



ELTI – CDLF Workshop

The experience of NPBIs in mobilizing financial resources for investments and services by local authorities

Cultural Center of the Municipality of Athens (Pneumatiko Kentro Dimou Athinaion)

“Antonis Tritsis” Room

50 Akadimias Str, 10679 Athens Greece

Thursday, 23 June 2022, 09.00 – 14.00 am

Theme

In today’s world of continual changes and disruption, local authorities globally have an increasingly important role to carry on relating with the provision of public services. In their agenda though, they deal with great challenges, as a result of their cities growing larger, that strains basic infrastructure, coupled with the impact of natural disasters and other events linked to climate change, while the financial disruption in consequence of the pandemic outburst and the latest geopolitical matters, has intensified these challenges.

Local authorities are confronted with profound economic challenges, that circle to the main issue, being the widening gap between the availability of financial resources and their growing needs.

Still, proper planning and financing systems, are reasons for local governments to be optimistic as they offer opportunities for matching their needs with investment financing frameworks and tools.

In this workshop, we will share experiences and aim to identify successful financing mechanisms that allow municipalities to make strategic investments in their cities, support economic growth and social cohesion, and thus create confidence for better days ahead.

The workshop will be organized in two (#2) parts:

PART 1 - Understanding the local governments’ perspective and the challenges in backing their strategic public investments

- *The finance dimension with a focus on a metropolitan area* – Mayor of Athens, will share with us the experience of the largest metropolitan city in Greece
- *Let’s consider size: How can non – metropolitan municipalities finance investments and services?* – Mayor of Trikala/ Chairman of KEDE (Central Union of Municipalities of Greece)
- *The finance dimension with a focus on urban periphery* – Mayor of Varis-Voulas-Vouliagmenis will share the experience of financing the needed infrastructure in the periphery associated with fast growth in the number of its inhabitants. A case of co-operating with the CDLF in street lighting financing.



PART 2 – How ELTI members can contribute to local governments viable fiscal future

In this part, ELTI members, will exchange experiences and practices aiming to better understand the key elements and processes needed for local authorities to effectively communicate their needs, reach out to our organizations and use financing mechanisms.

Moreover, we will reflect on that basis in order to identify similarities, differences and/or gaps in the financing options, administrative capacity and other issues relevant to addressing the cities' challenges mentioned above.



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Agenda

9:00 – 9:30 h

Welcome Coffee

9:30 – 09:50 h

Co-ordinator: Vasiliki Ioakimidou, Head of Public Relations, Consignment Deposits and Loans Fund, Greece

Welcome address

- **Dimitrios Stamatis**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Consignment Deposits and Loans Fund, Greece
- **Helmut von Glasenapp**, Secretary General, ELTI

Keynote address - Supporting Local Governments navigate their pressing challenges head on

- **Christina Giovani**, Deputy Chair of the Board of Directors, Consignment Deposits and Loans Fund, Greece

PART 1 - Understanding the Greek local governments' perspective and the challenges in backing their public investment plans

09:50 – 10:50 h

- **Konstantinos Bakoyannis**, Mayor of the City of Athens, Greece
- **Dimitrios Papasterghiou**, Mayor of the City of Trikala and President of the Central Union of Municipalities of Greece
- **Grigorios Konstantellos**, Mayor of the City of Varis-Voulas-Vouliagmenis, Greece

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10:50 – 11:10 h

Coffee Break

PART 2 – How ELTI members can contribute to local governments viable fiscal future

11:10 – 11:30 h

Sustainable finance for municipalities

- **Mathieu Prengel**, EU Affairs Advisor, Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations, France

11:30 – 12:45 h

Case studies/ presentations on practices and frameworks from different markets

- **Charalambos Tsokanas**, International Affairs/**George Kouloukis** Director of Financing to Municipalities and Regions, Consignment Deposits and Loans Fund, Greece
- **Ioannis Bouzopoulos**, Climate and Social Finance Advisor, European Investment Bank, Luxembourg
- **Tommaso Savi**, Head of Financing to Italian Regions, Public Entities & Debt Management, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, Italy
- **Vaida Lauruševičienė**, Head of the Regional Development Unit, Customer Relation Department, VIPA, Lithuania

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12:45 – 13:00 h

Closing remarks

- **Dimitra Asimaki**, General Manager, Consignment Deposits and Loans Fund, Greece
- **Helmut von Glasenapp**, Secretary General, ELTI

13:00 – 13:45 h

Light Lunch – End of Workshop

13:45 h

Departure with a shuttle bus for a 1h Guided Tour at the National Gallery beginning at 14:00 and return to the venue of the workshop after the tour.