

The Co-Chairmen



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Iurie Leancă
Prime Minister of Moldova

Your Excellency,

We are pleased to inform you of the outcome of the third annual meeting of the Conference of Regional and Local Authorities for the Eastern Partnership (CORLEAP) that took place in Vilnius on 3 September 2013.

CORLEAP provides a representation for the local and regional authorities within the Eastern Partnership and works towards strengthening a territorial dimension of the EaP for the benefit of citizens. In the annual CORLEAP meeting mayors and elected regional representatives from the EU and Eastern Partnership countries have adopted recommendations ahead of the forthcoming Eastern Partnership Summit of Heads of State.

We are pleased to enclose these recommendations. In delivering the adopted document, it is our sincere hope that the Summit will take account of the practical and measurable benefits that the active involvement of local and regional authorities could bring to the EaP policy initiative. The report "Time to rethink the Eastern Partnership" can be found on the CoR website. [<http://cor.europa.eu/en/activities/pages/corleap.aspx>]

We would like to use this opportunity to underline that the principles of local democracy represent a universal European value. Moldova as well as other Council of Europe members ratified the European Charter on Local Self-Government, Article 9 of which refers clearly to the need for adequate financial resources to perform the tasks of local government. We hope that your government will keep the local finance reform among its priorities.

Yours faithfully,

Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso
President of the CoR
Co-chair of CORLEAP

Mamuka Abuladze
President of the National Association of Local
Authorities of Georgia, Co-chair of CORLEAP

Encl.: CORLEAP recommendations