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## Program

### International Workshop

**KOSOVO: (RE)ENERGIZE**  
**LOCAL GOVERNANCE THROUGH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**  
**Part II: Prizren / Kosovo**  
**11 / 12 October 2018**

- Conference Venue:** Hotel **Centrum** Prizren / Kosovo
- Workshop Committee:** Johanna **Deimel**, Deputy Director, Southeast Europe Association, Munich
- Franz-Lothar **Altmann**, Member of the Board, Southeast Europe Association, Munich
- Florian **Bieber**, Member of the Board, Southeast Europe Association, Graz
- Hansjoerg **Brey**, Executive Director, Southeast Europe Association, Munich
- Conference Languages:** English / Albanian / Bosnian – Croatian – Serbian

The workshop will take place under **Chatham House Rule** in order to facilitate an unrestricted and open exchange of views and ideas. *At a meeting held under the Chatham House Rule, anyone who comes to the meeting is free to use information from the discussion, but is not allowed to reveal who made any comment. It is designed to increase openness of discussion.*

### Background

Through the dialogue of local governments, think tanks and civil society groups, the workshop seeks to explore the challenges of civic engagement at the local level in Kosovo and bring in the experience in Croatia and Slovenia. The follow-up Workshop in Prizren will deal with issues of permanent importance in Kosovo:

- local governance (mayors' and CSO experiences),
- local governance and water supply, waste water treatment
- small hydro power plants.

**THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2018**

**15:00 hrs**      **Registration**

**15: 30 hrs**      **Opening / Welcome**

Christian **Heldt**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Kosovo

Hansjörg **Brey**, Executive Director, Southeast Europe Association

Florian **Bieber**, University Graz, Member of the Board Southeast Europe Association

**16:00 – 17:30 Panel 1 - Local governance: Initiatives at the local level - The Mayors' Experiences**

Moderation: Franz-Lothar **Altmann**, University Bucharest, Member of the Board Southeast Europe Association

Rapporteur: Ivana **Jerkovic**, Project Assistant, Southeast Europe Association

**Short inputs by (5 min):**

- Mytaher **Haskuka**, Mayor of Prizren
- Tadej **Beočanin**, Mayor Ajdovščina / Slovenia
- Saša **Danić**, Deputy Mayor of Gračanica
- Vučina **Janković**, Mayor of Zvečan
- Antonija **Jozić**, Mayor of Pleternica / Croatia

**Proposed issues to be discussed:**

- Municipality and state: harmony or conflict?
- Local governance / citizens' initiatives on the local level: the mayors' experiences in Kosovo.
- How to engage citizens in local decision making / infrastructural projects: examples from Croatia and Slovenia.
- Inter-municipal and inter-institutional cooperation.

Coffee Break

**18:00 – 19:30: Panel 2 - Local governance: Initiatives at the local level – Civic Initiatives' Experiences**

Moderation: Florian **Bieber**, University Graz, Member of the Board Southeast Europe Association

Rapporteur: Ivana **Jerkovic**, Project Assistant, Southeast Europe Association

**Short inputs by (5 min):**

- Iris **Beneš**, Program Coordinator, Brod Ecological Society – BED, Slavonski Brod
- Dajana **Berisha**, Executive Director, NGO FIQ, Prishtina
- Shpend **Emini**, Executive Director, Democracy for Development (D4D), Prishtina
- Suzana **Jašić**, Member of Pazin City Council
- Edon **Mullafetahu** – Executive Director, Emancipimi Civil Ma Ndryshe, Prizren
- Srđan **Simonović**, Mitrovica North

**Proposed issues to be discussed:**

- Priority needs of citizens in daily life: an empirical evidence from Kosovo
- Legal provisions: the local and national structural framework of action / interaction with citizens / municipalities
- Involvement of local CSOs in policy and decision making in Kosovo
- Examples of local grass-root initiatives and local civic engagement in Kosovo
- Human resources capacity building on the local level
- Transparency of municipal work in Kosovo
- Participatory models of governance: experiences from Croatia and Slovenia as models for Kosovo?
- Citizens' rebellion against modern waste management: lessons from Pazin / Croatia

DINNER

**12.10.18 FRIDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2018**

**09:00 – 10:30: Panel 3 - Local Governance, Inter-Municipal Cooperation and Waste Water Treatment / Waste Management**

Moderation: Franz-Lothar **Altmann**, University Bucharest, Member of the Board Southeast Europe Association

Rapporteur: Johanna **Deimel**, Deputy Director, Southeast Europe Association

**Short inputs by (5 min):**

- Ardiana **Zhuri**, Senior National Program Officer for Public Infrastructure Domain, Swiss Cooperation Office, Prishtina
- Premtim **Islami**, Sector Coordinator for Municipal Infrastructure Projects, Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW), Prishtina
- Naim **Ismajli**, Mayor of Shtime
- Ilija **Mladenović**, Community Development Institute, Gračanica
- Dragiša **Mijačić**, Executive Director, InTER, Zubin Potok

**Proposed issues to be discussed:**

- Waste water collection, public sewerage system and waste water treatment in Kosovo: state of affairs, challenges, projects
- Water supply, sewerage system: the role of local communities, Regional Water Companies and the donor community
- Water supply, waste water treatment and citizens' acceptance
- Waste water (and its treatment) and EU regulatory framework
- Solid waste management in the institutional set-up in Kosovo
- Solid waste management: challenges and opportunities for inter-municipal cooperation

Coffee Break

#### 11:00 – 12:30: Panel 4 - Water Supply – Mitrovica

Moderation: Florian **Bieber**, University Graz, Member of the Board, Southeast Europe Association

Rapporteur: Hansjörg **Brey**, Executive Director, Southeast Europe Association

##### Short inputs by (5 min):

- Tatjana **Lazarević**, Editor of KoSSev media news outlet, Mitrovica North
- Sami **Miftari**, Director, RWC Mitrovica
- Miodrag **Miličević**, Executive Director, NGO Aktiv, Mitrovica North
- Faruk **Mujka**, Deputy Mayor of Mitrovica South
- Afrim **Lajci**, Water Regulation Advisor, Office of the Prime Minister, Inter-Ministerial Water Council, Prishtina

##### Proposed issues to be discussed:

- Obstacles to Cooperation between South and North Mitrovica
- Construction of a regional water supply system
- Management of Gazivode water supply
- Debt management and illegal water use
- Maintaining water supply networks

LUNCH

#### 14:00 – 15:30 Panel 5 - Local Governance and Water and Energy Production – Small Hydro Power Plants

Moderation: Gisela **Kallenbach**, former MEP, municipal administrator in Pejë / Peć 2000 – 2003

Rapporteur: Florian **Bieber**, University Graz, Member of the Board, Southeast Europe Association

##### Short inputs by (5 min):

- Deputy Minister of Environment and Spatial Planning, Prishtina (tbc)
- Fatos **Lajci**, Executive Director of the Environmentally Responsible Action Group - ERA, Pejë / Peć
- Agron **Tigani**, Director, Regional Water Company "Hidrodrini", Pejë / Peć

##### Proposed issues to be discussed:

- Governance / institutional set-up in water supply revisited: the responsibilities of the central, regional and local levels
- Challenges of structural reforms in the water services sector in Kosovo
- Small hydropower plants in the Western Balkans and in Kosovo: economically viable, environmentally sustainable?

**16:00 – 17:00: Panel 6 - Small Hydro Power Plants Prizren**

Moderation: Hansjörg **Brey**, Executive Director, Southeast Europe Association, Munich

Rapporteur: Gisela **Kallenbach**, former MEP, municipal administrator in Pejë / Peć 2000 – 2003

**Short inputs by (5 min):**

- Duda **Balje**, MP, Kosovo Assembly, Member of the Committee for Economic Development, Infrastructure, Trade, Industry and Regional Development, Prishtina / Prizren
- Myhater **Haskuka**, Mayor Prizren
- Bekim **Bytyqi**, Nationalpark Sharri, Prizren

**Proposed issues to be discussed:**

- Hydropower Projects: Public transparency, public information, public participation?
- The case of small hydropower projects in Prizren / Sharri National Park
- Hydropower projects: conflict of interest between state, municipality, business interests, citizens and National Park Authority
- Sharri National Park: chances and pre-requisites for sustainable economic use

**18:00 hrs:** **EXCURSION** to the spots of prospective small hydro power plants close to / in the National Park Sharri

19:30 Dinner: Restaurant GOLD