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**School of Local Democracy
in the Western Balkans**

1st Seminar

“Challenges of local democracy in the Western Balkans”

“Queen of Montenegro” Hotel, Becici, Montenegro, 3-6 February 2011

SEMINAR BOOK

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I Travel details

	<i>Arrival</i>	<i>Departure</i>
participants from Albania	individual by car	individual by car
participants from B&H	individual by car	individual by car
participants from Croatia	03.02. at 12.05h	06.02 at 16.15h
participants from Kosovo	individual by car	06.02 at 17.50h
participants from Macedonia	03.02. at 08.50h	06.02 at 19.15h
participants from Montenegro	individual by car	individual by car
participants from Serbia	03.02. at 08.50h	06.02 at 19.15h
Friederich, Gaon, Moix	03.02. at 14.20h	06.02 at 15.00h
Ms Neza Vodusek	03.02. at 14.45h	06.02 at 15.50h

For those travelling by plane, a driver will wait for you at the airport with the School's sign:



II Detailed programme of the Seminar

Thursday, 3 February 2011

Arrival of participants

18.00 Opening of the Seminar by:

Boris Raonic, Director of the School of Political Studies of Montenegro

François Friederich, Co-ordinator of the network of schools of political studies of the Council of Europe

Igor Gaon, Advisor, Directorate of Political Advice and Co-operation, Council of Europe, former Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Council of Europe

Ivan Brajovic, Minister of Interior and Public Administration, Government of Montenegro

Cocktail

19.30 Dinner

Friday, 4 February 2011

09.00 Introduction and moderation: Igor Gaon

09.30 Presentation by the participants: Legal framework of local self-government, realities of the implementation of these laws on local self-government, decentralisation, as well as citizens' participation.

Presentations: Qemal Çejku and Xhelal Mziu (Albania), Predrag Supljeglav (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Presentations: Marko Filipovic (Croatia), Besnik Tahiri (Kosovo)

13.00 Lunch

14.30 Presentations: Dragan Ristevski (Macedonia), Bojan Zeković (Montenegro)

16.30 Coffee break

17.00 Presentation: Zeljko Jovetic (Serbia)

18.00 Local democracy in Slovenia: a success story? Neza Vodusek, Ministry for Local Self-Government, Ljubljana

19.30 Dinner

Saturday 5 February 2011

09.30 Introduction to the workshops (4 groups) by **Neza Vodusek**

The participants will split into 4 groups and discuss the following topics:

10.00 Workshop 1: “Conditions of local economical development, fight against corruption”

11.30 Coffee break

12.00 Presentation of the results of the workshops

13.00 Lunch

15.00 Workshop 2: “Efficiency of public services and organisation of training for the employees of local governments”

16.30 Coffee break

17.00–18.00 Presentation of the results of the workshops

19.30 Dinner

Sunday 6 February 2011

10.00 Synthesis of the workshops discussions by **Igor Gaon and Neza Vodusek**

11.00 Evaluation of the Seminar

11.30 Presentation of the 2nd Seminar on “Train the local leaders”, by **Igor Gaon**

12.00 End of the Seminar, checking-out

12.30 Lunch and departure

Seminar moderator: **Igor Gaon**

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IV Accommodation and Seminar venue

The seminar will be organised in the “Queen of Montenegro” hotel which is located in Bečići, Budva. The hotel is 3 km from Budva and 11 km from Petrovac and a single room has been booked for each participant. All meals will be served in the “Queen of Montenegro” hotel. If you have any special food requirements, please contact us.

More information on the hotel is available at www.queenofmontenegro.com



V Experts

Neza Vodusek, from the Ministry for Local Self-Government, in Ljubljana, studied at the Faculty of Law in Ljubljana until 1978 and after passing the state administrative exam received the title of LL.B. Bachelor of Law. Mrs Vodusek has dealt with local self-government for 21 years. She began working in the field of local self-government in the City of Ljubljana and is now a senior advisor in the Government Office for Local Self-government and Regional Policy. Her work consists mainly of preparing legislation on local self-government and local elections, expert support to municipalities (mayors, municipal councils, supervisory bodies, electoral bodies) as well as bilateral and multilateral co-operation. Mrs Vodusek has been an active member of the Committee of Experts on Good Democratic Governance at Local and Regional Level of the Council of Europe since 2003.

Igor Gaon, worked as a University Professor in Sarajevo and was also a Visiting Professor at the University of Minnesota (USA). During the war (1992-1995) he worked for UNHCR. From 1997-2000 he was Mayor of the Municipality Centre – Sarajevo. In the period 2000-2004, he was the Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Council of Europe and between 2005-2008 Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe in Georgia. He is currently a Council of Europe Programme Advisor and Director of the School for Political Studies in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

VI Working language

During the Seminar, simultaneous interpretation will be organised in Albanian, English and S/B/C/M.

VII Basic information about organisers and partners



The Council of Europe is the oldest international organisation working towards European integration, having been founded in 1949. It has a particular emphasis on legal standards, human rights, democratic development, the rule of law and cultural co-operation. It has 47 member states with some 800 million citizens.

Its statutory institutions are the Committee of Ministers comprising the foreign ministers of each member state, the Parliamentary Assembly composed of MPs from the Parliament of each member state, and the Secretary General heading the

secretariat of the Council of Europe.

The most known conventional bodies of the Council of Europe are the European Court of Human Rights, which enforces the European Convention on Human Rights, and the European Pharmacopoeia Commission, which sets the quality standards for pharmaceutical products in Europe. The Council of Europe's work has resulted in standards, charters and conventions to facilitate cooperation between European countries and further integration.

The seat of the Council of Europe is in Strasbourg, France with English and French as its two official languages. The Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly and the Congress also use German, Italian and Russian for some of their work.

www.coe.int

The Schools of Political Studies, supported by the Council of Europe, aim to train the next generation of political, economic, social and cultural leaders in the countries in transition. The schools organise seminars and conferences on such themes as European integration, democracy, human rights, the rule of law and globalisation in which national and international experts take part.



The first school of political studies was founded in Moscow in 1992. There are currently schools in Russia, Georgia, Bulgaria, Moldova, Kosovo/UNMIK, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia," Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Albania, Romania, Armenia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Montenegro and Belarus.

www.coe.int/Schools-Politics



The Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA) is an International non-governmental organisation founded in 1999 as a small initiative of the Council of Europe's Congress of Local and Regional Authorities to co-ordinate a network of Local Democracy Agencies (LDAs) already in existence since 1993. The LDAs are local NGOs acting to foster Human Rights and local democracy.

ALDA has a strong activity of relationships with European Institutions and is part of the following networks:

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- Structural Dialogue of the European Commission Programme "Europe for Citizens";
- Programme of technical support of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe;
- Observer at the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe;
- Member of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe;
- Member of the international network "Working Together" between trainers from local authorities of EE.

<http://alda-europe.eu>

The Principality of Liechtenstein is a doubly landlocked alpine state in Western Europe, bordered by Switzerland to the west and south and by Austria to the east. Its area is 160 km² and it has an estimated population of 35,000. Its capital is Vaduz, the biggest town is Schaan. It is a constitutional monarchy divided into 11 municipalities.

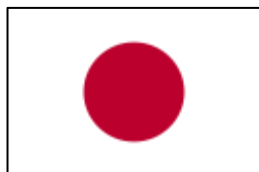


Liechtenstein's current constitution was adopted in March 2003, replacing the previous 1921 constitution which had established Liechtenstein as a constitutional monarchy headed by the reigning prince of the Princely House of Liechtenstein. A parliamentary system had been established, although the reigning prince retained substantial political authority.

Liechtenstein participates in a customs union with Switzerland and employs the Swiss franc as its national currency. The GDP (PPP) is \$4.16 billion,^[2] or \$118,000 per person.

www.liechtenstein.li

Japan is an island nation in East Asia, is an archipelago of 6,852 islands. The first written mention of Japan begins with brief appearances in Chinese history texts from the 1st century AD. Influence from the outside world followed by long periods of isolation has characterised Japan's history. Since adopting its constitution in 1947, Japan has maintained a unitary constitutional monarchy with an emperor and an elected parliament called the Diet. Japan was granted Council of Europe observer status on 20 November 1996. The Consul General of Japan in Strasbourg, M. Hiroshi Karube, is also the Permanent Observer of Japan to the Council of Europe.



A major economic power, Japan has the world's second-largest economy by nominal GDP and the third largest in purchasing power parity. It is also the world's fourth largest exporter and fifth largest importer. Although Japan has officially renounced its right to declare war, it maintains a modern and extensive military force in self-defense and peacekeeping roles. It is a developed country with very high living standards (11th highest HDI). Japan has the highest life expectancy of any country (according to both the UN and WHO estimates) and the third lowest infant mortality rate.

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