

Panel on Public Administration Reform
26 September 2013, Prague
Draft Agenda

- 09:00 - 09:15 Welcome coffee
- 09:15 - 09:20 **I. Welcome by the Chair** (EEAS: R. Tibbels)
- 09:20 - 09:30 **II. Opening remarks by the host** (Petr Mares, Ambassador at large for Eastern Partnership tbc.)
- 09:30 - 09:45 **III. General remarks by the Chair** (EEAS: R. Tibbels)
- 09:45 -10:45 **IV. Implementation of the PPAR Work plan (I.)**
- General discussion on how participants think activities met the objectives under each Area of responsibility and what can still be done in the coming 6 months¹:
- Area 1:** Civil and public service laws/statutes/rules of recruitment
leaders: **Poland, Romania, Azerbaijan, Lithuania***
- Area 2:** Improving the internal coordination and external cooperation of administrations, including among interested partner countries/public private partnership/civil service training/ strategic planning
leaders: **Sweden, Moldova***
- Area 3:** Transparency, open government and data protection
leaders: **Georgia, Finland***
- Discussion
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee break

¹ The event planning will be done in advance of the Panel, preferably by a series of videoconferences with the leading countries.

- 11:00- 11:40 **IV. Implementation of the PPAR Work plan² (II.)**
- *General discussion on how participants think activities met the objectives under each Area of responsibility and what can still be done in the coming 6 months:*
- Area 4:** E-government
 leaders: Estonia, Azerbaijan
- Area 6:** Effective management of technical assistance
 leaders: Ukraine, Estonia
- Discussion
- 11:40-12:40 **V. Discussion on the new Work Programme**
- *Draft outline of a new Work programme will be circulated ahead of the Panel meeting based on comments received during the 4th Panel meeting in Baku. Participants are invited to make comments based on this draft.*
- 12:40- 13:15 **VI. ECEAP comparative report on public administration reform: annual update 2013** (*expert: Alexei Sekarev, Estonian EaP Centre*)
- Discussion
- 13:15-14:30 Lunch

<p style="text-align: center;">Afternoon session dedicated to Area 5 (Local/Regional Government) <i>leaders: Czech Republic in cooperation with CORLEAP and CSF</i></p>
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- 14:30- 15:00 **VII. Activities of the Czech Republic on Public Administration Reform at the local and regional level**
- Presentation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

² Area 5 of the Work programme will be the main theme of the afternoon session.

- Discussion on lessons learned (*speaker: Mr. Oleh Luksa, former Mayor of Uzhorod, Vice President of Association of cities, towns and villages "Transcarpathia-XXI century"*)

15:00- 15:15

VIII. Presentation of the Conference of the Regional and Local Authorities of the Eastern Partnership

- Introduction of CORLEAP and its priorities: (*Mr Mamuka Abuladze, CORLEAP-vice-chair, President of National Association of Local Authorities of Georgia. Presentation followed up by a short video from Vilnius CORLEAP Annual Meeting*)
- Discussion

15:00- 15:30

IX. Theme 1: Public Administration reform at local and regional level

- Presentation by *Mr Emin YERITSYAN, CORLEAP Bureau Member, President of the Union of Communities of Armenia*
- Discussion

15:30-15:45

Coffee break

15:45- 16:30

X. Theme 2: Financial/Fiscal decentralisation

- Presentation by the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic (*expert Pavel Křeček, Regional Budget Financing Department*)
- Presentation of the recommendations on fiscal decentralisation from the Civil Society Forum for Eastern Partnership, Subgroup on Local Government and Public Administration reform, *Antonella Valmorbida, Director of the Association of the Local Democracy Agencies.*
- Discussion

16:30-17:30

XI. Theme 3: Territorial Decentralisation/Cooperation between municipalities in the EU and EaP countries

- Presentation of situation in Ukraine on Territorial Cooperation (*Volodymyr KUPRII, Head of Public Council of National Agency of Ukraine on Civil Service, WG1 Coordinator of Ukrainian National Platform of CSF*)

- Case study on Dnipropetrovsk Oblast In Ukraine and Lower Silesia in Poland: (*Victor Liakh, President East Europe Foundation*)

-Presentation by the International Advisory Centre for Municipalities, Prague (*David Koppitz, CEO and Project Manager, International Advisory Centre for Municipalities*)

- Discussion

17:30-17:45

XII. Closing remarks

20:00

Dinner