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DEVELOPMENT**

**LAUNCHING CONFERENCE**

## Local authorities and civil society: a partnership for development

*Committee of the Regions 28th March – Brussels*

The Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA) is pleased to welcome you to the *Launching Conference of WTD – Working Together for Development*.

The Conference gather the main European stakeholders in the field of development and aims at debating on the opportunities local authorities (LAs) have to work together with civil society organizations (CSOs) to foster a bottom up approach to development. In particular, the following issues will be raised:

- *the relaunch of the “Structured Dialogue - For an efficient partnership in development” and the possibility of having a better representation of LAs in it*
- *the difficulties faced by local authorities engaged in development and decentralised cooperation and the potentialities those challenges involve*
- *Europe, a leader in development issues. A model to replicate?*
- *European development policy and European Neighbourhood Policy: a necessary link*

## Draft Agenda

### **WEDNESDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> March**

13.30 – 14.00 Registration of participants at the Committee of the Regions front desk, Rue Belliard 99/101 - 1040 Brussels.

#### **14.00 – 14.20 Opening Ceremony**

**Ms Mercedes Bresso**, *President, Committee of the Regions*  
**Mr Per Vinther**, *President, ALDA*

#### **14.20 – 15.30 The institutional support to LAs and CSOs cooperation: a wide framework**

**Mr Egídio Canciani**, *Deputy Head of Division, European Neighbourhood Policy - Strategy & Instruments, EEAS - European External Action Service*  
**Mr Francesco Bicciato**, *ART Initiative Programme, UNDP*  
**Mr Antonio Márquez Camacho**, *European Commission, Directorate-General for Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid, Unit D.2: Civil Society, Local Authorities*

**Mr Ilya Subbotin**, *Political Advisor, Liaison Office of the Council of Europe with the European Union*

**Moderator: Mr Peter Soondergard**, *Senior Policy Officer, ALDA*

**15.30 – 15.50**      **WTD – Working Together for Development. Presentation of the Project**

**Ms Antonella Valmorbida**, *Director, ALDA*

15.50 – 16.10      Coffee Break

**16.10 – 18.00**      **Round Table: LAs & CSOs Working Together for Development**

**Ms Mariana Ivanova**, *President, UBBSLA, Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities*

**Mr Chuck Hirt**, *Director, CEECN, Central and Eastern European Citizens Network*

**Mr Murat Daoudov**, *Director of international cooperation, Union of Municipalities of Marmara*

**Ms Maria Rita Ines Mura**, *International Federation for Sustainable Development and Fight Against Poverty in the Mediterranean and Black Sea, FISP MED*

**Ms Elise Vanormelingen**, *Policy officer CONCORD, European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development*

**Ms Sandra Ceciari**, *Director of citizenship and international cooperation, Council of European Municipalities and Regions - CEMR*

**Moderator: Ms Ana Vasilache**, *Director, Partners for Local Development Foundation, FPDL*

*Questions and answers*

*Conclusions of the Conference by Ms Antonella Valmorbida, Director, ALDA*

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