**Joint Steering Committee CoM East/CoM-DeP**

**Projects: Sustainable Urban Demonstration Projects – Support Mechanism (CoM-DeP)**

**Covenant of Mayors East (CoM East)**

**Date: 15-16 October 2019**

**Venue: Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel**

First Republic Square 1, Tbilisi,108, Georgia

**List of proposed participants:**

1. European Commission

* Michael Rupp, Head of Sector, Connectivity Neighbourhood East, DG NEAR (chair)

1. CoM DeP

* Norbert Peherstorfer, Kommunalkredit Public Consulting (Project Director, Consortium Leader)
* Jan Edwin Waanders, Team Leader
* Maksym Vereshchak, Key Expert
* Dmytro Ivanenko, Key Expert

1. CoM East

* Jean-Pierre Vallar, Energy Cities (Project Director, Consortium Leader)
* Bénédicte Weber, Energy Cities (Backstopping Project Officer)
* Svenja Schuchmann, Project Manager, Climate Alliance (Consortium Partner)
* Christophe Frering, Team Leader
* Iryna Horodyska, Capacity Building Coordinator
* Tatiana Derevyankina, Communication Manager
* Artem Kharazyan, Country expert Armenia
* Ivan Shchadranok, Country Expert Belarus
* George Abulashvili, Country expert Georgia & Azerbaijan
* Victor Parlicov, Country expert Moldova
* Oksana Kysil, Country expert Ukraine
* Jahangir Afandiyev, Expert Azerbaijan

1. EU Delegation to Georgia

* Alexandre Darras, Team Leader Connectivity, Energy, Environment & Climate change
* Andrej Bartosiewicz, Programme Manager, Connectivity

1. Covenant National Coordinators

* Jahid Mikayilov, Chief Adviser, Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan
* Vahagn Atayan, Head of Energy Efficiency and Technical Normative Division, Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia
* Nadezhda Zdanevich, Consultant, Department of regulation of air exposure, climate change and expertise, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus
* Leonid Poleschuk, Deputy Director, Energy Efficiency Department of the State Committee for Standardisation of the Republic of Belarus
* Kakha Mdivani, Head of Climate Change Division, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia
* Natalia Jambruia, Head of Energy Efficiency Policy Division, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
* Dragos Pidleac, Interim Director, Agency for Energy Efficiency representing the Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure of the Republic of Moldova
* Olga Popovici, Senior Consultant, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment of Moldova
* Iryna Stavchuk, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine
* Roman Radchenko, Head of the Energy Saving Division - Housing and Communal Services, Ministry of Hromadas and Territories’ Development

1. Covenant Supporters

* Natalya Lapauri, Executive Director, Union of Communities of Armenia
* Karine Taslakyan, Expert, Energy Saving Foundation (Armenia)
* Zaruhi Gharagyozyan, Head of Procurement Group, Renewable Resources and Energy Efficiency Fund (Armenia)
* Natallia Andreyenka, Project Manager, International Public Organisation "Ecopartnership" (Belarus)
* Elene Gvilava, Project Manager, Energy Efficiency Centre (Georgia)
* National Association of Local Authorities of Georgia
* Nina Shatberashvili, Coordinator, Caucasus Network for Sustainable Development of Mountain Regions (Georgia)
* Irina Plis, Director, Alliance for Energy Efficiency and Renewables (Moldova)
* Octavii Ivanov, Energy Expert, Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova
* Svyatoslav Pavliuk, Executiv Director, Association of Energy Efficient Cities of Ukraine
* Oleksandr Kaban, Association of Amalgamated Communities (Ukraine)
* Oleh Harnyk, Association of Ukrainian Municipalities

1. Other Participants

* Peter Korsby, Team Leader of Mayors for Economic Growth project
* Benjamin Jance, Global Covenant of Mayors

**DRAFT AGENDA**

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| **DAY 1, Tuesday 15 October 2019 (open for all)** | |
| *08:10 – 08:30* | ***Transfer from Hotel Coste to Hotel Radisson Blu*** |
| *08:30 – 09:00* | ***Registration, welcome coffee*** |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | **Welcome**  *Michael Rupp, Head of Sector, Connectivity Neighbourhood East, DG NEAR* |
| **Part I: State of Play & CoM Results in EaP countries** | |
| 09:30 – 11:00 | **Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy: Recent developments and results**  *Christophe Frering, CoM East Team Leader*   * Key achievements since last SC in November 2018 * Country overview of results and obstacles * Next steps & main tasks until end of project   **Main achievements, challenges, future needs and perspectives**  *Christophe Frering, CoM East Team Leader* |
| *11:00 – 11:15* | ***Coffee break*** |
| 11:15 – 12:15 | **Demonstration projects: Recent developments and results**  *Jan Waanders, CoM-DeP Team Leader*   * Results of Demonstration projects: Best practices and main bottlenecks (phase I) * Progress in implementation of Demonstration projects (phase II)   **Main achievements, challenges and future needs and perspectives**  *Jan Waanders, CoM-DeP Team Leader* |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | **Update from Mayors for Economic Growth (M4EG) project**  *Peter Korsby, M4EG Team Leader* |
| 12:30 – 13.30 | **General discussion**  *Michael Rupp, Head of Sector, Connectivity Neighbourhood East, DG NEAR*   * CoM in EaP 2011 – 2020: a success? * What has worked particularly well; what are key weaknesses of CoM? * Which needs in municipalities can CoM address best? * What are critical success factors of energy efficiency and climate projects? * How to strengthen CoM in the EaP countries? |
| *13:30 – 14.30* | ***Lunch*** |
| **Part II: What’s next for CoM in EaP countries** | |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | **Introduction of afternoon session & division into country groups** |
| 15:00 – 16:30 *(including coffee break)* | **Group work: Future of Covenant of Mayors in the EaP region**  *Country working groups moderated by CoM East country experts*  Participants are invited to reflect in advance on the questions below and provide inputs for their countries during group work.   * What are the needs and expectations of municipalities towards the CoM initiative post-2020 in your country? * What support will come from National Coordinators, Territorial Coordinators (oblast/regional level), supporting structures and what type of support should be provided by the CoM initiative? * Which municipal sub-sectors should be prioritized and/or have special potential in your country? |
| 16:30 – 18:00 | **Presentation of group work, Q & A** (10 minutes each) |
| *18:00 – 18:15* | ***Transfer from Hotel Radisson Blu to Hotel Coste*** |
| *19:30 – 22.00* | ***Dinner*** |

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| **DAY 2, Wednesday 16 October 2019 (morning open for all)** | |
| *08:40 – 09:00* | ***Transfer from Hotel Coste to Hotel Radisson Blu*** |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | **Review outcomes of group work**  *Michael Rupp, Head of Sector, Connectivity Neighbourhood East, DG NEAR*   * Summary outcomes of group work * Key elements for future of CoM in EaP countries |
| 09:30 – 09:45 | **Update from Global Covenant of Mayors**  *Benjamin Jance, GCoM* |
| 09:45 – 10:00 | **Conclusions & next meetings** |
| *10:00 – 10:30* | ***Transfer to site visit*** *(164 Tsotne Dadiani Street, Tbilisi)* |
| 10:30 – 11:45 | **Site visit to Tbilisi Business Accelerators Park (M4EG project)**  *Mr Sandro Kandelaki, General Manager* |
| *11:45 – 12:15* | ***Transfer back to Hotel Radisson Blu*** |
| *12:15 – 13:30* | ***Lunch*** |
| 12:15 – 13:45 | **Internal management meeting: DG NEAR with CoM East and CoM DeP project teams**  *EU, CoM East, CoM-DeP, CoM Supporting Structures involved in the implementation of these two projects* |