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NALAS Conference

NALAS (Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South Eastern Europe) organized the Conference “The Future of Fiscal Decentralisation in South Eastern Europe” in Budva, Montenegro, from 1-2 November 2012. ReSPA took part at this event. The Conference was co-hosted by the Ministry of Finance of Montenegro and the Union of Municipalities of Montenegro. Supported by the World Bank Institute, the CoE, the OSCE Mission in Montenegro and other partners, this Conference acts as a platform where, policy makers and economic players from South East Europe meet and discuss, strategize and develop a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the region in finding the right ways to finance sustainable local development. The topics of the conference included: the scale of fiscal decentralization in SEE, capital investments at the local level in SEE, the role of public private partnerships in municipal finance strategies, municipal bonds in South East Europe, etc. ReSPA was there to provide its input and offer solutions to the challenges that the entire region is facing in regard to the topics highlighted at the event.

CEF Advisory Board



ReSPA participated at the CEF Advisory Board meeting organized in Istanbul. The meeting focused on the main challenges that CEF is facing in relation to the brainstorming with partner institutions. Among many topics that were discussed was also the addressing of the issue of the capacity development needs of countries in South Eastern Europe. ReSPA provided its input at this meeting.

IPA Multi-beneficiary Programme

Coordination Meeting

The event was organized from 14-15 November 2012, in Zagreb, Croatia and ReSPA has taken part in it. The meeting has gathered representatives of the: European Commission DG Enlargement, EU-Delegations, representatives of National IPA Coordination Offices, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), CEFTA, European Training Foundation and other regional initiatives and organizations. Participants were updated with the IPA Multi-beneficiary 2013 Program, information on IPA II Regulation and the initiative on SEE 2020 Strategy for Growth. ReSPA provided its contribution on the discussion component *Governance for Growth*.

Meeting with Minister of Public Administration of Croatia Mr. Arsen Bauk



Within the framework of the Networking event on EU Integration organized by ReSPA and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Republic of Croatia in Zagreb (October 30-31), ReSPA met with Minister of Public Administration of Croatia Mr. Arsen Bauk. ReSPA informed the minister about its most recent activities on identification of the Regional Capacity Needs that'll be the base for its Program of Work 2013. Minister Bauk confirmed his support for further Regional cooperation through ReSPA. From mid-December Minister Bauk will also act as the Chair of ReSPA Governing Board.

