

## **Seminar on best practice for Strengthening good governance at the local level Georgian Institute of Public Administration 19 April 2011**

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- 11:00**      **Opening of the seminar**
- 11:15**      **Local Government systems in Europe**  
- *Information about the European Charter of Local Self-Government*
- 11:30**      **The local Government system in Bulgaria**  
- *Experience with local government reforms during the past decades and discussion of local government reforms in other countries*  
- *Status of municipal servants*
- 12:15**      **Discussion and Questions**  
- *Which reforms have taken place in Georgia over the past years?*  
- *How do these reforms compare to the Bulgarian experience?*  
- *Which reforms are still expected and necessary?*  
- *How is the Charter used in Georgia?*
- 13:00**      **Break**
- 13:20**      **Legal framework for citizen participation in Bulgaria**  
- *Discussion of examples of citizen participation in Bulgaria and other European countries*  
- *Cooperation between local authorities and NGOs*  
- *How do municipalities engage citizens in their work?*  
- *Participation of young people*  
- *The Code of Good Practice for Civil Participation*
- 14:00**      **Discussion and Questions**  
- *How is citizen participation ensured in Georgia?*  
- *How does this compare to Bulgaria and other European countries?*  
- *How is the participation of young people in Georgia?*
- 14:45**      **Conclusions and discussion of how to follow up on the seminar**
- 15:00**      **End of Seminar**

**Languages: ENGLISH**