

**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	<p>Evening reception hosted by Władysław ORTYL, Marshal of the Podkarpackie Voivodship, Poland</p> <p>Venue: Hotel Rzeszów, Room “Sala bankietowa” (level 4)</p>
5 JUNE	
Venue of the FORUM: Conference center - G2A Arena Jasionka	
09.30-10.00	Registration and welcome coffee
10.00-11.00 <i>Room: „Sala Kongresowa” / “Congress room”</i>	<p><b>OPENING OF THE FORUM</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Marta SZPALA</b>, Centre for Eastern Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jerzy KWIECIŃSKI, Minister of Investment and Economic Development, Poland</li> <li>• Władysław ORTYL, Marshal of the Podkarpackie Voivodship and Deputy President of Union of the Provinces of the Republic of Poland</li> <li>• Maciej POPOWSKI, Deputy Director General, DG Near, European Commission</li> <li>• Dušana GOLUBOVIĆ, NALAS Vice President, Mayor of Sombor Municipality</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• Elda KALAJA, Head of Office of the Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)</li> </ul>
11.00-11.30 <i>Room: Exhibition hall</i>	<p>the Coffee break/ <b>Tour around beneficiaries’ stands</b> presenting results of projects co-financed by the EU and a photo exhibition on the effects of EU funds implementation (presented in the Forum exhibition area throughout the day)</p>
<p><b>SESSIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIGH LEVEL SESSION</li> <li>• SESSION ON TERRITORIAL COOPERATION</li> <li>• SESSION ON VIA CARPATIA</li> </ul>	
11.00 – 15.15 <i>Room: Conference room nr 2</i>	<p><b>HIGH LEVEL SESSION PROGRAMME (VIP ONLY)</b></p> <p><b>11.00 -11.45</b> - Coffee break/<b>Tour around beneficiaries’ stands</b> presenting the results of projects co-financed by the EU and a photo exhibition on the effects of EU funds implementation (presented in the Forum exhibition area throughout the day)</p> <p><b>11.00 – 11.20</b> – Minister Kwieciński briefing</p>

<p>Room: Conference room nr 3</p>	<p><b>11.45 – 13.45 – HIGH LEVEL SESSION- <i>Support for the Western Balkans in the process of European integration and economic transformation</i></b></p> <p>13.45 – 14.15 <b>Family photo</b></p> <p>14.15– 15.15 <b>High level working lunch (restaurant room)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introduction: Jerzy KWIECIŃSKI</b>, Minister of Investment and Economic Development, Poland and <b>Charlina VITCHEVA</b>, Deputy Director General, Joint Research Centre (JRC)</li> <li>• <b>Presentations of results of JRC project for Western Balkans regarding support for smart specialisation process – Manuel PALAZUELOS</b>, Team Leader, Smart Specialisation Platform, Joint Research Centre (JRC) and <b>Monika MATUSIAK</b>, expert, Joint Research Center (JRC)</li> </ul> <p><b>15.15 – 16.15 Participation in the session on Via Carpatia</b></p>
<p><b>11.30-15.15</b></p> <p>Room: Conference room nr 1</p>	<p><b>SESSION ON TERRITORIAL COOPERATION</b></p> <p><b>OPENING OF THE SESSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adam HAMRYSZCZAK</b>, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Investment and Economic Development, Poland</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Albert SORROSAL</b>, Senior Expert, TESIM ENI CBC</p> <p><b>11.35-13.00 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)</b></p> <p><b>Participants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kinga HARTMANN-WÓYCICKA</b>, Chairwoman of the Foundation Memory, Education, Culture; presentation of Polish-German reconciliation projects; Interreg Poland – Saxony Program</li> <li>• <b>Marek DUDA</b>, Director, Rzeszów Regional Development Agency (Poland) and <b>Ivan KULCHYTSKYI</b>, President of Agency of European Innovations (Ukraine); <i>FARADAY - Building of permanent mechanisms for cross-border cooperation in the field of RES</i>; Poland - Belarus - Ukraine program (ENI)</li> <li>• <b>Milos RADOJEVIC</b> and <b>Marina TUCOVIĆ</b>; Textile Recycling for Sustainable Solutions (ReTex), Serbia-Montenegro program (IPA)</li> <li>• <b>Sandra VASIN</b>, City of Stuttgart (Germany) and <b>Grzegorz GZYL</b>, Central Mining Institute (Poland), <i>"AMIIGA. Integrated quality management of groundwater in urban functional areas "</i>; Interreg Central Europe Program</li> </ul> <p>13.00-14.00 <b>Lunch</b></p> <p>14.00-15.15 <b>Session II New opportunities and challenges - preparation of territorial cooperation programmes 2020+</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moray GILLAND</b>, Head of Unit for Policy Development &amp; Economic Analysis; European Commission DG Regio</li> <li>• <b>Sanda ŠIMIĆ</b>, Head of Unit, Ministry of European Integration, National Institution for IPA programs, Serbia</li> <li>• <b>János Ádám KARÁCSONY</b>, Member of Tahitótfalu council (Hungary), Member of</li> </ul>

	<p>the European Committee of the Regions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mateusz GNIAZDOWSKI</b>, Deputy Director, Center for Eastern Studies, Poland</li> <li>• <b>Rafał BALIŃSKI</b>, Director, Department of the Territorial Cooperation, Ministry of Investment and Economic Development, Poland</li> </ul>
<p><b>15.15-16.15</b></p> <p><i>Room: Conference room nr 3</i></p>	<p><b>SESSION ON VIA CARPATIA</b></p> <p><b>“Via Carpatia project as the main international road corridor connecting basins of the Baltic, the Black, the Aegean and the Adriatic Seas – synergies and opportunities to exploit for the region”</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Paweł SKOWROŃSKI</b>, Director of Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Infrastructure, Poland</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ina TOPIĆ</b>, Head of Service for Strategic Planning and Project Development, Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure, Croatia</li> <li>• <b>Dejan NOVOVIĆ</b>, Head of the Development Division, Port of Bar, Montenegro</li> <li>• <b>Marcin FIJOŁEK</b>, Deputy Director, Marshal Office of the Podkarpackie Voivodship</li> <li>• <b>Mihaela MOCANU</b>, Representative of the Ministry of Transport, Romania</li> </ul>
<b>16.15-17.45</b>	Return to the hotels and free time
<b>17.45-18.15</b>	Transfer from the hotels to the Łańcut Castle ( <i>shuttle buses</i> )
<b>18.15-22.00</b>	<p><b>Gala at the Łańcut Castle</b></p> <p><b>18.15-19.15</b> Sightseeing of Łańcut Castle (<i>in groups with guide</i>)</p> <p><b>19.15-19.30</b> Aperitif</p> <p><b>19.30-20.30</b> Concert</p> <p><b>20.30-22.00</b> Reception</p>
<b>22.00-22.30</b>	Return to Rzeszów ( <i>shuttle buses</i> )
<b>6 JUNE</b>	
<p><b>SESSIONS:</b></p> <p><b>LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SESSIONS (2 PARTS)</b></p> <p><b>PROGRAMME FOR HIGH LEVEL GUESTS</b></p>	
<b>09.00-09.30</b>	Registration and welcome coffee
<p><b>09.30-11.30</b></p> <p><i>Room: Conference room nr 1</i></p>	<p><b>PART I</b></p> <p><b>LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SESSION, CO-HOSTED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF POLISH CITIES, THE UNION OF THE PROVINCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND AND NALAS</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Andrzej PORAWSKI</b>, Director, Association of Polish Cities</p> <p><b>9.30-10.10 OPENING OF THE SESSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Małgorzata JAROSIŃSKA-JEDYNAK</b>, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Investment and</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Economic Development, Poland</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Andrzej PORAWSKI</b>, Director, Association of Polish Cities</li> <li>• <b>Kelmend ZAJAZI</b>, Executive Director, NALAS</li> <li>• <b>David ABELER</b>, Member of the ORF MMS (Open Regional Fund for South-East Europe – Modernisation of Municipal Services) Management Team</li> <li>• <b>Darko MRVALJEVIC</b>, Regional EU Expert: Presentation of the results of the NALAS/KDZ survey “Potential Contributions of South East European Local Governments to the Regional Economic Area”</li> </ul> <p><b>10.10-10.40 SESSION ON THE QUALITY OF LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Quality public services – presentation of findings of NALAS Regional Decentralisation Observatory report (RDO) for South-East Europe on the 2nd dimension “Quality Public Services”</b> – <b>Boris IVANOVSKI</b>, NALAS Secretariat, Programme Officer</li> <li>• <b>Human smart city – Maciej AULAK</b>, Director, Ministry of Investment and Economic Development</li> </ul> <p><b>10.40-11.30 Panel discussion on quality of local public services</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Irem SILAJDZIC</b>, Member of the NALAS Task Force on Solid Waste and Water Management, representative of the Association of Towns and Municipalities of the Federation of Bosnia and Hercegovina</li> <li>- <b>Danijela DJUROVIC</b>, Vice Mayor of the Municipality of Herceg Novi, Montenegro</li> <li>- <b>Miodrag GLUSCEVIC</b>, Member of the NALAS Task Force on SWWM, Head of Department of the Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities from Serbia</li> <li>- <b>Piotr PRZYTOCKI</b>, Mayor of Krosno, Poland</li> <li>- <b>Ryszard PABIAN</b>, Mayor of Jasło</li> <li>- <b>Marcin ROGALA</b>, Representative of Tychy, Poland</li> </ul>
11.30-12.00	Coffee break
12.00-13.25 <i>Room: Conference room nr 1</i>	<p><b>PART II</b></p> <p><b>SESSION „JUST TRANSITION OF THE COAL REGIONS – OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES”</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Jan BONDARUK</b>, Deputy Director for Environmental Engineering of the Main Mining Institute, Poland</p> <p><b>12.00-12.10 Daniel BALIŃSKI</b>, Deputy Director of Department for Development Strategy, Ministry of Investment and Economic Development</p> <p><b>12.10-12.20 Introduction of the Coal Regions in Transition Initiative – Aleksandra TOMCZAK</b>, Policy Coordinator, Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission</p> <p><b>12.20-12.40 Success story of transformation – share of the best practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Zdeněk KARÁSEK</b>, Governor ‘s Deputy for RESTART and Coal Platform in Moravia-Silesia, Czech Republic</li> </ul> <p><b>12.40-13.25 Vision of the coal and post-coal regions - transition strategies and projects</b></p>

	<p><b>ideas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dimitrios MAVROMATIDIS</b>, Director, Regional Development Fund of Western Macedonia, Greece</li> <li>• <b>Michael STANLEY</b>, Global Lead Extractives, Energy &amp; Extractives, World Bank</li> <li>• <b>Jakub CHEŁSTOWSKI</b>, Marshall of the Silesian Voivodeship, Poland</li> <li>• <b>Roman SZEŁEMEJ</b>, Mayor of the City, Wałbrzych, Poland</li> <li>• <b>Maciej SYTEK</b>, Plenipotentiary of the Wielkopolska Voivodeship Board for the restructuring of Eastern Greater Poland</li> </ul>
<b>13.25-13.30</b>	<b>Just transition – from Katowice to New York and onwards</b> , Ambassador <b>Artur LORKOWSKI</b> , Special Envoy on Climate, COP24 Presidency
<b>13.30-14.30</b>	Lunch
<b>PROGRAMME FOR HIGH LEVEL GUESTS</b>	
<b>10.00-13.00</b>	Study visit