

**XXXIst European Days
of the State Territorial Representatives**



**“RESILIENCE IN THE AGE OF VULNERABILITIES
OF POPULATIONS”**

TIRANA, Albania

May 14-16th, 2026



Tirana Regional Council



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PARTICIPANTS PROGRAM

Thursday, May 14th, 2026

Venue : Consortium Conference room

13:00 – 15:00 Welcome of participants: registration and buffet with partners
Tirana International Hotel (*Scanderbeg Square 8, Tirana*)

14:45 *Group photo*

15:00 – 16:15 **OPENING PROCOTOCOL SESSION**

Moderator: Mr Aldrin DALIPI, Head of the Regional Council of Tirana and of the Adriatic-Ionian Euroregion (Albania)

- **Mr Ervin DEMO**, Minister of State for Local Government (Albania)
- **Mr Xhemal QEFALIA**, Deputy Minister of the Interior (Albania)
- **Ms Klodiana SPAHIU**, Deputy Speaker of the Albanian Parliament (Albania)
- **Mr Ignazio PORTELLI**, President of EASTR, Prefect of ENNA (Italy)

16:15 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:30 **SESSION 1**
State representatives and the organisation of resilience

Moderator: Mr Alfonso Carlos GARCIA ROMERO, Deputy Director-General in charge of European and International Relations, Ministry of Territorial Policy and Democratic Memory, (Spain)

Speakers:

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• Ms

Cathy BERX, Governor of Antwerp, “*Readiness is all. Belgian National Defence Plan: tasks and responsibilities of STR*” (Belgium)

- **Mr Jérémy LAVERGNE**, Commander, Doctrine Officer, Fire Service Directorate, Directorate-General for Civil Protection and Crisis Management (France)
- **Dr Riccardo MATTEI**, Deputy Prefect, Ministry of the Interior, Department of Firefighters, Public Rescue and Civil Defence, “*Emergency and crisis management*” (Italy)
- **Mr Marko PUKKINEN**, Director General of the Finnish Monitoring Agency, “*The Finnish example*” (Finland)
- **M. Tonin VOCAJ**, First Director, Security Academy of Albania (Albania)

Discussion with the audience: 30 minutes

- 20.00** *A meeting on the restaurant terrace "LA PERGOLA", enjoying the view of Skanderbeg Square*
- 20.10** *Three Albanian piano pieces performed by a representative of the Academy of Arts in Tirana*
- 20:30** Dinner "LA PERGOLA" RESTAURANT
Tirana International Hotel

Friday, May 15 th, 2026

9:30 – 11:30 **SESSION 2**
The Actors of Civil Society serving resilience

Moderator: Ms Dominique DALMAS, Inspector General of Administration (France)

Speakers:

- **Mr Christian de BOISDEFFRE**, Administrator General, Ministry of Economy, “*Foundations as agents of social cohesion*” (France)
- **Dr Tom C. KARLSEN**, Governor of Nordland County, “*The Norwegian concept of total defence and resilience*” (Norway)

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- **Mr Sebahattin ÖZTÜRK**, Governor, President of the Association of Turkish Governors, “*Resilience and vulnerabilities in the context of the duties and responsibilities of Turkish governors. Projects and relations with civil society*” (Türkiye)
- **Mr Mateo SPAHO**, Professor at the Faculty of Economics, Business and Development, European University of Tirana, Director "Pashko Liberal Institute", « *Local decisionmaking with citizen participation: challenges and possible solutions* » (Albania)
- **M.Roland BEJKO**, Journalist, (Albania)

Discussions with the audience: 30 minutes

11:30 – 13:00 SESSION 3
Disruptions brought by technological progress

Moderator: Mr Ziad KHOURY, Prefect, Director of the National Travel Data Agency (France)

Speakers:

- **Mr Boris CUANOUD**, Prefect of the District of Morges, “*Artificial intelligence serving the State: challenges and perspectives for public administration*” (Switzerland)
- **Mr Arbër KADIA**, Expert in TIK, CEO and Co-founder of Patoko App (Albania)
- **Ms Sophie LAVAUX**, Governor for Crisis Management, “*Vulnerable populations, complex crises and artificial intelligence*” (Belgium)
- **Mr Benoît RAMACKER**, Director at safe.brussels, “*From 2016 to 2026: social networks in crisis or antisocial networks in crisis?*” (Belgium)

Discussions with the audience: 30 minutes

13:00 – 14:30 Buffet lunch at the hotel
Tirana International Hotel

14:30 – 16:30 **SESSION 4**

**Levers to strengthen population
resilience and obtain support and
participation**

Moderator: Mr Denis MATHEN, Governor of the Province of Namur (Belgium)

Speakers:

- **Ms Ina ADEMA**, King's Commissioner in the Province of North Brabant, « *The Brabant Standard: A practical framework for a resilient government* » (Netherlands)
- **Ms Greta BARDELI**, Member of Albanian Parliament and of the Commission for Human Rights and Public Information Media, (Albania)
- **Ms Marie-Christine CARUSO**, Deputy Prefect, Ministry of the Interior, Directorate General of the National Police, "*The evolution of territorial governance*" (Italy)
- **Mr Per-Arild KONRADSEN**, Founder and CEO of FIRST Scandinavia, "*Introduction to First Scandinavia and the Newton Concept*" (Norway)

16:30 – 17:00 **SUMMARY OF THE CONFERENCE**

- **Mr Eric FREYSSELINARD**, Prefect of Vendée, Deputy Vice-President of ACPHFMI, (France)

CLOSING SPEECH

- **Mr Aldrin DALIPI**, Head of the Regional Council of Tirana and of the Adriatic-Ionian Euroregion (Albania)

17:00 – 17:30 Coffee break

17:30 – 19:00 **BOARD MEETING AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

20:20 Meeting at the hotel reception for the Gala Dinner
Tirana International Hotel

20:30 Departure for dinner at 'Markata e Peshkut Ylli' Restaurant
9 min walk from the Hotel

22:30 Return to the hotel
Tirana International Hotel

CULTURAL PROGRAM

with partners

Saturday, May 16th, 2026

Cultural visit of TIRANA City

10.15 – Departure from Tirana International Hotel (accompanied by a professional guide), meeting at the hotel reception

- **Et'hem Bey Mosque** (founded at the end of the 18th century)
- **Resurrection of Christ Orthodox Cathedral**, considered one of the largest Eastern Orthodox churches in the Balkans
- Visit to **Bunk'Art** – a history museum located inside a Communist-era nuclear bunker
- Visit to the **Toptani House** – an example of traditional Tirana house architecture • **Tirana Castle**
- Visit to the **Catholic Church**
- The **Pyramid of Tirana** (short break – 30 minutes)
- **Mother Teresa Square**
- **Italia Square**

13 :00 – Return to Tirana Hotel by bus

PARTNERS' PROGRAM

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Free time

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Morning with the participants