

## Platforma – NALAS Coordination Workshop Decentralisation and EU-Policies regarding Good Governance in South East Europe

### Programme

**Place:** Brussels, CEMR headquarter (address: Square de Meeûs, 1 - 1st floor)

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

**Participants:** Platforma and NALAS members. Open to CEMR members (~30)

**Objectives:** Starting cooperation between the Platforma network of CEMR and NALAS, incorporate NALAS in future Platforma partnership, develop a basis to integrate SEE in CEMR policy/lobbying agenda

Arrival Day (Hotel Leopold, )		
19.00	<b>Common Dinner</b> <b>The Beer Factory</b> , Place du Luxembourg 6	
Day 1		
09.00	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> <b>Frédéric Vallier</b> , Secretary General, CEMR <b>Naim Ismajli</b> , President, NALAS <b>Alexander Lesigang</b> , Responsible for International Cooperation, AACT	Moderated by <b>Thomas Prorok</b> , Deputy Managing Director, KDZ
09.30	<b>EC Public Consultations on External Financial Instruments of the European Union</b> Presentation on context and importance of the mid-term review process of the external action financial instruments, <b>Wouter Boesman</b> , Policy Director PLATFORMA Presentation of NALAS inputs on Instrument for Pre-accession: <b>Darko Mrvaljevic</b> , NALAS EU Expert <b>Mladen Ivanovic</b> , Association of Municipalities, Croatia <b>Veselka Ivanova</b> , National Association of Municipalities of the Republic of Bulgaria Discussion on presented inputs. Agreement on joint NALAS/CEMR participation in the consultation process and the next steps <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/public-consultation-external-financing-instruments-european-union_en">http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/public-consultation-external-financing-instruments-european-union_en</a>	Moderated by <b>Marija Sosic</b> , BACID Programme Expert, KDZ
11.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
11.30	<b>Position Paper of NALAS/CEMR “Local Governments in SEE contributing to European Integration”</b> Presentation and discussion of the Draft Paper <b>Joachim Roth</b> , Integrated Expert CIM/GIZ, NALAS EU Experiences: <b>Darko Fras</b> , Second Vice-President, NALAS <b>Mustafa Ozkul</b> , Union of Municipalities of Marmara, Turkey CEMR feedback. Open question round with the participants for ideas & needs	Moderated by <b>Thomas Prorok</b> , Deputy Managing Director, KDZ

	Importance of local level in SEE in implementing EU-policies; Needed support of local level in SEE from EU-Institutions to better implement EU-policies; How to increase information flow between EU-Institutions and NALAS/LGAs and local governments in SEE; Definition of activities to better coordinate and cooperate with EU-Institutions	
13.00	<b>Lunch</b>	
14.00	<p><b>White Paper on Future of Europe – Europe 2025</b></p> <p>Presentation of the CEMR draft text on the Future of Europe, <b>Carol Thomas</b>, Adviser on Governance and Institutional Relations, CEMR</p> <p>NALAS inputs to the CEMR proposals:  <b>Sergiu Tara</b>, Association of Communes of Romania  <b>Vladimir Jovanovic</b>, Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities, Serbia</p>	Moderated by <b>Alexandra Schantl</b> , Senior Adviser, KDZ
15.00	<p><b>European Union Policy Forum on Development</b></p> <p>What are the positions, demands and activities regarding decentralisation and public administration reform at local level in SEE?  How do European Institutions support local level in strengthening decentralisation?</p> <p>Introduction to Policy Forum on Development, <b>Antonio Fernandez de Velasco</b>, Program Officer DG DEVCO, European Commission</p> <p>Sharing EU experiences:  <b>Nives Kopajcic-Skrlec</b>, Association of Cities, Croatia  <b>Adrian Miroiu Lamba</b>, Association of Communes of Romania</p> <p>Joint position and further steps</p>	Moderated by <b>Wouter Boesman</b> , Policy Director PLATFORMA
16.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
16.30	<p><b>Cooperation of Platforma and NALAS on decentralisation in SEE</b></p> <p>PLATFORMA experiences of Eastern Partnership in decentralisation and public administration reform in local level, <b>Wouter Boesman</b>, Policy Director PLATFORMA, CEMR</p> <p>Overview of decentralisation status and challenges in SEE (NALAS)  <b>Kelmend Zajazi</b>, Executive Director, NALAS</p> <p>PLATFORMA activities in the Eastern Partnership: capacity building, national dialogue and EU advocacy, <b>Olivier Baumard</b>, Project Officer, CEMR</p> <p>Defining cooperation possibilities and next steps.  Closing Remarks, <b>Frédéric Vallier</b>, Secretary General, CEMR</p>	Moderated by <b>Wouter Boesman</b> , Policy Director PLATFORMA and <b>Thomas Prorok</b> , Deputy Managing Director, KDZ
17.30	<b>End</b>	