

Local Governments as Drivers for Change – Localizing the SDGs implementation through the LED approach – The Eastern Partnership (EaP) experience

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At the aftermath of the SDGs adoption, the development agenda has seen the range of actors involved in its implementation very much evolved. Starting from the international & national levels, the local level has been more and more recognized for its added-value, being the closest layer to citizens, where actions can be developed using the local context engaging citizens & the community. In that direction, the role of Local Governments, in association with the promotion of the quadruple helix (private, public, academic & civil society) is recognized and needs to be strengthened for the promotion of Local Economic Development initiatives within their territories.

This session will aim to reflect on the situation of LED within the Eastern Partnership area, tackling the issues of sustainable development, the localization of SDGs through a territorial approach and the engagement in participatory and inclusive processes. The session will address the following questions:

- What is the state of play in EaP countries with regards to the role of Local Authorities in promoting engagement for development?
- What is the environment LAs are working in and what is needed to enable them to play an effective role in developing and engaging in LED initiatives?
- What are the factors and conditions that facilitate or limit Local Governments to engage in the promotion of local economic development initiatives, localizing the implementation of the SDGs?

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