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Western Balkans Unite for Smart Cities

Agenda

Local Self-Governments Forum

12 October 2023, Tirana, Piramida

Green Cities: exchanging experiences across the region

10.00 – 10.30 **Arrival of participants and registration**

10.30 – 11.00 **Welcoming remarks**

Majlinda Bregu, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council

Arbjan Mazniku, Minister for Local Government, Albania

Luigi Soreca, EU Ambassador to Albania

Mehmet Ergün Turan, President of NALAS, Mayor of Fatih, Istanbul, Türkiye

Mathieu Mori, Secretary General, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

11.00 – 12.00 **Presentation of winning BALKATHON solutions**

12.00 – 12.30 **Coffee Break**

12.30 – 13.30 **Panel 1: High-level panel discussions with Mayors – Green transformation of cities across the region – challenges and opportunities**

Erion Veliaj, Mayor of Tirana

Përparim Rama, Mayor of Pristina

Danela Arsovska, Mayor of Skopje

Samir Avdić, Deputy Mayor of Sarajevo

Luka Rakčević, Deputy Mayor of Podgorica



13.30 – 14.30

Lunch Break

14.30 – 16.00

Panel 2: Green Cities good practices

Iven Schad, First Secretary, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany

Annakarin Lindberg, Project Manager, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
and Mr. Antonio Jovanovski Regional Coordinator of the “Improving Air Quality in
the Western Balkans”, UNICEF

Dubravka Bosnjak, Regional Project Manager EU4 Energy Transition “Covenant of
Mayors in the Western Balkans and Türkiye” Project

Peter Vajda, Senior Environmental Expert, Energy Community Secretariat

Christian Mettke, Head of Programme, Sustainable Urban Transport, GIZ

Thomas Prorok, Managing Director, Centre for Public Administration Research,
Austria

16:00 – 16.30

Conclusions of the LSG Forum - way forward

