

FINANCIAL DECENTRALIZATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM
Annual National Conference of the National Association of Acting Chairmen of
Municipal Councils in Bulgaria (NAACMCB)

(03-04 February 2006, Veliko Tarnovo, Grand Hotel “Veliko Tarnovo”)

Official program of the Conference

(Working version 1)

03 February 2006 год. /Friday/	
11,00-13,30	Arriving & Accommodation
12,00-14,00	Registration
14,00-14,20	Opening ceremony and official greeting speeches: NAACMCB, Chairman, Assoc. Prof. D-r Andrey Zahariev Delegation of the European Commission, Mr. Ruud Van Enk (with translation) Ministry of Finance, Minister Plamen Oresharsky National Assembly, Chair Persons of Commissions Mayor of Veliko Tarnovo, D-r Rumen Rashev Governor of Veliko Tarnovo Region, Mrs. Gergana Trifonova LGI, USAID, Program Director, Mr. Emil Savov NAMRB, Executive Director, Ginka Chavdarova FLGI, Executive Director Ginka Kapitanov
14,20-14,30	Ceremony of awarding „Municipal Financial Director 2005” under the patronage of the Minister of Finance Assoc. Prof. D-r Plamen Oresharsky
14,30-15,00	Coffee break/Press conference
15,00-16,15	First Plenary Session “The new FMC and IA law in the context of administrative decentralization in Bulgaria”, SIGMA, Mr. Joop Vrolijk, Senior Adviser, Audit and Financial Control Discussion comment: Mr. Tsvetan Tsvetkov, Chairman of the Managing Board of the Institute of Internal Auditors “Management of Structural funds and the role of the local government”, SIGMA and The Regional Policy Directorate-General, Mr. Denis Besnainou Discussion comment: Mrs. Paulina Stanoeva, Task Manager , Public Finance Sector, Delegation of the European Commission to Bulgaria
16,15-16,45	Кафе-пауза
16,45-18,15	Second Plenary Session “Financial Decentralization in Bulgaria – past and future”, LGI, USAID, Program Director, Mr. Emil Savov Discussion comment: Assoc. Prof. D-r Andrey Zahariev, Chairman of the Managing Board of the National Association of Acting Chairmen of Municipal Councils in Bulgaria and Managing Director of APS Consulting Group
20,00-	Official Dinner
04 February 2006 год. /Saturday/	
8,00-9,30	Breakfast
9,00-9,30	Meeting of the Managing Board of the NAACMCB
9,30-11,30	Third Plenary Session “Legislative reforms towards more responsible local governance in Bulgaria”, Mrs. Bogdana Sultanova and Mrs. Svetla Yankova, LGI, USAID “The territorial decentralization and the municipal development plans”, Mrs. Zlatina Karova, Director, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works Discussion comment: D-r Marin Peychev, Vice-Chairman of the Managing Board of the NAACMCB and member of the Managing Board of the NAMRB
11,30-12,00	Summary of the conference results
12,00-	Closing ceremony and departure from Veliko Tarnovo