Seminar

„Development cooperation of local municipalities“

Prague, Goethe Institute (Masarykovo nábřeží 32), 30th April 2014

Programme

Wednesday, 30th April 2013

Simultaneous translation English – Czech is provided.

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

9:00 – 9:30  Registration and welcoming coffee

9:30 – 9:45  Opening Remarks

- Robert Zeman, Chairman of Committee for Foreign Cooperation, Union of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic, Deputy mayor of Prachatice
- Zuzana Hlavičková, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

9:45 – 10:15  Introduction of the participants and their municipalities

10:15 – 11:15  Issues of development cooperation on the national and international level from the point of view of municipalities

- Zuzana Hlavičková, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Maxime Ramon, Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)
- Otto Mertens, International Advisory Centre for Municipalities (MEPCO)

Debate

11:15 – 11:30  Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30  Decentralised development cooperation in foreign countries and sharing good practice

- Jacob Breugem, International Cooperation Agency of the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG International)

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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)
- Tereza Tkadlečková, Ministry of Regional Development

Debate

16:15 – 16:30 Conclusion and summing up of the seminar

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