



International Conference

“EMPOWERING CITIZENS AND STRENGTHENING LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES: LESSONS LEARNED AND OPPORTUNITIES FROM EAST TO SOUTH”

7th of June 2012 - h. 14.30 – 18.00

Auditorium Friuli Venezia Giulia Region headquarter

Via Sabbadini 31, Udine (Italy)

AGENDA

14.30 - 15.15 Welcome addresses by:

Per Vinther, *President of ALDA*

Keith Whitmore, *President of the Congress of Regional and Local Authorities of Council of Europe*

Ivan Jakovcic, *President of the Region Istria Croatia*

Francesco Attaguile, *Director of International and European Affairs of Sicilian Region and representative of the Interinstitutional Forum “United by Mediterranean”*

Renzo Tondo, *President of Friuli Venezia Giulia Region*

15.15 - 16.30 **First panel: An opportunity for consolidating the European Policy and Action in Neighbouring Countries.**

Moderator: Elio De Anna, Regional Councillor for culture, sport and international relations, Friuli Venezia Giulia Region

Taulègne Béatrice, *Deputy Director Direction E “Horizontal policies and networks”, Committee of the Regions*

Claudio Cressati, *President European Federalist Movement, Friuli Venezia Giulia*

Ilina Nesik, *Project and Communication Manager Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN)*

Milena Garthley, *Project manager for Nalas, Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South Eastern Europe*

Cristino Pedraza, *Senior Advisor Art in UNDP Morocco*

16.30 – 16.50 **Coffee break**

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16.50 - 18.00 **Second panel: Network of Civil Society active for Local Governance. Lesson learned and ideas for the near future.**

Moderator: **Ulad Vialicka**, Chair EuroBelarus

Dzenana Dedic, *Delegates' representative LDAs network*

Monsef Ben Slimane, *representative from network LAM ECHAML, Tunisia*

Avi Rabinovitch, *expert in Municipal development in the Med area*

Claudio Di Giorgio, *Head of External Relations, Informest*

Milan Kajo Zboril, *CEECN, Central and Eastern European Citizens Network representing Working Together for Development Alliance*

Azay Guliyev, *Chairman of the Council of State Support to Non-Governmental Organizations under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan*

Questions and answers

Antonella Valmorbida, Director of ALDA, closing remarks.

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