



Unlocking Benefits of PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Regional Conference

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June 11th, 2018

Vienna City Hall



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Welcome Statements

9:00

Mr. Gazmend Turdiu, Deputy Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council

Ms. Zorana Gajic, Programme Manager, Regional School of Public Administration

Mr. Thomas Prorok, KDZ – Center for Public Administration Research, Austria

9:15

Public Participation that Delivers

This panel will lead the way towards discussing all aspects of public participation during the conference day. It will deliberate on questions, such as how public participation is embedded into policy-making, what is concrete added-value of public participation for evidence-based policy-making, how can the Western Balkans Recommendation on Public Participation help in achieving Better Regulation.

Keynote Speech and moderation – **Mr. Rudi Schicker**, Priority Area Coordinator “Governance” of EU Danube Strategy – **Public Participation in the Danube Region and Vienna**

Discussions with:

Mr. Bagrat Tunyan, Senior Adviser, SIGMA/OECD

Speaker 2

All participants

10:30

Networking at a coffee

11:15

Unlocking the Potential of Public

Even though the regulatory framework for policy-making in all economies includes several entry points for public to participate, organisations, business associations and individuals are still generally either passive or not aware of the public participation options. The panel will, thus, explore why citizens are not interested in the decision-making process, when and how to raise their awareness on the importance of Public Participation and how to attract their interest.



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Keynote Speech and moderation - **Dr Andrea Siodmok**, Head of the Policy Lab, Cabinet Office, UK (TBC)

Discussions with:

Mr. Radu Cotici, Regional Cooperation Council – **Attitudes on Public Participation in Western Balkans**

Mehr Demokratie, Germany (TBD)

All participants

12:30

Lunch Break

13:45

Targeted Public Participation – How to design the most effective public participation process?

This Panel will look into prerequisites for most effective process. Which decisions need to be taken when designing the process? How to select the key stakeholders? What are the most effective communication instruments to target the right public? How to choose most appropriate consultation methods?

Keynote Speech and moderation - **Mr. Luka Ivanič**, Head of the Environment and Spatial Planning Office, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of Slovenia (**tbc**)

Discussions with:

Ms. Andrea Binder - Zehetner – Participation through the Local Agenda 21 in Vienna

Ms. Milena Lazarevic, Programme Director of European Policy Centre, Serbia

All participants

15:00

Networking at a coffee

15:30

The Voice that Counts – how to build trust in final decisions?



This Panel is to deliberate on trust-building, namely, it will shed the light to questions, such as, how does the public participation helps with trust-building, what are the ways to foster trust in final decisions, what are the most successful way to provide feedback.

Keynote Speech and moderation – **Ms. Linda Jākobsone**, Deputy Director, Public Policy centre PROVIDUS, Latvia (TBC)

Discussions with:

Mr. Thomas Prorok – Building Trust through Transparency

Speaker 2

All participants

16:45

Closing Statements



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