

44th ASSEMBLY OF THE STANDING CONFERENCE OF CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

November 24th

According to the tradition, in addition to the highest representatives of cities and municipalities, the 44th Assembly of the SCTM was attended by other domestic high officials, representatives of the Government of Serbia and line ministries, republican deputies, representatives of the diplomatic corps, governmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions, international donor organizations as well as the association of local authorities from other countries with whom SCTM has established cooperation. The biggest annual gathering of mayors and municipal presidents, this time, was an opportunity to discuss the most important topics in the field of local self-government during one day. In the introductory part of the Assembly, the participants were addressed by the representative of the City of Belgrade in the role of the host city, the high representatives of the Government of Serbia, the Delegation of the European Union and the donor countries of the Kingdom of Sweden and the Swiss Confederation. Also, Gudrun Mosler – Tornstrom, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, took part in the introductory part of the Assembly addressing the participants. In the final part of the introductory part, the President of the SCTM and Nis City Mayor Darko Bulatovic submitted a report on the key activities in the period between the two assemblies. The main issues that were discussed at the Assembly were: Economic Reform Program for the period 2017-2019, the conditions for attracting investments and improving local economic development, as well as new legal

solutions on local self-government. It is expected that the constructive dialogue between the participants of the Assembly will contribute to defining the directions and priorities of the SCTM in the forthcoming period. The Assembly considered and decided on matters of importance for the work of the SCTM as an institution. Within the work of the Assembly the proposals of documents and decisions important for the work and functioning of the SCTM were considered.