala Dinner organized by City of Plovdiv & NAMRB

DAY 4:	19 May 2015 (Tuesday)
09:00 - 11:00	Departure of participants





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