

LAF Seminar on Fiscal Decentralisation

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**Committee of the Regions
and**

**Network of Associations of Local Authorities
of South-East Europe (NALAS)**

Venue :

**Committee of the Regions
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room VM1**

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Aim of the meeting :

The Local Administration Facility (LAF) supports seminars for both elected and permanent officials of local and regional authorities during which they visit EU institutions and meet with leading representatives of local and regional authorities in the EU to increase understanding on what the EU stands for at the regional and local level.

The objectives of the meeting are:

- to show practices and models of fiscal decentralisation in Member States. It will also address better ways of delivering municipal services and also fostering of municipal cooperation
- to raise the awareness of the local government representatives from the pre-accession countries about the typical impact that EU pre-accession requirements have on municipal budgets and to offer experience of bridging solutions implemented nationally or locally in the new member countries (ex. Bulgaria, Romania, Slovenia).

This study tour will be organised in cooperation with Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe (NALAS) and the Committee of the Regions (CoR). The participants will have the opportunity to meet with the staff/ the members of the CoR.

The target audience will consist of elected representatives and senior administrative staff from municipalities, including local finance experts. The participants are selected by NALAS.

Day 1: Wednesday, 22 January 2014

Chair: Ginka Chavdarova,

Executive Director of the National Association of Municipalities in Bulgaria

09:00	<i>Arrival and registration of participants</i>
09:15	Welcome note: introduction to the Local Administration Facility
09:30	Round of Table: brief verbal presentation and country presentations (5-7 minutes for each country)
11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30	The EU institutions and decision-making process Mr Kurt GAISSERT , Adviser, House Baden-Württemberg
12:15	Questions & Answers
12:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00	Fiscal decentralisation and fiscal outcomes in the EU Mr Matteo GOVERNATORI , Fiscal Policy and Surveillance Unit, DG Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission
14:45	Questions & Answers
15:00	Experiences of fiscal decentralisation in enlargement countries Mr Mose APELBLAT , former officer of DG Enlargement, European Commission
15:45	Questions & Answers
16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:30	European standards for improving public finance sector – practical recommendations Mr Grzegorz ORAWIEC , Department of Regional Development, Marshall Office of Swietokrzyskie – regional administration, Poland
17:15	Questions & Answers
17:30	Closing of Day 1

Day 2: Thursday 23 January 2014

Chair: Ginka Chavdarova,
Executive Director of the National Association of Municipalities in Bulgaria

09:00	Introduction to work and functioning of the Committee of the Regions Mr Klaus HULLMANN , Directorate Communication, Press and Protocol, Committee of the Regions
09:30	The CoR upcoming study on fiscal decentralisation Ms Céline CHATEAU and Mr Emmanouil DARDOUFAS , Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional & External Affairs (CIVEX), Committee of the Regions
09:45	Questions & Answers
10:00	Synergies between EU, national and subnational public finances Mr Glynn Rh dri Thomas (UK/EA), National Assembly for Wales, member of the Committee of the Regions
10:45	Questions and Answers
11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30	Sub-national public finance in the European Union (the NALAS Report “Fiscal Decentralisation Indicators SEE 2006-2011”) Ms Natasha Ilijeva ACEVSKA , NALAS Program Officer for Fiscal Decentralisation
12:15	Questions & Answers
12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00	Decentralisation at a crossroads. Territorial reforms in Europe in times of crisis - the findings of the CEMR report Mr Boris TONHAUSER , Policy Officer, Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)
14:45	Questions & Answers
15:00	The role of the associations of local authorities in the negotiation process for EU accession the case of Bulgaria Ms Ginka CHAVDAROVA , Executive Director of the National Association of Municipalities in Bulgaria
15:45	Questions and Answers
16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:30	Fiscal Decentralisation: experiences from EU countries (Poland) Mr Grzegorz ORAWIEC , Department of Regional Development, Marshall Office of Swietokrzyskie – regional administration, Poland
17:15	Questions & Answers
17:30	Closing of Day 2

Day 3: Friday, 24 January 2014

Chair: Ginka Chavdarova,
Executive Director of the National Association of Municipalities in Bulgaria

09:00	Impact of the economic crisis: European challenges, trends and prospects for local finance reform Mr Daniel POPESCU , Head of the Centre of Expertise for Local Government Reform, Council of Europe
09:45	Questions & Answers
10:00	Alba Iulia Municipality: a model of success in attracting non-reimbursable funds and a support for communitarian and intra-communitarian development Mr Nicolaie MOLDOVAN , City Manager, Alba Iulia Municipality, Romania
10:45	Questions & Answers
11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30	Current developments in the decentralisation process in Slovenia and its implications on municipal finances Ms Vilma MILUNOVIČ , Head of finance department, Municipality of Koper, Slovenia
12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00	Fiscal Decentralisation at local level – how it works Mr Björn SUNDSTRÖM , Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions
14:45	Municipal financial capacity for funds absorption Mr Emil SAVOV , Deputy Executive Director, National Association of Municipalities in Bulgaria (NAMRB)
15:30	Questions & Answers
16:00	Feedback and closing session of the event

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