



The presentation of Mr Dobrica Milovanovic, Member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, focused on the LDA work in the Balkans accompanying the transition from the 1990s onwards. In his words, the Balkan LDAs represented a milestone of the communities for dialogue between civil society and local authorities. They were providing better conditions for developing local democracy and citizen participation by building their capacities, initiating cooperation and helping in finding partners for joint projects.

The afternoon session was an opportunity to discuss the various aspects of LDA Dnipropetrovsk practical work in smaller groups, in particular how, and through which means, to maximise its impact on the ground.

There was a lot of enthusiasm in the room and many expressions of interest and questions from the participants as to how they can be involved with LDA Dnipropetrovsk. Equally, the civil society representatives travelling from other regions were convinced that there is a need to set up LDAs in other cities in Ukraine, quoting Odessa and Kharkiv as the next possible locations.

The objectives of the meeting – in particular to make aware the potential stakeholders of the May 18th inauguration of the LDA Dnipropetrovsk but also to discuss with them the role of the LDA, exchange ideas on how to best cooperate with the local authorities and civil society in the regional context, and identify needs and priorities for the initial work of the LDA – were met.

For further information, please find here the [Agenda](#) of the event.

Please find below some interesting material about the event:

- Dobrica Milovanovic's [presentation](#)
- [Photo gallery](#)

