

Project CeSID Study visit of partners from Serbia to Slovakia 2006

This project activity involves a study visit for the Project Team to Slovakia, in order to obtain quality knowledge on the measures undertaken in this country, regarding the institution of Municipal Manager. In such manner, there will be a research on practices in Slovakia regarding the implementation of concrete solutions in the field tackled by this project. In the course of visit, particular attention will be paid to the issues identified in our public opinion researches as problems in Serbian municipalities. The emphasis will be put upon solutions and measures undertaken by municipalities in Slovakia in regard to the similar or same issues.

Besides providing knowledge and experience, the study visit will be a way to promote good relations with municipal managers in Slovakia, as well as with the Slovak experts in the area of local self-government and management, for purpose of subsequent exchange of knowledge and experience.

You send us proposal about the plan of the visit so I used that to make this agenda. If you think that we need to make some changes please send me details. Study visit should be organized in the second half of November. I hope that you can send us exact expenses of the activity that you are going to organize, so that I could tell you if that fit in our budget.

Day 1

November 21th, Tuesday

Morning 8am – travelling to Turcianske Teplice: Brief orientation, basic information on Slovakia, and orientation in town, exchange points, health issue, program agenda and training kit, presented by Luba Vavrova.

Late morning 10 am: Turcianske Teplice www.turciansketeplice.sk (look on items: o meste and samosprava)Lecture and discussion on Introduction into Local Self-government system and decentralization of competences in Slovakia, presented by Mr Jozef Turcany, Vice President of ZMOS, Mayor of the City of Turcianske Teplice, experienced also as the financial manager. ZMOS is the Association of Towns and Villages SR www.zmos.sk The purpose of this lecture is for participants to learn how local self-government in Slovakia is structured, current issues focused on decentralized competences, financing and how it affects economic development and the need of public-private partnership and citizen's involvement.

Lunch on your own

Afternoon: 1pm Meeting with Ms Eva Malisova Association of City managers, controller of the Association, City Manager of the City of Turcianske Teplice, previous Financial Manager. The purpose of this activity is for participants to observe/discuss the role of the Association, cooperation with NGOs on examples (Local Government Development Centre) and the role of City Manager and how it relates to their workplace in local self-government. Participants will be accompanied to the site visit by Program coordinator Ms Luba Vavrova, Director the Local Government Development Centre.

Late Afternoon travelling back to Bratislava (aprox. 2 hours): Group evaluation and discussion of workplace relevancy of day's topics led by Ms Luba Vavrova, Director the Local Government Development Centre, Learning log.

Evening: on your own

City of Lodging: Bratislava

Types of Training: Lecture 25%, Discussion and site visit 50%, group evaluation 25%

Day two, Wednesday

November 22nd

Morning: leaving Bratislava at 8 am. Beginning in Trnava at 9 am Site Visit and presentation of major activities focused on economic development. The purpose of this activity is for participants to observe/discuss initial steps and lessons learned on strategic planning and economic development processes and how it relates to the local government performance. Lecture and discussion on local economic development, presented by Ms Hana Dienerova, City Manager (previous Financial Manager), City of Trnava www.trnava.sk (look on items: mesto and samosprava). The purpose of this lecture is for participants to learn how city created a strategic plan, economic development concept, cooperation with business partners and how it affects current outputs – attracting new investors – PSG Peugeot. Impact of trainings on LG performance.

Lunch on your own

Afternoon: 1 pm travel back to Bratislava. 2 pm Site Visit to/Interactive Discussion at the Association of City managers, hosted by the president of the Association Mr Andrej Bubenik www.apums.sk. The purpose of this activity is for participants to observe/discuss the role of the Association, cooperation with NGOs on examples (Local Government Development Centre) and the role of City Manager and how it relates to their workplace in local self-government. Participants will be accompanied to the site visit by Program coordinator Ms Luba Vavrova, Director the Local Government Development Centre.

Late Afternoon: Group evaluation and discussion of workplace relevancy of day's topics led by Luba Vavrova, Director of the Local Government Development Centre, Learning log.

Evening: Free time for participants in Bratislava. Interpretation not necessary.

City of Lodging: Bratislava

Types of Training Lecture and discussion 30% Site Visit and presentation 40% Interactive Discussion 30% Group evaluation and discussion

Day three

November 23rd

Morning: 8am – travelling to City of Nitra www.nitra.sk (look on items: mestsky urad) . Site Visit to Regional Self Government Office and Interactive Discussion there with Ms Gyurovszka, Head of the Regional development and cross border cooperation department of the Regional Self Government Office. The purpose of this activity is for participants to

observe and discuss how this newly set offices of Regional Self government works and how they can cooperate with local governments and NGOs on economic development and other issues.

Lunch on your own

Afternoon: 1.30 pm Lecture and follow up discussion on Local economic development and Program of economic and social development of municipalities as a precondition for EU Funds, presented by Ms Balážová – Department of Regional Development University of Nitra, President of the Association of Municipal Finance Officers in Slovakia. The purpose of this lecture is for participants to learn what kind of tool should be done in advance for the economic development and how it affects the participatory processes of ED. Interactive learning on The Role of the Association of Municipal Finance Officers in Slovakia, presented by Ms Balážová – President of the Association of Municipal Finance Officers in Slovakia www.ake.sk. The purpose of this lecture is for participants to learn how association is working and how it affects professional development of its members and quality of local government performance.

Late Afternoon: Group evaluation and discussion of workplace relevancy of day's topics led by Luba Vavrova, Director of the Local Government Development Centre. Learning log.

Evening: Free time for participants in Nitra. Travel back to Bratislava (cca 1 hour) Interpretation not necessary.

City of Lodging: Bratislava **Types of Training** Lecture 20% **Interactive learning** 30% Site Visit 20% Discussion 30%

Day four

November 24th

Morning: Lecture on Role of the small municipalities in Economic Development, presented by Mr. Jaroslav Feriancek, Mayor of village near Bratislava called Miloslavov. The purpose of this lecture is for participants to learn how even small self government office is involved into economic development and how it affects major problems within village. Cooperation and partnership with municipalities and NGOs.

Lunch on your own

Late morning till Afternoon: Using **Learning log notes participants will** develop their own action plans focused on steps to strengthen collaboration among local governments, private business, NGOs and citizen groups with respect to economic development and social issues in their cities. Participants will also complete LGDC exit questionnaire and will discuss their ideas and suggestions for further training.

Late Afternoon: Study tour evaluation, Bratislava in the Evening

City of Lodging: Bratislava

Types of Training 15% Lecture with discussion, small group work and presentation of final action plans 85%.

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