**Conference on III phase of the**

**“Local Development” Programme**

* **projects’ implementation and bilateral cooperation**

**May 31st (Tuesday) – June 1st  (Wednesday) 2022**

**on site –** *Hotel Mercure Warszawa Centrum, ul. Złota 48/54, 00-120 WARSAW*

**Day 1 – 31 May (Tuesday)**

*Moderator: Mr Kamil Wieder, MDFRP*

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| 12.00 - 13.30 | **Registration and lunch** |
| 13.30 – 14.00 | **Opening – introductory speeches**   * *Mr Grzegorz Puda – Minister of Development Funds and Regional Policy (MDFRP)* * *Mr Anders Eide – Ambassador of Norway in Warsaw* * *Mr János Bertók - Deputy Director, Public Governance Directorate, Organization  for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris* * *Ms Gunn Marit Helgesen – President of the Norwegian Association of Local  and Regional Authorities (KS), Norway* * *Mr Andrzej Porawski – Executive Director of the Association of Polish Cities (APC)* |
| 14.00 – 14.15 | **Short presentation – 29 Polish cities from the bird’s eye view + link to Norway and Iceland**  *General overview of actors in the “Local Development” Programme* |
| 14.15 – 14.25 | **Progress of the “Local Development” Programme**  *Mr Maciej Aulak – Director of the Department of Assistance Programmes, MDFRP* |
| 14.25 – 14.55 | **Presentation of the OECD report *“Better Governance, Planning and Services in Local  Self-Governments: Poland”***  *Mr János Bertók - Deputy Director, Public Governance Directorate, OECD*  ***Comments from cities – participants of the Local Development Program:***  *Mr Witold Nowak - Deputy Mayor of Konin*  *Mr Adam Pulit – Mayor of Złotow*  *Ms Małgorzata Giela – Secretary of Zabrze* |
| 14.55 – 15.05 | **Advisory support for smooth projects’ implementation**  *Mr Tomasz Potkański – Predefined Project Manager, Deputy Executive Director of APC* |
| 15.05 – 15.30 | **Coffee break** |
| 15.30 – 15.50 | **Networking and bilateral exchange benefits –** *plenary discussion*  *Facilitated by Ms Elita Cakule – International Cooperation Director, KS* |
| 15.50 – 16.10 | **Interactive play** **between participants on bilateral cooperation** *(using menti.com)*  *Mr Łukasz Dąbrówka – Strategic Adviser, APC*  Interactive play for all participants with experience, expectations and best part of exchange and cooperation, using 2 different languages and mixing them together. |
| 16.10 – 17.05 | **Are we really different? – examples of bilateral partnerships between PL, NO, IS**  *Moderation: Mr Łukasz Dąbrówka - Strategic Adviser, APC* |
| 16.10 – 16.15 | **Intro**  *Ms Aleksandra Kowalska – Strategic Adviser, APC* |
| 16.15 – 16.30 | **Partnership 1: Starachowice (PL) and Bergen (NO)**  *Mr Marek Materek, Mayor of Starachowice (PL)*  *Mr Vincent Odour Mrimba - Director of Agency for Culture, Department of Culture, Diversity and Equality, Bergen (NO)* |
| 16.30 – 16.45 | **Partnership 2: Jelenia Góra (PL) Akureyri (IS)**  *Mr Tomasz Kowalczyk - Director of the Development Department, Chairman of the project implementation team, City Hall of Jelenia Góra (PL)*  *Ms Ewa Wojciechowska - Sub-inspector, Project coordinator, Department of City Development, City Hall of Jelenia Góra (PL)*  *Mr Thorgnyr Dyrfjord - Director of Department for Culture, Marketing and Local Business Development, City Hall of Akureyri (IS)*  *Mr Jon Thor Kristjansson - Director of Department for Service and Administrational Development, City Hall of Akureyri (IS)* |
| 16.45 – 17.00 | **Partnership 3: Rydułtowy (PL) and Ovre Eiker (NO)**  *Mr Marcin Połomski – Mayor of Rydułtowy (PL)*  *Representative of Ovre-Eiker (NO)* |
| 17.00 – 17.05 | **Summary of partnerships presentations- far away yet similar**  *Mr Łukasz Dąbrówka – Strategic Adviser, APC* |
| 17.05 – 17.10 | **Closing of day 1**  *Ms Gudrun Gudmundsdottir - Senior Sector Officer Social Affairs, Financial Mechanismes Office (FMO)*  *Mr Kamil Wieder – Head of unit, LD Program Operator Department of Assistance Programmes, MDFRP* |
| 17.30 – 18.30 | **Networking dinner**  *(in the Mercure Hotel - each table with multinational participants: PL city, NO/IS city, PL city without regular partner, APC city advisor)* |
| 18.30 – 18.45 | **Bus transfer from the Hotel to the Royal Łazienki Park**  *(for persons attending the concert with a banquet in the Old Orangery and for persons attending the guided walk in the Park)* |
| 19.00 – 23.00 | **Classical music concert followed by a banquet** *(Royal Theater located in the Old Orangery of the Royal Łazienki Park)* |
| 19.00 – 20.30 | **Guided walk through the Royal Łazienki Park**  *(exact meeting place to be announced during the conference)* |
| about 22:30 | **Bus transfer from the Royal Łazienki Park to the Hotel**  *(for participants attending the concert and banquet)* |

**Day 2 – 1 June (Wednesday)**

*Moderator: Ms Magdalena Skwarska - Strategic Adviser, APC*

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| 9.30 - 11.30 | **Themes of bilateral cooperation and exchange of experiences – parallel group sessions** | | | | |
|  | **Theme/Group 1** | **Theme/Group 2** | **Theme/Group 3** | **Theme/Group 4** | **Theme/Group 5** |
|  | *Institutional development* | *Social participation* | *Climate change – adaptation and mitigation* | *Youth entrepreneurship* | *Silver economy* |
| *Moderation* | *Ms Katarzyna Śpiewok – APC city advisor* | *Mr Grzegorz Kaczmarek – APC city advisor* | *Mr Aldo Vargas-Tetmajer – APC city advisor* | *Mr Jarosław Górski – APC city advisor* | *Mr Krzysztof Początek – APC city advisor* |
| *Participants* | * *PL city* * *NO/IS city* * *PL city without regular partner* * *APC city advisor* * *International partners* | * *PL city* * *NO/IS city* * *PL city without regular partner* * *APC city advisor* * *International partners* | * *PL city* * *NO/IS city* * *PL city without regular partner* * *APC city advisor* * *International partners* | * *PL city* * *NO/IS city* * *PL city without regular partner* * *APC city advisor* * *International partners* | * *PL city* * *NO/IS city* * *PL city without regular partner* * *APC city advisor* * *International partners* |
| *(coffee/tea available all the time during parallel sessions)* | | | | | |
| 11:30 - 12.00 | **Coffee break** | | | | |
| 12.00 - 13.00 | **Plenary session – presentations of results from 5 group sessions**  *Ms Magdalena Skwarska - Strategic Advisor, APC – 5x10 min. per each working session (50 min.)*  **Summary of the plenary session:**  *Mr Knut Hjorth-Johansen – Coordinator for European Policy Affairs, KS (5 min.)*  *Mr Tomasz Potkański – Predefined Project Manager, Deputy Executive Director of APC (5 min.)* | | | | |
| 13.00 - 13.10 | **Closing of the conference**  *Mr Maciej Aulak – Director of the Department of Assistance Programmes, MDFRP*  *Ms Gudrun Gudmundsdottir – Senior Sector Officer Social Affairs, FMO* | | | | |
| 13:15 - 14:15 | **Lunch**  *(in the Hotel Mercure Warszawa Centrum)* | | | | |