

**PROGRAM FOR PARTICIPANTS OF**  
**WORKING SESSION ON MINORITIES IN PA: AN EU ACCESSION**  
**PERSPECTIVE**

**Wednesday, April 12.**

Arrival of participants

**18.00 - 19.00 Welcome drink** with contributors of the working session at the Grand Hotel Hungaria

**Thursday, April 13.**

**9.00 - 10.30** Opening Plenary Session of NISPAcee Annual Meeting

**11.00-11.30** Keynote presentation

**11.30 - 12.30 INTRODUCTION TO WORKING SESSION AND WORKING GROUPS BY CO-ORDINATORS:** Petra Kovacs will announce working session on "Minorities in Public Administration: an EU accession perspective" and will call for participation in Working Group on Democratic Governance of Multiethnic Communities

**12.30 - 14.00** Lunch

**14.00-15.30 WORKING SESSION ON MINORITIES IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: AN EU PERSPECTIVE**

Frameworks of Implementation of Minority Rights in Public Administration

**LOCATION:** ROOM "IMPERIAL 2nd"

**Convenor: Anna-Maria Biro, Minority Rights Group, Budapest**

**Malcolm Cross, Ethnobarometer / CEMES, UK**

"Managing Multicultural Societies in Western Europe: National and Regional Perspectives".

**Boris Tsilevich, MP, director of MINELRES project, Latvia**

"Participation of minorities in public administration in the Baltic states: Successes and failures".

**Viktor Stepanenko, Ukrainian Academy of Science, Ukraine**

"Ethnopolitics and minority rights in Ukraine in the European perspective".

**15.30-16.00** Coffee break

**16.00-17.30 WORKING SESSION CONTINUED:**

Minorities in local public administration

**LOCATION:** ROOM "IMPERIAL 2nd"

Convenor: Anna-Maria Biro, Minority Rights Group, Budapest

**Eva Orsos, Association of Local and Municipal Governments, Hungary**

'Minority self-governments in the process of EU accession'

**Igor Kossikov, EAWARN, Russian Federation**

"Local Government in Ethnonational Divisions of Russian Federation".

**István Horváth, Research Center on Inter-Ethnic Relations Cluj, Romania**

"The Romanian practices regarding the implementation of the use of minority languages in local public administration"

**17.30- 19.00 MEETING OF NEWLY INITIATED WORKING GROUP ON  
DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE IN MULTIETHNIC COMMUNITIES:  
BRAINSTORMING SESSION**

Convenor: Violetta Zentai and Petra Kovacs, Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative, Budapest

Introduction of participants

Presentation of aims and objectives of the WG

Brainstorming on possible issues/activities for the first year

Planning of next WG meeting

**20.00 Reception (Duna Palace)**

**Friday, April 14, 2000**

Conference program, individual meetings

**12.30 - 14.00 Business Lunch at Central Café**

(Budapest, 5th district corner of Karolyi Street and Iranyi street)

**Saturday, April 15, 2000**

**11.00-12.30** Plenary session: Reports of the Working Groups

**13.00-18.00 Excursion to Szentendre**

Meeting at the Hotel lobby at 13.00

**Please, let me know if you are interested! Thank you, Petra**