

Proposed Resolution of the Subgroup on Local Government and Public Administration Reform to the Civil Society Forum for Eastern Partnership – WG1, Chisenau, Moldova, 4/5 October 2013

- Considering that the Organisations belonging to the Subgroup have been very active this year, in liaison with the Committee of the Regions and its Corleap, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and the national Association of the local and Regional Authorities of the different respective countries
- Considering the importance of the challenge political, economical and social of decentralisation in the Eastern Partnership countries
- Considering the importance of territorial and balanced regional development and the further involvement of civil society in the matter
- Considering the relevance of good local governance for the future of the Eastern Partnership Countries in the path towards the adoption of European standards in local democracy and public administration

We are requesting the Civil Society Forum for Eastern Partnership to adopt among its priorities:

1. To support the development of **fiscal decentralisation** in the Eastern Partnership countries, in close cooperation with civil society and focusing on a stronger effort **in fighting against corruption**
2. To support a **Flagship on Municipal development and delivery of public services**
3. To support the **territorial and multistakeholder** approach of development with a constant networking and exchanges of local authorities with civil society at the local level, by supporting cross-border cooperation, territorial cooperation programmes and test of EGTC programme in the region
4. To call for supporting the implementation of the **European Charter on Local Self Government** in all the EaP countries, with a particular effort in Belarus (which did not ratify either the Charter) and Azerbaijan
5. To call for the signature and ratification of the **Additional Protocol to the European Charter of local Self-Government on the right to participate in the affairs of a local authority** (only Armenia signed and ratified this Protocol and the Ukraine only signed).
6. To give immediately the possibility to **pilot some initiatives on territorial cooperation engaging local/regional authorities and civil society**
7. To support to the **strengthening of the public service/civil service institutes**
8. To support to the **public administration structural reforms**