

Levelling up: The Role of Albanian Municipalities in EU integration

Giving a voice to the Local Governments

13 November 2025 | Hotel Rogner, Tirana, Albania

Agenda

08:30 - 09:00	Welcoming Coffee & Registration
09:00 - 10:30	Keynote Addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Ervin Demo, Minister of State for Local Government, Albania H.E. Silvio Gonzato, Ambassador of the European Union to Albania Adelina Farrici, National Association of Municipalities of Albania (NAMA) Daniel Popescu, Head of Promoting Local Democracy Department, Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Regions at the Congress, Council of Europe Magnus Liljeström, Swedish Association of Local Authorities & Regions (SALAR)
10:30-11:45	Panel 1 - Basics of Local Governance: Importance of the Charter for Local Self-Government Moderator: Monika Kurian , SIGMA-OECD Panel members: Emiriana Sako, Mayor of Durrës; Albert Mëlyshi, Mayor of Mirditë; Daniel Popescu, Head of Promoting Local Democracy Department, Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Regions at the Congress, CoE; Magnus Liljeström, SALAR - Input by Panel members - Discussion - Conclusions
11:45-13:00	Panel 2 – Local Fiscal Relations: Strengthening Financial Autonomy of Municipalities Moderator: Sabina Ymeri , Public Finance and Decentralisation Expert Panel members: Fisnik Qosja, Mayor of Kavaja; Pjerin Ndreu, Mayor of Lezhe; Mariel Frroku, University of Tirana; Elton Stafa, NALAS; Margaux Vincent, OECD Centre for Regions & Cities - Introduction by Fran Brahimi, Head of Local Finance, Ministry of Finance - Input by Panel members – Discussion - Conclusions
13:00-14:30	Lunch
14:30-15:45	Panel 3 - Role of Local Governments in Territorial Development Moderator: Valeria Valeri , Expert EU Cohesion Funds (Chapter 22) Panel members: Gledian Llatja, Mayor of Elbasan; Alma Hoxha, Mayor of Permet; Timo Ligi, SIGMA-OECD; Pietro Celotti, t33 Sound Policy - Introduction by Gilles Kittel, Team Leader South-East Europe, DG REGIO - Input by Panel members – Discussion - Conclusions
15:45 – 16:00	Final word Agency for Support to Local Self-Government (ASLG)

