









EU - Eastern Partnership Local Leaders Forum 4th edition		
DISCUSSION	How to advance decentralisation reform & localise the EU-EaP agenda?	
DATE / TIME	2 December 2022 / 9.30-15.00 (CET)	
VENUE	CEMR, 1st Floor, room Meeus / <u>Hybrid</u> registration link here!	
LANGUAGE	English, Romanian	
OBJECTIVE	Multilevel discussion on advancing decentralisation reform as a cornerstone of local democracy, stability, development, and a fundamental pillar to localising the EU-EaP agenda.	
PARTICIPANTS	Local elected representatives and officials from Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, and EU countries: Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, etc. representatives of the EU institutions	
OUTCOME	Declaration of EU-EaP Local Leaders - One-page-recommendations	

Time	Session Description
09.00 - 09.30	Registration, access meeting, technical set-up
09.30 -10.30	 First panel: to assess the implementation of the EU-EaP agenda, in the context of the Russian war in Ukraine and the current rapidly developing situation in the EaP region Moderated by Fabrizio Rossi, CEMR Secretary General Opening remarks by Fabrizio Rossi, CEMR Secretary General Ms Nataliya Lazarenko, International Cooperation manager, Association of Ukrainian Cities Mr Mindaugas Sinkevičius, President of the Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania, Mayor of Jonava District Municipality Ms Nino Rukhadze, Member of Tbilisi city assembly, Vice-President of the CEMR Mr Emil Drăghici, President of the Association of Communes of Romania, Mayor of Vulcana-Băi commune, Dâmboviţa County, Former NALAS President. Andreas Magnusson Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Counsellor at the Swedish Permanent
10.30 - 10.45	Networking coffee break
10.45 - 12.30	Second panel: Decentralisation as a cornerstone of local democracy and resilience Moderated by Mr Joachim Roth and Mr Elton Stafa, decentralisation and EU affairs experts, NALAS Ukraine: decentralisation reforms as cornerstones to be resilient and to face crises

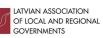












	 Ms Marité Moras, Head of the Cooperation Activities Unit, Secretariat of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (tbc) Ms Nataliya Lazarenko, International Cooperation manager, Association of Ukrainian Cities
	 Ms Elīna Cērpa, Ogre municipality council, Latvia, and Mr Vladislav Atroshenko, Mayor, Chernihiv city municipality (Online)
	Georgia and Moldova: Decentralisation as a response to the political polarisation and instability?
	 Mr David Melua, Executive Director, National Association of Local Authorities of Georgia
	 Mr Viorel Furdui, Executive Director, Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova
12.30-13.30	Lunch break
	Third-panel discussion - Localising the green agenda in the Eastern Partnership: improving our lives through local activities and right choices
13.30-14.45	 Moderated by Mr Mindaugas Sinkevičius President of the Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania, Mayor of Jonava District Municipality Ms Michaela Hauf, the Team Leader in charge of connectivity, energy efficiency, environment, and climate change, EaP, DG NEAR Mr Dainis Turlais, Member of the European Committee of the Regions, Latvia Mr Levan Zhorzholiani, Member of Tbilisi city assembly, Deputy - Head of the Georgian delegation to the CoE Congress Ms Violeta Crudu, Mayor of Cruzesti, Moldova
	 Mr Tadej Beočanin, Mayor of Ajdovščina, Slovenia (Online)
14.45-15.00	Closing remarks and main takeaways by Ms Nino Rukhadze , Member of Tbilisi city assembly, Vice-President of the CEMR, Mr Viorel Furdui , Executive Director, Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova, Mr Dainis Turlais , Member of the European Committee of the Regions, Latvia

