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Seminar "Local public ethics: from vision to action" in Kyiv, Ukraine

Strasbourg, 21 June 2016 – The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities is organising a regional seminar on "Local public ethics: from vision to action" from 21 – 23 June 2016 in Kyiv (Ukraine), as part of the EU/CoE Programmatic Co-operation Framework (PCF) for 2015-2017 for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus.

The seminar will gather together local elected representatives, associations of local and regional authorities and experts from across the region and other European countries to share experience on the ways to enhance transparency and develop local public policies with higher ethical standards. Through interactive sessions, the seminar will aim to increase the awareness and readiness of mayors to promote ethical governance in their daily initiatives, and ensure inclusive citizen participation in local decision-making.

This event is held as part of a peer-to-peer programme that provides a platform for exchange between mayors, selected for their commitment to leading change in their communities and to implementing innovative and ethical actions at the local level. It will empower mayors in enhancing transparency and accountability in their municipalities, through new processes and methods developed throughout the programme duration.

The local elected representatives involved in this seminar reflect balanced gender, territorial and political representation in each country, highlighting the inclusive approach taken within the programme for strengthening frameworks for local governance in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus.

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