

**Programme of the Annual Meeting of the
 CONFERENCE OF THE REGIONAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES
 FOR THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP (CORLEAP)
 Leograd Hotel & Convention Center | Chişinău (Moldova) | 17 September 2012**

Sunday 16 September 2012

Afternoon	Arrival of participants and transfer to hotels
19.00	Official dinner

Monday 17 September 2012

9.00 – 9.30	Accreditation and coffee
9.30 – 10.00	CORLEAP Bureau meeting <i>(in camera)</i>
10.00 – 10.15	Opening of the meeting by co-chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorin Chirtoacă, Mayor of Chişinău and co-chair of the CORLEAP • Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, President of the Committee of the Regions and co-chair of the CORLEAP
10.15 – 10.30	Eastern Partnership: Current stage of affairs and challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristalina Georgieva, European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response • Iurie Leancă, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova (tbc)
10.30 – 11.30	Local and regional authorities and the Eastern Partnership: What are the key issues? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Nathaniel Copsey, Aston Centre for Europe, Aston University, UK - <i>Presentation of the report "Contribution of local and regional authorities to the development of the Eastern Partnership - framework and opportunities"</i> - <i>Discussion on the report and on the topics of public administration reform, supporting and strengthening local self governance, democracy and transparency in a multilevel governance setting and territorial development</i>
11.30 – 11.45	Coffee break / Press point
11.45 – 13.00	The way forward: How can we promote a more active role of local and regional government in the Eastern Partnership Policy? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Dorin Chirtoacă, Mayor of Chisinau and co-chair of the CORLEAP CORLEAP debate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Discussion</i> - <i>Adoption of conclusions</i>
13.00 – 13.30	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, President of the Committee of the Regions and co-chair of the CORLEAP • Dorin Chirtoacă, Mayor of Chişinău and co-chair of the CORLEAP
13.30	Family Picture

13.35	Walking lunch ¹
15.00 – 16.30	<p>Q&A session</p> <p>Projects at regional level in the EaP countries - opportunities for funding and lessons learned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Dr. Copsey, Aston Centre for Europe, Aston University, UK • Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) represented by Ms Iachimov and Mr Buftac, advisors of the project Modernisation of Local Public Services in Moldova • Hanns Seidel Foundation represented by Mr Fiesinger, Head of Section for Central, East and Southeast Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, • European Bank for Reconstruction and Development represented by Ms Otto, Head of Office in Moldova • European Commission, DG Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid represented by Ms Persson, Deputy Head of Unit - Head of Sector Cross Border Cooperation • European Investment Bank represented by Mr Olbers, Director of Lending Operations Eastern Neighbours, Sth. Caucasus, Central Asia

Interpretation will be provided to/from: EN, ES, PL, RO, RU

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Before the conference, during the coffee break and also in parallel with the lunch, a presentation of the *Portal and Atlas of decentralised cooperation* will take place outside the room. The participants of the conference can approach the stand also during the conference with individual questions with regards to Portal and Atlas.

