2ND NATIONAL ON CONGRESS ON LOCAL COOPERATION

(TENTATIVE PROGRAM)

10 October 2024 (Thursday), Warsaw

9.00 - 10.30: Registration & Welcome Coffee

10.30 - 11.00: Opening of the Congress

11.00 – 12.15: Panel: **Civic capital – the missing link in social development** (discussion in Polish, English interpretation provided)

12.15 – 13.00: Key note speech: Innovating democracy in troubled times by taking humans seriously, prof. Simon Niemeyer from Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance in Canberra (Australia)

13.00 - 13.15: Coffee break

13.15-14.15: Thematic session: New forms of participation in local communities as a response to the crisis of representative democracy

Host: prof. UAM dr. hab. Paulina Pospieszna, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań

Participants:

- prof. Simon Niemeyer, Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance in Canberra
- prof. Rikki Dean, Goethe University Frankfurt
- prof. Brigitte Geissel, Goethe University Frankfurt
- prof. Jean-Benoit Pilet, Université Libre de Bruxelles

14.15 - 15.15: Lunch break

15.15 – 16.15: Thematic session: Citizens' Senate: how can it operate in Polish cities and municipalities? *dr Marcin Gerwin, Center for Blue Democracy*

16.15 – 17.15: Thematic session: How do our neighbors do it? Good practices in participation in Central and Eastern Europe

Host: Ieva Česnulaitytė, Democracy Next, Lithuania







Participants:

- Simona Iliescu, Ramnicu Valcea, Rumunia
- Sanja Manceva, consultant on citizens' panels in North Macedonia
- Eva Bordos, director of DemNet, organizer of the citizens' panel in Miskolc, Hungary
- Gazela Pudal Drasko, University of Belgrade, citizens' panel organizer, Serbia

17.15 – 18.00: Special guest

20.00 – 22.00: Dinner – Integration Evening