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MEETING OF NALAS MEMBERS' PRESIDENTS



Climate Change on Local Governments' Agenda in South-East Europe

Tulcea, Romania | 15 – 16 June 2012

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Dear Presidents, Mayors, Liaison Officers, Dear Guests,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the Annual Meeting of NALAS Members' Presidents here in Tulcea, this time hosted by the Association of Communes of Romania.

Driven by NALAS ongoing activities in the area of energy efficiency and prevention of climate change, but also inspired by this beautiful place on Danube which is a famous natural reserve with an exceptional preservation of biodiversity, the main topic of this year President Meeting is “**Climate Change on Local Governments' Agenda in**

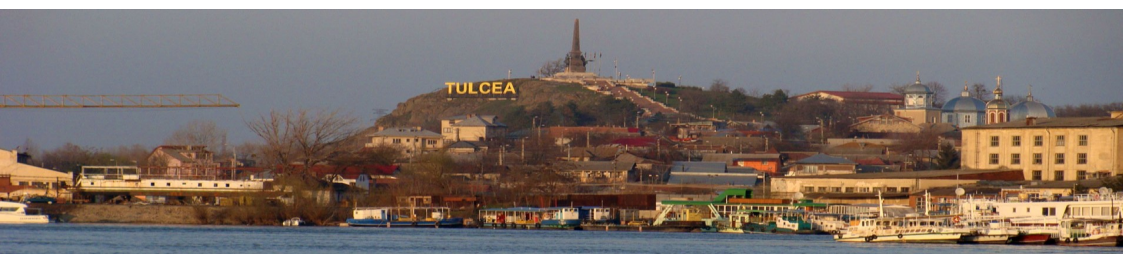
South-East Europe”. We will look at the global trends in this area and discuss how our associations are positioning themselves to meet these challenges. Our partners from UNDP will take part in the discussion in the frame of our joint program “Think Globally Develop Locally” which supports bringing climate change actions at local level. NALAS Presidents' Meeting and its side events will be a good opportunity for you to get updated about NALAS activities but also enjoy the beauty of the Tulcea region.

During these days many city leaders from all over the world, local government associations, national governments, businesses and the private sector, civil society and NGOs, and the science community are gathering on the other side of the world in Brazil for the biggest world summit in 2012 (Rio+20 Conference) to discuss how to prevent our planet and secure a bright future for the next generations. We know that the 21st century will see urbanization increase in speed and scale. This high level NALAS meeting is to focus on this issue and relate it to the wider policy discussions. It will be a lively event which disseminates newest knowledge, raises pertinent questions, and prepares the ground for tangible action. By getting involved you can ensure that you become part of this important, future oriented event. You can contribute with your experience and insights on the sustainable urban future and influence the policy discussion.

We wish you an enjoyable stay in Tulcea and believe that you will find this event a useful opportunity in strengthening your professional ties and do show your commitment to contribute in global climate change initiatives.

Ozgen Keskin, NALAS President
Mayor of Yildirim Municipality

Emil Draghici, ACoR President
Mayor of Vulcana Bai Municipality



The **Danube Delta** is the second largest river delta in Europe, after the Volga Delta, and is the best preserved on the continent. The greater part of the Danube Delta lies in Romania (Tulcea County), while its northern part, on the left bank of the Chilia arm, is situated in Ukraine (Odessa Oblast). This is the largest continuous marshland in Europe which includes the greatest stretch of reedbeds probably in the world. The marsh vegetation is dominated by reeds *Phragmites Australis* which form floating or fixed islands of decaying vegetation ('plaur') with some *Typha angustifolia* and *Scirpus* sp. Over 300 species of birds have been recorded, of which over 176 species breed. The Delta is very important for fish with 45 fresh water species present including threatened representatives of the *Acipenseridae*. The forest areas contain several rare reptiles, including *Vipera ursini*, *Elaphe longissima*, and *Eremias arguta deserti*.

Climate Change on Local Governments' Agenda in South East Europe Local Integrated Response Network

Thursday, 14 June – Arrival to Tulcea, Romania (Accommodation at Hotel Delta) – bus transport Bucuresti-Tulcea is provided for participants arriving by plane at Bucharest airport

DAY 1 - Friday, 15 June 2012 – Hotel Delta

08.30 - 09.00	Registration of participants
	Opening Speeches (7 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Ozgen KESKIN, NALAS President Mr Emil DRAGHICI, President of Association of Communes of Romania (ACoR) Ms Rovana PLUMB, Minister of Environment and Forests (tbc) Mr Victor Paul DOBRE, Delegated Minister of Public Administration (tbc)
09.00 - 10.00	Welcome Address (3 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Victor TARHON, President of Tulcea county Mr Tudor PENDIU, President of the Romanian Association of Municipalities (AMR) Mr Constantin HOGEA, Mayor of Tulcea municipality Ms Clare ROMANIK, UNDP Bratislava Regional Center Ms Sirma CARAMAN, President of the Association of Economic Directors and Accountants from Romanian counties, Economic Director of Tulcea county council <p>Moderator: Mr Ozgen Keskin, NALAS President</p>
10.00 - 11.00	Panel Discussion: Climate Change – Global Impacts, Challenges, Responses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video presentation: Mr James Hansen (recorded in March 2012) How serious the problem is? Ms Daniela Carrington, UNDP Bratislava Regional Center Climate Change in Danube Delta – Ms Viorica BÎSCĂ, Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Governor <p>Discussion: Presidents' input (Tatiana Badan, Ahmed Bashev, Darko Bras, Aleksandar Bogdanovic, Izet Mexhiti, Emil Draghici, Tudor Pendiuc) and other participants Moderator: Ms Ginka Tchavdarova, Executive Director of National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria</p>
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 - 13.30	Local Integrated Response Network Roundtable Discussion: Climate Change actions in SEE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Think Globally, Develop Locally” NALAS / UNDP initiative for addressing climate change and sustainable development at local level in South-East Europe – Mr Georgi Hristov, Project Specialist Presentation of Climate Change Action Plan of Turkey – Ms Aynur Acan, Director of Environmental Management Centre of Union of Municipalities of Marmara Local Government Associations' Action Plans on Climate Change – Presentations by Ms Tatiana Badan (CALM), Mr Izet Mexhiti & Mr Ljupco Dimov (ZELS), Mr Avni Sfishta (AKM) Global Environment Fund and Local Governments – Ms Tania Mihu, National Coordinator for the GEF Small Grants Programme in Romania <p>Discussion: Presidents' input (Tatiana Badan, Ahmed Bashev, Darko Bras, Aleksandar Bogdanovic, Izet Mexhiti, Emil Draghici, Tudor Pendiuc) and other participants Moderator: Mr Mladen Ivanovic, Association of Municipalities of the Republic of Croatia</p>
13.30 - 14.00	NALAS in support to Rio+20 and EU 20/20/20 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> SEE Local Government voice to Rio+20 (Letter to Rio+20 World Summit) – Mr Emil Draghici, ACoR President EU20/20/20 Session: Covenant of Mayors Office for Western Balkan – Ms Milena Garthley, NALAS Program Officer <p>Chaired by Mr Ozgen Keskin, NALAS President</p>
13.30 - 15.00	Lunch & Free afternoon
15.30 - 18.00	NALAS Task Force on Association Development - NALAS Liaison Officers only
18.00 - 19.00	CLO Meeting – NALAS Liaison Officers only
20.00	Dinner at Hotel Delta
DAY 2 - Saturday, 16 June 2012	
08.30 - 10.30	NALAS Strategic Plan 2013-2017 Speeches addressed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Ozgen Keskin, NALAS President Ms Ludmila Sfirloaga, Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Update about main developments in each LGA Presentation of NALAS Strategic Planning LGA Presidents' visions
11.00 - 18.00	Boat Excursion in Danube Delta Itinerary: Tulcea- Bratul Tulcea - Canal Mila 35 - Canal Sontea (the birds reservation 'Lac Nebunu') – transfer on the small boats and the visit of the lakes :“Nebunu”, Lake “Lung”, Lake “Martin” – transfer back to the boat- Cot Candura - Canal Sontea - Canal Sireasa de Nord (view to the city Ismail from Ukraine) - canal Mila 35 - Brat Tulcea - Tulcea. Lunch served on the boat
20.00	Festive Dinner with Folkloric show offered by ACoR (hotel Delta)
Sunday, 17 June – Departures	