

Human development and social service delivery at local level – a shared challenge for LRA and CSO in the EaP area. Obstacles and opportunities for cooperation.

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Cooperation between LRA (Local & Regional Authorities) and CSO (civil society organisations) in the Eastern Partnership countries at the local level opens up new opportunities to develop and implement effective development strategies and contribute a unique perspective to policy making.

Experience shows that CSO play an important role in strengthening LRA in EaP, in particular when it comes to the delivery of basic social services, advocacy toward central governments, raising citizens' awareness, contribution to local evidence-based decision making and capacity building. Involving local CSOs in the process of definition of local development plans, including the delivery of basic social services is of key importance to ensure sustainable, balanced and inclusive local development processes.

PROGRAMME

Registration 14.15 – 14.30

14.30 – 16.30 **Round table: Human development and social service delivery at local level: Obstacles and opportunities for cooperation.**

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