

Western Balkan Network on Territorial Governance

Network Initiating Workshop

May 17-18, 2018 POLIS University, Tirana Albania

Day 1 - May 17, 2018

- 9.00 – 9.15 Participants registration
- 9.15 – 9.45 Dritan Shutina, Co-PLAN, Welcome remarks and setting the scene
- 9.45 – 10.15 **How territory matters in governance:** European Union perspectives and recommendations to Western Balkan countries:
- Iván Tosics, Metropolitan Research Institute, MRI – Hungary, *The Urban Dimension of EU Cohesion Policy*.
- Giancarlo Cotella, DIST, Politecnico di Torino – Italy, *Spatial strategies and visions for an ever-enlarging European Union*.
- 10.15 – 11.00 **Territorial Governance in the Western Balkans**
- Rudina Toto, Co-PLAN and POLIS University, *Territorial Governance in Albania*.
- Dragisa Mijacic, Institute for Territorial Economic Development, InTER and Ana Ilic, NALED, *Issues on territorial governance in Serbia*.
- 11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee break**
- 11.30 – 13.00
- Sonja Damchevska, Coalition for Sustainable Development and Marjan Nikolov, Center for Economic Analysis, *Issues on territorial governance in FYR of Macedonia*.
- Florina Duli Sefaj, Kosovo Stability Initiative and Bekim Salihu, Institut GAP, *Issues on Territorial Governance in Kosovo*.
- Sonja Dragovic, EXPEDITIO Center for Sustainable Spatial Development, *Issues on Territorial Governance in Montenegro*.
- 13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch**
- 14.00 – 15.30 **How territory matters in governance: European Union perspectives, and recommendations to Western Balkan countries (continued)**
- Marko Peterlin, IPOP – Slovenia, *What to do with small and medium sized towns in Europe?*
- Maros Finka, SPECTRA Center of Excellence/Slovak University of Technology – Slovakia, *Central Europe experience, challenge and networking for territory in the frame of EU integration*
- Kai Böhme, Spatial Foresight – Luxembourg, *Does territory matter in tomorrow's Europe?*
- 16:00 - 17:30 Discussion on future cooperation opportunities
Conclusions
- 19.00 **Joint dinner**



Day 2 - May 17, 2018

- 9.30 – 10.00 A recap from Day 1 Proceedings
- 10:00 - 11.30 Plenary discussion on the network's objectives and future actions
- 11:30 - 12:00 Coffee break**
- 12:00 - 13:30 Plenary discussion, Outputs and Closing Remarks
- 13:30 - 14:30 Lunch**

Participants' Departure

