

# NALAS

## ADVANCING THE ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE



Network of Associations of Local  
Authorities of South-East Europe

# ***NALAS** is a Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South East Europe.*



*The Network brings together 16 Associations which represent roughly 9000 local authorities, directly elected by more than 80 million citizens of this region*





# ASSOCIATIONS MANDATE

*Promote decentralisation*

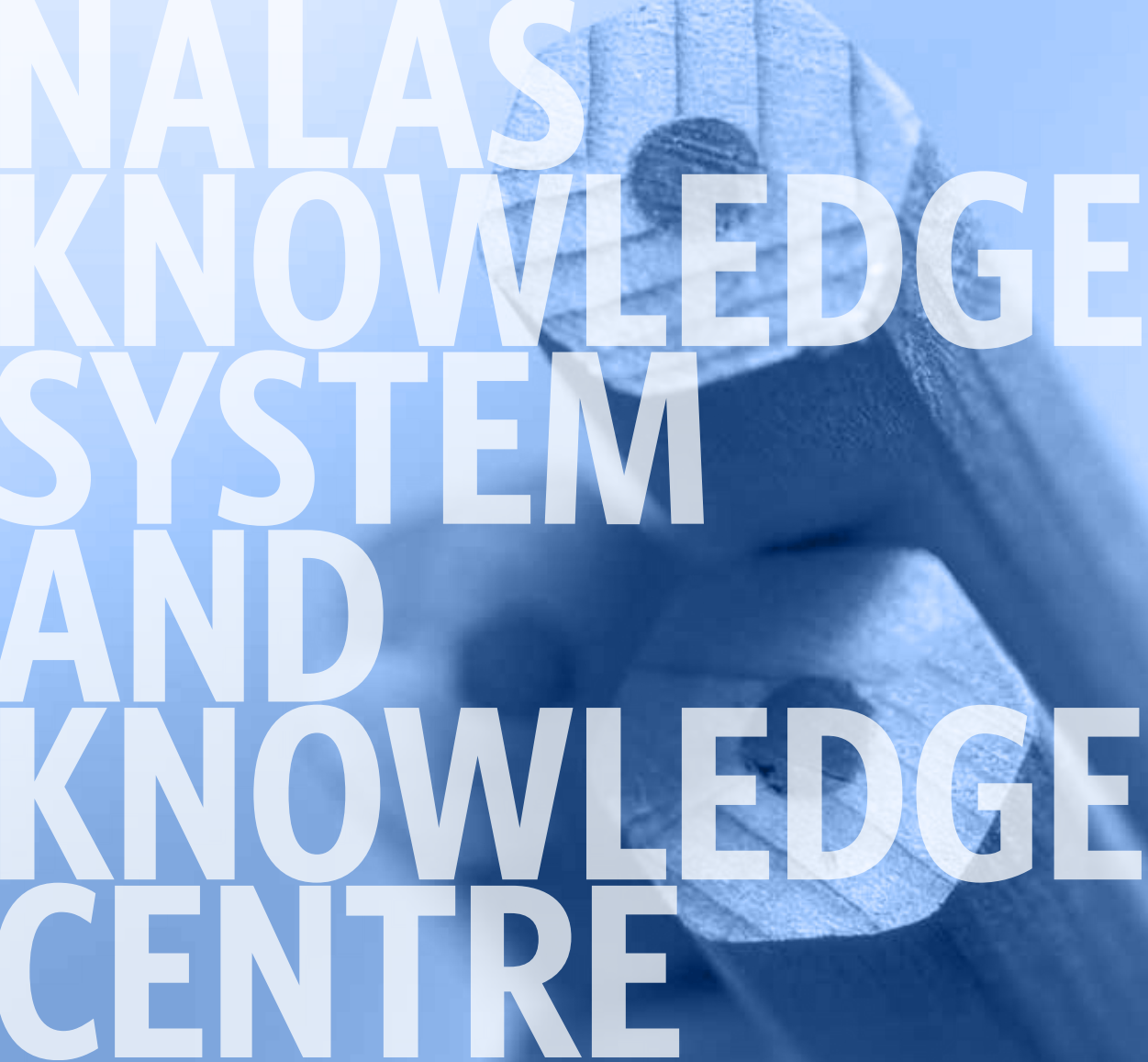
*Help the Associations to become viable representatives of local authorities vis-a-vis central government*

*Contribute to reconciliation and stabilisation*

*Contribute to European integration of the whole region*

*Initiate and carry out regional initiatives for its members*

*Through Associations, provide services to local governments for the benefit of the citizens in the region*



# NALAS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM AND KNOWLEDGE CENTRE

By gathering local government associations, municipal elected officials and experts on various topics, NALAS has a unique opportunity to generate knowledge of great value for the authorities in SEE. NALAS stimulates exchange of information and experiences among its members. The processes of knowledge discovery, generation, capitalization and dissemination make up the NALAS Knowledge System.

The main part of the Knowledge System is the NALAS Knowledge Centre. The strength and the focus of the Knowledge Centre is the content - or the knowledge - itself. Especially important is the knowledge found in cross-border analysis, comparisons and best practices.



# NALAS TASK FORCES

The five NALAS Task Forces in: **Urban Planning, Energy Efficiency, Fiscal Decentralization, Water and Solid Waste Management** and **Sustainable Tourism** are at the heart of NALAS, bringing together the best experts from the region, competent associations' staff and professionals employed in the local government administration, who are directly facing the consequences and challenges coming from policies and laws which define the system of local government. NALAS Task Forces have a key role in knowledge production and dissemination.

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## ***Quick Response***

is specialized in regional ad-hoc information collection and analysis, used by the member Associations in dealing with important policy issues or otherwise negotiating with their respective central governments.

## ***Shadowing Program***

is a mechanism for permanent exchange and transfer of knowledge between members, through coaching, mentoring, and on-job learning using the expertise within the NALAS network.

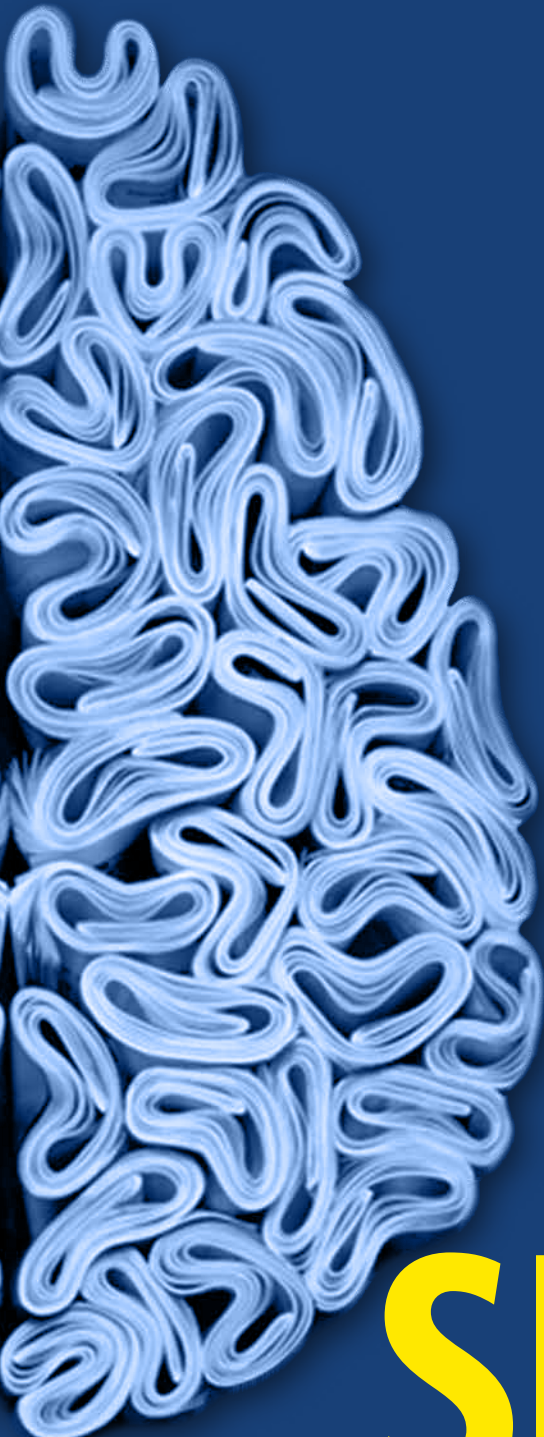
## ***Peer Review***

is a service designed to facilitate a process of learning from the experience of other NALAS member LGAs. This service enables mutual learning through better understanding of NALAS members and developing joint benchmarks for good performance.

## ***NALAS Digest***

provides a rare opportunity to learn about the current trends, efforts, developments and concerns in the local government arena throughout SEE. It is produced bi-weekly and distributed electronically to over 3000 e-mails.





### ***NALAS Newsletter***

is printed 2-3 times per year. On some 30 pages, it provides an in-depth overview of NALAS activities and achievements, as well as analytical review of the developments in the local government area in SEE.

### ***Network of Knowledge Management Assistants***

based within the local offices of the NALAS member Associations, collect and disseminate information about the local government matters, develop best practices and models, establish and maintain network of local partners and support implementation of NALAS activities.

### ***NALAS Knowledge Tree***

is a document management system for knowledge storage, categorization and distribution for the needs of NALAS, its members and partners.

### ***NALAS website: [www.nalas.eu](http://www.nalas.eu)***

is a modern online platform that provides up-to-date and user-friendly knowledge and information about the most recent developments in local government issues, as well as information about NALAS activities.

# SERVICES

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## *e-Academy*

In its new Strategic Plan 2013-2017, NALAS upgrades its Knowledge System by establishing E-Academy, which enables dissemination of relevant regional knowledge to each municipal employee in SEE, in the same time offering opportunity for an interesting, creative, step by step and self-paced learning. The online E-Academy offers practical knowledge that can be immediately implemented at the workplace, developing a new generation of local government professionals in SEE.







# NEXPO NALAS INTERNATIONAL MUNICIPAL FAIR

is the largest and most important municipal event in SEE. It brings together local governments, local government associations, development agencies, civil society and businesses from SEE and beyond. NEXPO promotes the role of local governments and the process of decentralization and provides regional networking.

The first NEXPO was organized in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2011, the second one in Rijeka and Opatija, Croatia, in 2013, while the third one, named "Annual Forum of Local Authorities of South-East Europe" was held in May 2015 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.



# International activity

**NALAS** is closely affiliated with the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, has an observer status to the Committee of the Regions, has cross membership status with the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), is a member of the UCLG Mediterranean Committee and has good working relations with FEDRE and the Council of Europe's Centre of Expertise for Local Government Reform.



**NALAS** is a pillar dimension coordinator for the “Governance for Growth” Pillar of the SEE 2020 Strategy.

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*“All your countries that tend to join the European Union have to develop strategies for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, in line with the EU2020 Strategy. Local authorities have a very important role to play in this process and NALAS has rightly been selected as one of the coordinators in the development of the SEE2020 Strategy. I would like to thank you already now for your engagement”.*  
*(high EU official)*





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