



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF PUBLIC MEDIATORS IN THE
REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA



NATIONAL MEETING OF THE LOCAL PUBLIC MEDIATORS

Thursday, April 26, 2007
Veliko Tarnovo, Hotel „Boliarski“

Program

- 13.30 - 14.00** **Registration**
- 14.00 - 14.20** **Opening and introduction**
Dr. Maria Yordanova, Director of the Law Program, Center for the Study of Democracy
Mr. Nikolay Tachev, Chairman of the Municipal Council of Veliko Tarnovo
- 14.20 - 14.40** **Cooperation between the National Ombudsman and the Local Public Mediators**
Ms. Rositsa Totkova, Director of Citizens' Complaints and Alerts Directorate, Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria
- 14.40 - 15.00** **The Public Mediator - An Independent Guarantee of the Civil Rights. Challenges and Realities. Changes in the Legislative Framework in the Law on Local Self-Government and Local Administration**
Mr. Ivan Dimitrov, Pazardzhik Municipality Public Mediator
- 15.00 - 15.15** *Coffee break*
- 15.20 - 15.40** **The Main Role of the Civic Defender and Benefits of Its Introduction for the Citizens**
Ms. Valentina Taneva, Deputy of the Sofia Municipality Public Mediator
- 15.40 - 16.00** **Civil Society and the Ombudsmen Institution**
Mr. Dimitar Markov, Project Coordinator, Law Program, Center for the Study of Democracy
- 16.00 - 16.30** **Discussion**



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