
MEDIA ADVISORY

REGIONAL FORUM ON INTER-MUNICIPAL COOPERATION “MAKING LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORK FOR THE PEOPLE”

13–14 October 2011, 09:30 hrs
Hotel Continental, Skopje

The Ministry of Local Self Government and UNDP are jointly organizing the first Regional Forum on Inter-Municipal Cooperation, titled “Making Local Government Work for the People”.

The Forum will be held on the 13th and 14th of October 2011, in Hotel Continental in Skopje, as of 09:30 hrs.

Opening addresses will be made by Mr. Nevzat Bejta -Minister for Local Self Government, Ms. Deirdre Boyd – UNDP Resident Representative, H.E. Mr. Kjetil Paulsen – Ambassador of Norway and Mr. Izet Mexhiti – Vice President of ZELS.

The main objective of the Forum is to bring together representatives from central and local governments from the region to share experiences and discuss the role of inter municipal cooperation in the processes of EU integration, absorption of EU funds and creation of sustainable incentives for local governments.

This Forum will provide an excellent opportunity for exchanging valuable experiences and lessons learnt, as well as a basis for generating new ideas and proposals for inter municipal cooperation in the region.

Note:

The Ministry of Local Self Government, the Association of Local Self Government Units and the UNDP Office in Skopje have been supporting inter-municipal cooperation programmes in the country since 2006, with the generous support of the Government of Norway.

Today, the country is one of the few in Europe with a law on Inter-Municipal Cooperation. It has brought this law to life through 26 successful inter-municipal partnerships, involving 62 municipalities, in important areas such as social and environmental protection, urban planning and revenue collection.

More than 800,000 people and 200,000 households throughout the country have been reached with better public services. A comprehensive training programme was delivered for more than 800 municipal officials, who now have increased knowledge and capacities to become more efficient, more accountable, and more inclusive in the delivery of their services.

Media are cordially invited to attend the event.

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