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Eighth International Conference

GOOD GOVERNANCE - European perspective

Sofia, Hotel Central Park

12 – 13 July 2017 г.

11.07.2017 Accommodation and dinner : 19:30

PROGRAMME

12.07. 2017 10:00 Moderator: Mr. Valentin Lazarov, Chairmam of NAMCB, Certified lecturer of the Council of Europe
Opening the Eighth International Conference:
Dr. Liliana Pavlova, Minister for the Bulgarian Presidency of the EU Council 2018 /will be confirmed/
Dr. Klaus Fisienger, Regional Director of the “Hans Zeidel” Foundation for Southeast Europe

Topic "Better Local Governance: Together with Civil Society Organisations" – Prof. Rinus van Schendelen, after 25 years having been full professor, now emeritus professor in political science at Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands. His main field is the study of ‘how interest groups can and do influence decision-makers’, the one and/ or the other being public authorities, private organisations or citizens (such as electors and activists), and his focus is on the European and particularly the EU-area. Next to his academic work he is since 35 years adviser to all sorts of interest groups and he still holds office in the EU Brussels quarter at Place Schuman. He has published more than forty books and hundreds of articles about his field of study and practice. His’ currently leading text is ‘The Art of Lobbying the EU’ (Amsterdam University Press, 2013), of which previous editions have been translated into Czech, Polish, Bulgarian and German language.

Topic "Essential Leadership for Good Governance" - John Jackson, Author and longtime lecturer of the program on 'Leadership Academy' at Council of Europe, he has worked in and for local government since 1983 at local, national and international levels. He worked in the UK's Office of Deputy Prime Minister to introduce local government reform in England. He was seconded to the Council of Europe for 4 years to develop the CoE's function of supporting local government in Eastern Europe. For the last 11 years, he has been a local government consultant for various organisations both within and beyond Europe, focusing more recently on strengthening leadership in local government.

Topic " New challenges for social services" - Dr. Gilberto Marzano, Professor and Head of the Laboratory of Pedagogical Technologies at the Rezekne Academy of Technologies (Latvia), President of Ecoistituto, an Italian NGO engaged in sustainable development, member of the professor board of PHD on Economy, Ecology and Preservation of Agricultural and Environmental Systems at University of Udine, expert in computer science and social anthropology (social media, telerehabilitation services, web social learning). Coordinator of EU projects.

Discussion

Lunch: 13:30

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Topic "Social innovation in Poland" – Dr. Malgorzata Baran – Vice-Rector for Strategic Development of Collegium Civitas (Warsaw)/ Dr. Wojciech Duranowski, Vice-Rector for International Affairs of Collegium Civitas (Warsaw), Collegium Civitas is a leading Polish non-public university which currently conducts several projects in the field of social innovation. Representatives from the university will present outcome of one of the EU projects on social innovation.

Topic "Tools for measuring local governance" - Luis Cembellín, Associate Professor at University of Malaga (State Law and Sociology department), Degree in Political Science and Sociology (1999), Master in Ecoauditorial and Environmental Business Planning by INIEC, developed his professional activity in consulting companies in the public sector division. Specialized in processes of modernization and administrative simplification of public bodies, he has been speaker at various conferences, had a formative stay at the Technical University of Dresden (Germany) and held different positions in public administrations. Currently works in the management of cross-border projects and develops his activity as associate professor at University of Málaga.

Topic "Role of Private Policy Consulting in Local Public Policy Development: Case Study of MDN" - Murat Daoudov and Elif Şentürk. Murat Daoudov, Lecturer at Francophone Dept. of Public Administration, Faculty of Political Science, Marmara University, and President of Middle East Development Network [MDN], consulting group specialized in public policy and international project management. Daoudov is Belgian citizen resident in Istanbul, with over 15 years of involvement in (local) government sector covering Belgium, Turkey, Balkans and Arab world. Primary areas of expertise are alternative diplomacy, public administration & policy, decentralization, migration & integration, youth & higher education. Member of Executive Committee of Section on Effective and Sound Administration in the Middle East (SESAME) of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) and of International Public Policy Association (IPPA). Elif Şentürk is Turkish, she is Executive Manager of Middle East Development Network [MDN]; Şentürk is currently writing up her master's thesis on expat-friendly public policies in global cities. Both Daoudov and Şentürk are involved in designing and managing international projects related with local governance.

Discussion

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Topic "Leadership for Good Governance in Southeast Europe" - Jan Stanoevski, Chairman of "Balkan Net" Foundation, lecturer in the last four years of the 'Leadership Academy' of Council of Europe.

Topic "Lessons from developing apps for politics and politicians in Slovenia"- Tilen Jeraj and Dr. Samo Božič, Mr. Jeraj is active in local Slovenian rural communities. He was the first to introduced mobile Apps to political process in Slovenia. He is serving as an adviser to EU regional representative in European committee of the regions. Dr. Samo Bozic is serving 6-year mandate as EU commission counsel on technology and is the professor in Technical College for telecommunications. Together they founded not for profit humanitarian startup addressing the need of persons challenged with epilepsy, as to stir up development of youth in Slovenia. Startup received numerous awards and recognitions. Among them recognition for the most humanitarian startup in IEEE brain hackathon in SanDiego, Philadelphia and Budapest, 2nd place in Atlanta and Brussels (1st place was not awarded) and represented EU humanitarian startup ecosystem in EU parliament this February.

Topic "The experience in Albania in the local governance and decentralization reform" – Mirsa Titka, Freelance Consultant; she is active in : Preparation of the National Strategy for Development and Integration (2015-2020), Preparation of the 1st monitoring report on the implementation of the National Strategy for

Decentralization and Local Governance (2016), Assessment of the PCM capacities for some line ministries in the framework of the UNDP programme (2017-2019). Certified lecturer of the Council of Europe.

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Topic “Label for good governance in Bulgaria” – Stanislava Atanasova, Senior expert at Ministry of Regional Development

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Closing of the international forum: Mr. Valentin Lazarov, Chairman of NAMCB

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