

Decentralized Cooperation Belgium - Romania

4th Forum October 25-27, 2013 Leuven

Fostering local governance between Romania, Flanders, Wallonia and Brussels

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P Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday
venue place parking level -2
If full, private parking "Parking De Bond"
(under the railway station of Leuven).
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DRAFT PROGRAM

Friday, October 25:

14:30 Registration open. Welcome of the delegates.

15:00 *Icebreaking meetings:*

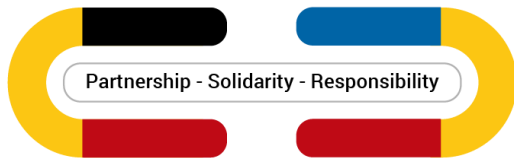
Meeting 1: exchange between BE provinces and RO judeţes.

Room: 6/7

Moderator: Liliana Mangeac, Coordinator of the European Office UNCJR (Ro) and Peter Dhondt, administration secretary International cooperation Vlaams-Brabant county (B).

Program:

- Hospital Governance: insights on modern "Hospital Governance": who should be the stakeholders in the governance body? Needs of renovation and modernization. Hospitals have to cooperate in future. Merging, alliances, networking, associations? All possibilities are open and should be examined starting from an overall strategic plan for the region, but surely starting from the question "what's the benefit for the patient?". Speaker: Tonnie Steeman, General Director CM Mechelen-Turnhout.
- Suceava - a new county interested in cooperating with Belgium: Catalin Ioan Nechifor, President of CJ Suceava (Ro).
- International cooperation / internationalization and working with EU programs.
Exchange of insights B – Ro counties:
 - Introduction by Peter Dhondt; administration secretary International cooperation Vlaams-Brabant County (B)
 - Presentation of the European Confederation of Intermediate Local Powers by Liliane Mangeac; coordinator UNCJR (Ro).
 - Territorial cooperation among local intermediate governments: presentation of Partenalia, an international association of European scope created in 1993 by Paula Osés, coordinator Partenalia.



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- Health prevention as a task for county councils. Approach on county level in Wallonia, Hainaut county, Dr. Christian Massot.

Meeting 2: exchange between B and Ro cities and communes.

Room: 2/3

Moderator: Betty De Wachter, head of International department VVSG or Isabelle Compagnie UVCW (B) and Calin Chira, counselor, Permanent Representation of Romania to the EU.

Program:

- Fire brigade: local groups of volunteer fire fighters and cooperation B-Ro. The Swiss project in Romania presented by Francisc Giurgiu; president OVR- Ro and responsible for the Swiss project in Romania. Models and advantages of cooperation between B and Ro communes.
- Community care in Romania, a case study: the need of alternative ways of local health structures and organizing health care. 'Community care centers' and 'community assistants' targeting underprivileged and vulnerable population within communities would be tailored to respond to the basic needs of the community. Project proposal by Cristina Vladu, counselor ministry of health Ro.
- Social Map - Tool for Community Assessment: introduction on the creation of a social map for a community. The information bundled in this social map is on the one hand a statistic analysis of the existing situation and on the other hand can serve as a platform to start new plans and actions locally and between partners. Moreover, this will give you a strong background in discussions with policymakers and authorities. Patrick Van den Nieuwenhof, ADR-TON.
- Inter-local cooperation on different domains:
 - Introduction on inter-local cooperation models in B: advantages, risks: ...; president Interleuven (B) Betty De Wachter and Isabelle Compagnie
 - Waste handling example: RECMA a cooperative performing waste collection and sorting. A project of social employment working together with the inter-local organization Intradel.
- Weathering the HCV storm in Romania: The project is an action plan to treat faster and better HCV patients in Romania. The project has 4 models: Operational, Financial, Logistic and Awareness. A coalition will be created to support and implement the project. Mr Andrei Poppa, Special Projects Manager Janssen Romania.

Meeting 3: Business to Business meeting with specialists. This meeting will go on till 18:00

Rooms: 1 & 8/9

Moderator: Jozef Goebels and B ambassador Philippe Beke.

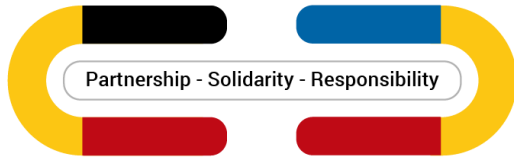
Program: 10 Belgian companies and 2 Romanian counties, interested in a B2B on the use of EU funds for their activities in Romania can talk with former EU Commissioner and former Romanian Minister of European Affairs Leonard Orban and expert Delia Ionica of the consultant company Orban-Biris who will provide advice at the project level. Participation list is closed.



Meeting 4: information for starters.

Room: stands.





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Program: Companies thinking of starting up a business in Ro can gather information (points of information by RO embassy or Business Club) and information on possibilities and rules in B by VOKA arr. Leuven, FIT and AWEX.

17:00 Coffee break offered by county of Vlaams-Brabant



17:30

- Business meets authorities

Room: 2/3

Moderator: B ambassador Philippe Beke.

Program: possibility for companies to meet representatives of Ro counties, cities and communes and their professional bodies.

- Visiting of stands and networking.

19:00 Welcome Plenary

Room: Spoor 95.

Moderator: Piet Henckens

Program: Speeches by Governor De Witte (county Vlaams Brabant); president Prahova County Mircea Cosma and representatives of each partner country on the Forum: Ro / B / Fr / NI / Mold.

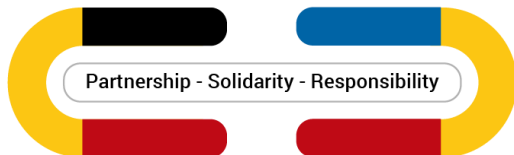
20:00 Opening reception

Room: Spoor 95

Program: Opening reception with finger foods made up of local products offered by county of Vlaams-Brabant in the honor of the participants. Enlivened by Michel Mainil Jazz quartet.



22:00 End of day 1



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Saturday, October 26:

08:30 Registration open. Welcome coffee sponsored by Carmeuse.



09:00 First Plenary: Opening of the Forum.

Room: Auditorium.

Program: Introduction to the Forum: speeches from Deputy Tom Dehaene (Vlaams-Brabant); Luminița Odobescu, Ro government; Philippe Beke, Belgian ambassador in Ro; Stefan Tinca, Romanian ambassador in B; Bart Laethem head of division at Flemish Government Administration.

09:30 Models on decentralization: Luc Martens, president VVSG (B) / Mircea Cosma, president Prahova county (Ro) what exactly is meaning by decentralization and how is it put into practice in both countries?

10:00 Panel discussion on decentralization with B and Ro representatives (Luc Martens, B / ..., B / Mircea Cosma, Ro).

Moderator: H.E. ambassador Stefan Tinca

10:30 Coffee break sponsored by Overseas.



11:00 First round of workshops

Health and health care

(Room: Provincieraadszaal, Moderator: Jozef Goebels, note taker: Gianina Vodă)
Discussions will include a presentation of good practices in Romania on first line healthcare; evaluation of the local health situation at the level of local health committees, community health centers, home care experience; prevention and health education actions, implementation of the principles of decentralization and subsidiarity. (See annex 1)

Sustainable tourism and agro-tourism, heritage

(Room: Auditorium, Moderator: Vinciane Demoustier, note taker: Adina Bădescu).
Discussions will tackle the potential of tourism as a source of socio-economic development, new strategies for increasing visibility and promoting touristic attractions in Romania, the key role of local authorities in organizing an effective touristic policy that would take into account the available local resources, EU financing for local networks for promoting tourism in Romania, development of instruments to promote rural tourism in Romania in the 3 regions in Belgium, as well as tourism from Romania to Belgium. (See annex 2)

Civil society: women-, men-, elderly organizations

(Room: 2/3, Moderator: Mon Verrydt, note taker: Dragoș Bănescu)
Discussions will include a presentation of organizations active at the local level, youth groups social networks, urgency to develop a youth policy plan to develop local youth work. (See annex 3)

Youth: existing youth initiatives in Ro and cooperation's Be-Ro

(Room: 6/7, Moderator: Peter Andriesen, note taker: Agnes Jones)
Discussions will cover existing good practices in this sector, youth organizations and professional support for the local volunteers, the activity of youth organization AGLT in Belgium and Romania, ways to stimulate initiative among youngsters. See annex 4

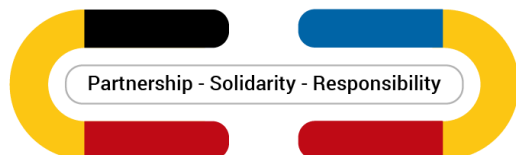


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Agriculture

(Room: 4/5, Moderator: Jean-Marie Dessèvre, note taker: Anne-Marie Scotto)

Discussions will focus on consequences of the CAP reform on farmers, rural development and environmental protection, solutions for combating poverty in rural areas, activity of GAL (groupes d'action locale), initiatives under the LEADER program, presentation of good practices, exchange of experience between Romanian and Walloon farmers. (See annex 5)

Environment and waste management: review and education on selective collection

(Room: 8/9, Moderator: Paul Macken, note taker: Raluca Barzu)

Discussions will focus on the importance of identifying alternative solutions for handling waste, the need for an effective policy of local authorities for tackling the waste problem, the benefits of inter-municipal cooperation, exchange of good practices on information and awareness raising of inhabitants and civil society organizations. (See annex 6)

Water

(Room: 1, Moderator: Michel De Backer, note taker: Mr. Popa, Hășmaș)

Discussions will focus on management of the water infrastructure and sanitary facilities in Belgium and Romania, means of ensuring the correct distribution of drinkable water, assuming individual responsibility in the preservation and the right use of the "capital of water", good practices at the level of the local community to combat the effects of deforestation and water pollution (See annex 7)

12:30 Walking lunch (Room Spoor 95) sponsored by WBI.



13:30 Second round of workshops

Workshops will continue in the same rooms.

15:00 Coffee break sponsored by VOKA arr. Leuven



15:30 Second Plenary: Decentralization and EU Funds

Room: Auditorium.

Moderator: H.E. amb. Philippe Beke.

Program:

- **Part I (40 min):** Transition from the current programming period to the new Financial Framework 2014-2020 with special focus on Romania by Mr. Leonard Orban.
- **Part II (10 min):** Testimonial on how Brabant brings structural funds under NUTS 2 en 3: Jeroen Ampe, head Europe department VI.-Brabant.
- **Part III (40 min):** Q&A on EU funds distilled from the workshops and experiences from attendants. Team of specialists will answer questions and give suggestions (Leonard Orban, VVSG or UCVW, Jeroen Ampe, ...).

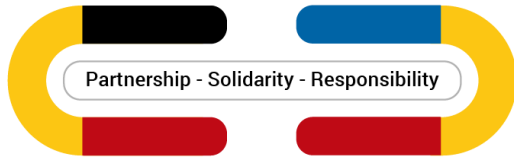
17:00 Free time for participants, stands and networking.

19:00 Friendship walking dinner, sponsored by the Government of Flanders



21.00 End of day 2





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Sunday, October 27:

10:00 Third Plenary: Wrap up session sponsored by WDP.

Room: Auditorium.

Moderator: Jozef Goebels

Program:

- Conclusions from the workgroups and from the forum.
- Recommendations for the next forum.
- Suggestions for further work on different domains between the forums.

12:00 Lunch and farewell sponsored by ADR and OVR.

13:00 End of the Forum. Departure of the delegates

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