Resilient municipality and public administration in the Eastern Partnership countries

A project by the Union of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic as part of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU 2022

Dates: November 2 – 4, 2022

Organizers: The Union of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic (Project Coordinator), the Liberec Region, European Committee of the Regions, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, DG NEAR – Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations

Venue: Prague, Liberec, selected municipalities in the Liberec Region

Activities: opening reception, conference – hybrid format, field trips to selected municipalities in the Liberec Region – members of the Voluntary Associations of Municipalities (DSO)

The “Resilient Local Government and Public Administration in Eastern Partnership Countries” event aims to create suitable conditions for effective and resilient local governments in the countries of the Eastern Partnership Associated Trio (Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia). It focuses on crisis management and resilience building in connection with the ongoing war in Ukraine, aims to support the transfer of the most up-to-date experiences among participants and help establish international connections to aid rapid reconstruction of Ukrainian cities and municipalities in the spirit of the “build-back-better” principal.

Event – activities:

A. Meeting of the Committee of the Regions – Conference of Regional and Local Authorities of the Eastern Partnership Countries (CORLEAP)

B. Provide transfer of experience via field trips to selected municipalities in the Liberec Region – members of the Voluntary Associations of Municipalities (DSO)
C. Conference: “Perspectives and transfer of transformation experience in relation to the resilience of local governments”

**Funding of the event:** Czech Development Agency / Liberec Region/ Ministry of Foreign Affairs / DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement

**Stakeholders:**

- CORLEAP members (elected representatives of EU and Eastern Partnership countries)
- Representatives of local governments from the countries of the Associated Trio
- Selected representatives of local governments from Ukraine and European countries most affected by the refugee crisis (Poland, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary, and others)
- Elected representatives of local governments in the Czech Republic, representatives of the Voluntary Associations of Municipalities (DSO)
- The Union of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic, partner associations of towns and municipalities from the countries of the Associated Trio
- Representatives of EU organisations: DG NEAR, CoR and other relevant institutions
- Professional and academic public from the Czech Republic

**Activity schedule:**

- **2.11.2022, Prague**
  Event's opening ceremony in the form of a reception at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the participation of the Minister of Foreign Affairs
- **3.11.2022, Liberec**
  Meeting of the CORLEAP Conference of Regional and Local Authorities of Eastern Partnership Countries
- **3.11.2022, Liberec Region**
  Field trips to selected municipalities in the Liberec Region with focus on showing examples of decentralization, crisis management, energy and waste management
- **4.11.2022, Liberec**
  Conference “Perspectives and transfer of transformation experience in relation to resilience of local governments”. The conference will feature 4 moderated thematic panels:
  - Ukraine I - Crisis Management / Ukraine II - Reconstruction / Management and Energy Self-Sufficiency / Waste Decentralization
The main coordinator of the project is the Union of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic - Section of Regional Development and Foreign Relations

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