



REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Platform for co-operation policies: role of diaspora associations and synergies with public authorities

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09.00 – 09.30

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

09.30 - 10.00

OPENING SESSION

Mr Andriy Parubiy, Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Mr Volodymyr Arieu (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Mr Mårten Ehnberg, Head of Council of Europe Office in Ukraine

Mr Andrea Rigoni, outgoing Coordinator of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies

10.00 – 10.15

Coffee break

10.15 - 11.45

PLENARY SESSION I

“DEVELOPMENT OF A LEGAL BASIS FOR CO-OPERATION WITH DIASPORAS: ROLE OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS”

This session will look into the legal frameworks regulating the work of diasporas and their involvement by public authorities and should examine good practices of co-operation between parliaments and diaspora associations.

Moderator: **Mr Killion Munyama**, Member of the Polish delegation to PACE

Speakers:

Ms Mariia Ionova, Deputy Chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Committee on European Integration

Mr Božo Ljubić, Chairperson of the Committee on Croats outside the Republic of Croatia of the Croatian Parliament

Mr Yıldırım Tuğrul Turkes, Member of the Turkish delegation to PACE

Mr Pierre-Yves Le Borgn', former member of the French National Assembly, representing the French living abroad

OPEN DISCUSSION

11.45 – 13.30

PLENARY SESSION II

“CREATING CONDITIONS FOR A GREATER CONTRIBUTION OF DIASPORAS TO THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN: GOVERNMENT POLICY AND NATIONAL MECHANISMS”

This session will examine government policies concerning diasporas in general and their successful implementation in co-operation with diaspora associations in particular. It will consider best practices in enabling diaspora engagement, with a focus on the most successful projects implemented by diaspora members and associations in the countries of origin.

The session will also look into the engagement and empowering of diaspora and their possible contribution to their home countries in situations of crisis.

Moderator: **Mr Eduard Carlo Gnesa**, Dr. iur. Former Special Ambassador for International Cooperation in Migration Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (ADFA)

Speakers:

Mr Vasyl Bodnar, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

H.E. Zviad Gonadze, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

Mr Ghenadie Slobodeniuc, Deputy Head of the Bureau for Diaspora Relations, Government of the Republic of Moldova

Dr Talip Küçükcan, Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Marmara University, Turkey

Mr Serhiy Kasyanchuk, Director of the Ukrainian World Congress Mission to Ukraine

OPEN DISCUSSION

13.30 – 15.00

Official lunch offered by the Council of Europe

15.00 – 16.45

PLENARY SESSION III

“LOCAL AUTHORITIES’ CO-OPERATION WITH, AND SUPPORT PROVIDED TO, DIASPORA ASSOCIATIONS IN IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS IN THE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN”

This session will examine the best, most innovative and most successful local initiatives aimed at mobilising the contribution of diasporas, supporting their projects, creating attractive conditions for returning diaspora members and helping them to reintegrate in the social, cultural and economic life of their countries of origin.

Moderator: **Mr Duarte Marques**, Member of the Portuguese delegation to PACE

Speakers:

Mr Alexandru Ambros, Mayor of Ungheni, Republic of Moldova

Mr Michel Terestchenko, Mayor of Hlukhiv, Ukraine

Ms Fiona Godfrey, Deputy Chair of the British in Europe Association, Luxembourg

Mr James Omolo, President of Africa Connect Foundation, Poland

OPEN DISCUSSION

16.45 – 17.00 *Coffee break*

17.00 – 18.00 **CONCLUDING SESSION**

ADOPTION OF THE CONCLUSIONS

DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE NETWORK

Closing address by:

Mr/Ms....., Coordinator of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies

Ms Oksana Yurynets, Chairperson of the subcommittee on regional and cross-border cooperation between Ukraine and the EU countries of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

18.00 – 19.00 *City guided tour*

19.00 ***Official dinner offered by the Ukrainian Parliament***
(Hotel Kyiv 26/1 Mykhaila Hrushevskoho St)

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