

Seminar

„Development cooperation of local municipalities“

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Programme

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Chair: David Koppitz, International Advisory Centre for Municipalities (MEPCO)

9:00 – 9:30	Registration and welcoming coffee
9:30 – 9:45	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Robert Zeman, Chairman of Committee for Foreign Cooperation, Union of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic, Deputy mayor of Prachatice</i> ➤ <i>Zuzana Hlavičková, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>
9:45 – 10:15	Introduction of the participants and their municipalities
10:15 – 11:15	<p>Issues of development cooperation on the national and international level from the point of view of municipalities</p> <p>Priorities and goals of the Czech international development cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Zuzana Hlavičková, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i> <p>Decentralised development cooperation in European context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Maxime Ramon, Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)</i> <p>Presentation of outputs from an analysis of the potential for municipalities to engage in development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Otto Mertens, International Advisory Centre for Municipalities (MEPCO)</i> <p>Debate</p>
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Decentralised development cooperation in foreign countries and sharing good practice</p> <p>Decentralised cooperation in the Netherlands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Jacob Breugem, International Cooperation Agency of the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG International)</i>

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Municipal international cooperation in Norway

- *Bjoern Rongevaer, Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS)*

Debate

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch Break

13:30 – 14:45

Examples of good practice from the Czech Republic

Development cooperation of the city Litoměřice

- *Marcela Trejbalová, Municipality Litoměřice*

International cooperation of the city Valašské Meziříčí

- *Josef Matocha, Municipality Valašské Meziříčí*

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- *Hana Svobodová, Municipality Pardubice*

NGO's as partners of local municipalities in development cooperation

- *Marie Zázvorková, Czech Forum for Development Cooperation (FoRS)*
- *Hana Chorvathova, Initiative Fairtrade town*
- *Representative of the NGO People in need*

Debate

14:45 – 15:15

Coffee Break

15:15 – 16:15

Decentralised cooperation funding and various kinds of supported projects on national and international level

Grants and various kinds of supported projects in the Czech Republic

- *Martin Náprstek, Czech development Agency*

Grants and various kinds of supported projects on international level

- *Maxime Ramon, Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)*

Danube 2014 – 2020: Transnational Cooperation Programme

- *Tereza Tkadlečková, Ministry of Regional Development*

Debate

16:15 – 16:30

Conclusion and summing up of the seminar