" UNLOCKING DIGITAL FRONTIERS & MAXIMIZING POTENTIAL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN WB6 AND MOLDOVA"

European Week of Regions and Cities
side session on THEME 3 - "SMART AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FOR REGIONS"

AGENDA

DATE	16. October 2024
OVERALL OBJECTIVE	<u>Digital and green agenda, focus on partnership, innovation and good practices and our strengths</u>
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	Enhancing the understanding and awareness of the benefits of local green and digital transformation among South-East European (SEE) local governments and presenting the results of BACID III projects in digitalization. By providing up-to-date information on available initiatives, declarations, and funding for local governments, and by fostering partnerships with EU cities, the event aims to bridge knowledge gaps, promote active participation in EU initiatives, and leverage the collaborative efforts of NALAS, KDZ and EU to support digitization and exchange of experiences.
PLACE PARTICIPANTS	SOMBOR, SERBIA - Representatives from Cities in WB6 and SEE; - NALAS member Associations' Representatives; - Representative from KDZ and ADA - Representatives from EU institutions, CoR and/or Eurocities
EVENT TYPE	HYBRID Onsite in Sombor and via Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81848803195?pwd=datsO88zeDSbtOxSf1R9K21RhoCtKq.1
REGISTRATION LINK	https://forms.office.com/e/XeKA3fZZQF

DAY 1 – 16 October 2024, 12:00 – 15:00
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AGENDA 16.10.24, 12:00 – 15:00		
Empowering LG in digital transformation process in the WB6 and Moldova – Sombor, Serbia		
#	**_Session name_**	
1	**Welcome and Introduction** • Introduction and welcoming note • Explanation/ purpose and goals of the meeting Jana Belcheva Andreevska – NALAS Thomas Prorok – KDZ Antonio Ratkovic-Mayor of Sombor (TBC)	**12:00-12:15**
2	**Key Note** Importance and results of BACID 3 project (work of the Digitalisation WG, key findings & recommendations of 2 reports of digital transformation at local level in WB6 & Moldova) **Jana Belcheva Andreevska, Christian Rupp**	**12:15-12:30**
3	**Pannel discussion on Digital transition of cities and local governments in Western Balkan, Moldova and EU** Perspectives and experiences Representatives from LGA, Central government IT agency or Data Center or Centre for the fourth industrial revolution (Serbia), capital city WB6 (Podgorica), Digital Working Group member from EU MS (Croatia/Slovenia/Bulgaria) • Digital transformation and smart city initiatives • Importance of aligning local with national and EU-level strategies for digital transformation, e-services and smart city initiatives Input: Perspectives & experiences from WB local government level, Association perspective, central government and EU level **Dejana Radovic -City of Podgorica** **Corneliu Iatco, Advisor to the Mayor Chisinau City Hall** **Irem Kurtuluş Korkmaz, Union of Marmara Municipalities** **Miodrag Kolic, COVALEX project and DRR IT Tools for local level**	**12:30-13:30**
	Coffee Break	**13:30-14:00**
4	**Cities and Local Government dialogue with the EU and supporting EU initiatives** Representatives from bilateral and EU initiatives • BACID 3 project – KDZ perspective and way forward • EU initiatives for Cities and Local Government (Living in the EU, Living Labs, Digital Compass) Current activities and opportunities for collaboration, knowledge sharing of successful EU dialogue initiatives, Declarations, strategies and initiatives **Alexandar Lesigang – AACT on Association activities** **Marek Bobis- COR EC on Living-in.EU and digitalization initiatives** **Ermin Smajlovic-GIZ Project EU4Digital for WB6 Local gov project** **Gabriela Rusteva - EUROCITIES**	**14:00-14:45**
5	**Sombor, Serbia - BACID Smart Pilot presentation**	**14:45-15:00**
6	**Delchevo – BACID Smart Pilot presentation**	