

Opening conference of Local Democracy Agency Armenia on Cooperation between local authorities and civil society

Friday, October 28, 2011

**Venue:
Gyumri City Hall
Vardanants sq. 1, Gyumri, Armenia**

11.00	<p>Welcoming Remarks and Opening the Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Vardan Ghukasyan, Mayor of Gyumri</i> - <i>Mr. Vache Terteryan, First deputy minister of the RA ministry of Territorial Administration</i> - <i>Mr. Emin Yeritsyan, President, Union of Communities of Armenia</i> - <i>Mr. Fabio Pellegrini, Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe</i> - <i>Mr. Per Vinther, President of the Association of Local Democracy Agencies</i>
11.30	<p>Rhone-Alpes and its involvement in LDA Armenia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mrs. Véronique Moreira, Vice-president of Region Rhone-Alpes responsible for development cooperation (video contribution)</i>
11.45	<p>The engagement of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe in South Caucasus and support to LDAs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Fabio Pellegrini, Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe</i>
12.00	<p>Gyumri City as host city for the Local Democracy Agency in Armenia – expectations and possibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Vardan Ghukasyan, Mayor of Gyumri</i>
12.15	<p>The role of LDA Armenia in developing cooperation between local authorities and civil society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Emin Yeritsyan, President, Union of Communities of Armenia</i>

12.30	Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding for LDA Armenia
13.00	<p>Panel discussion on Cooperation between local authorities and civil society and European cooperation in Armenia</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Varoujan Nersisyan, Mayor City of Ijevan (tbc)</i> - <i>Mrs. Armine Tukhikyan, Urban Foundation For Sustainable development</i> - <i>Mrs. Raffaella Viviani, Regional Administration of Friuli Venezia Giulia, Italy and Vice President of ALDA</i> - <i>Mrs. Antonella Valmorbida, Director, Association of Local Democracy Agencies</i> - <i>Mr. Ioseb Khakhaleishvili, Delegate and Executive Director LDA Georgia</i> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Per Vinther, President of the Association of Local Democracy Agencies</i> <p>Questions and discussion with participants in the opening conference.</p>
14.55	Conclusion of the Opening Conference
15.00	Reception hosted by city of Gyumri and visit the new premises for LDA Armenia

Languages: Armenian, English, French and Georgian



The event is part of the European Week of Local Democracy 2011 of the Council of Europe which takes place in October 2011 all over Europe.