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## Press release

### Strengthening the capacities and cooperation of local elected representatives in Albania

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and the Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South East Europe (NALAS) are jointly organising a seminar in Tirana, on 28 September 2011 at Hotel Rogner Europapark, targeting the newly elected local representatives, mayors of Municipalities and Chairs of their respective councils.

Building a positive dialogue among newly elected local representatives and their key role as part of a democratic, pluralistic, political system will be at the centre of this seminar which is organised with the support of the Swiss Co-operation Office in Albania and the OSCE Presence in the country.

European mayors, Congress members, and Presidents of National Associations of NALAS will join the event to contribute to the debate and to build up a climate of confidence in the interests of good governance and for the enhancement of local self-government.

The Congress and NALAS are convinced of the need for a real political dialogue to improve local democracy and ensure that the principles of the European Charter of Local Self-Government are implemented.

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