

DRAFT AGENDA
Forum of Cities and Regions
„Investing in Western Balkans-Investing in Europe”
4-6.06.2019 Rzeszów - Jasionka

4 JUNE	
20.00-21.30	Evening reception hosted by Władysław ORTYL, Marshal of the Podkarpackie Voivodship, Poland
5 JUNE	
09.30-10.00	Registration and coffee break
10.00-11.00	<p>Opening of the Forum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jerzy KWIECIŃSKI, Minister of Investment and Economic Development, Poland • Władysław ORTYL, Marshal of the Podkarpackie Voivodship and Deputy President of Union of the Provinces of the Republic of Poland (tbc) • Maciej POPOWSKI, Deputy Director General, DG Near, European Commission • Peter SHILEGOV, President of the Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe (NALAS), Mayor of Skopje, North Macedonia <p><i>Summary presentation of NALAS / Centre for Public Administration Research (KDZ) survey “Potential Contributions of South East European Local Governments to the Regional Economic Area”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amer KAPETANOVIC, Head of Political Department, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)
11.00-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-15:15 PARALLEL SESSIONS:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MINISTERIAL SESSION • SESSION ON TERRITORIAL COOPERATION 	
11.30 – 15.15	<p>MINISTERIAL SESSION</p> <p><i>Support for the Western Balkans in the process of European integration and economic transformation</i></p> <p><i>Tour de table</i></p> <p>Participants: High level guests from Berlin Process, partners and representatives of the European Commission, European Committee of the Regions, EIB, EBRD</p> <p><i>Topics: How to support entrepreneurship and competitiveness? What instruments and mechanisms are the most effective? How to increase the possibilities of engaging private capital?</i></p> <p><i>Smart specializations as an instrument supporting the economic transformation and</i></p>

	<p><i>innovation of regions.</i></p> <p><i>The role of macro-regional strategies and other interregional cooperation mechanisms comprehensively addressing the problems and challenges common to a given area.</i></p> <p>13.30 – 14.00 Family photo, press conference</p> <p>14.00 – 15.15 Working lunch</p> <p>Presentations of results of JRC project for Western Balkans regarding support for smart specialisation process – Monika MATUSIAK, expert, Joint Research Center (JRC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of an advanced draft of the report "Smart specialisation in the Western Balkans – potential for knowledge-based economic cooperation" with an accompanying online tool. <p>The report shows the existing critical mass and emerging sectors in all Western Balkan economies, including the potential for economic cooperation and is matched by an in-depth analysis of collaboration in science, technology and innovative projects, not only within the region but also with EU Member States.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the JRC Smart Specialisation Framework for the Enlargement and Neighbourhood Countries that shows how an EU policy has been adapted to the context of the countries aspiring to apply it beyond EU. <p>The presentation will also include the present state of play concerning the progress of smart specialisation in the Western Balkans and good experience of sharing the Polish and the MS experiences in this context.</p>
<p>11.30-15.15</p>	<p>SESSION ON TERRITORIAL COOPERATION</p> <p>11.30-13.00 Session I Experiences of partnership cooperation in the implementation of projects – the perspective of Interreg, Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance Programme (IPA) and European Neighbouring Instrument beneficiaries (ENI).</p> <p>Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • representatives of the beneficiary from Interreg Poland – Saxony Programme • representatives of the beneficiary from Poland – Belarus – Ukraine Programme (ENI) • representatives of the beneficiary from IPA Programme • representatives of the beneficiary from Central Europe Programme <p>13.00-14.00 Lunch</p> <p>14.00-15.15 Session II New opportunities and challenges - preparation of territorial cooperation programmes 2020+</p> <p>Discussion panel of representatives of the following institutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Commission DG Regio, • Centre for Eastern Studies, • Ministry of Investment and Economic Development of Poland - Department of Territorial Cooperation, as the Managing Authority of the Interreg and ENI programmes, <p>National Authority from the IPA programme.</p>
<p>15.15-16.00</p>	<p>Tour around beneficiaries' stands presenting the results of projects co-financed by the EU and a photo exhibition on the effects of EU funds implementation (presented in the</p>

	Forum exhibition area)
16.15-18.00	Free time
18.30-22.30	<p>Evening at the Łańcut Castle (all participants)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sightseeing of Łańcut Castle <i>(in groups)</i> • Concert • Reception
6 JUNE	
<p>2 PARALLEL SESSIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SESSION, CO-HOSTED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF POLISH CITIES, THE UNION OF THE PROVINCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND AND NALAS • SESSION ON VIA CARPATIA PROJECT, HOSTED BY THE MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE <i>(tbc)</i> <p>PROGRAMME FOR MINISTERS</p>	
09.30-13.30	LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SESSION, CO-HOSTED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF POLISH CITIES, THE UNION OF THE PROVINCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND AND NALAS
09.00-09.30	Registration and welcome coffee
09.30-11.30	<p>PART I</p> <p>OPENING: Andrzej PORAWSKI (Director in the Association of Polish Cities) and Kelmend ZAJAZI (NALAS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NALAS/KDZ survey “Potential Contributions of South East European Local Governments to the Regional Economic Area” – presentation of the results - Thomas PROROK, Deputy Director KDZ (Centre for Public Administration Research, Vienna, Austria) • Mr. Peter WOLF, Programme Manager, GIZ ORF MMS <p>QUALITY OF LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality public services – presentation of findings of NALAS Regional Decentralisation Observatory report (RDO) for South-East Europe on the 2nd dimension “Quality Public Services” – Prof. dr Aleksandar STOJKOV, NALAS Advisor • Human smart city – Maciej AULAK, Director, Ministry of Investment and Economic Development (tbc), Dużanka GOLUBOVIĆ, Mayor of Sombor (Serbia) • Solid Waste and Water Management – Irem SILAJDZIC (Bosnia), Danijela DJUROVIC (Montenegro) and representatives of the Association of Polish Cities • Energy Efficiency and Urban Mobility – Miodrag GLUSCEVIC (Serbia) and representatives of the Association of Polish Cities • Panel discussion <p>Krzysztof Matyjaszczyk (Mayor of Częstochowa - EE; Andrzej Dziuba (Mayor of Tychy - transport; Piotr Przytocky (Mayor of Krosno - modern local services for city</p>

	development)
11.30-12.00	Coffee break
12.00-13.30	PART II COAL REGIONS IN TRANSITION - tbc
13.30-14.30	Lunch
SESSION ON VIA CARPATIA PROJECT, HOSTED BY THE MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE (tbc)	
09.00-09.30	Registration and welcome coffee
09.30-11.30	Session on Via Carpatia project - Part I
11.30-12.00	Coffee break
12.00-13.00	Session – Part II
13.00-14.00	Lunch
PROGRAMME FOR MINISTERS	
10.00-13.00	Cultural Programme/Study visit