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### ***Policy Makers and Civil Society in Southeast Asia discuss Replication of Best Practices in Local Governance***

Thai policy makers and civil society came together today (19/4) in Bangkok to discuss best practice replication in local governance. The event is part of a series of workshop organised by DELGOSEA – a regional project supporting best practice exchange in local governance. The workshop in Hanoi (Vietnam) will be conducted on 27 April 2012. In Manila (The Philippines) and Jakarta (Indonesia), the workshops were held on 29 March and 17 April, respectively.

Focus of the discussion in Bangkok was on the outcomes of the replication process in four pilot cities: Chiang Rai, Pakkret, Songkhla and Yala. The draft policy recommendations was finalised during the workshop, as well as a roadmap on advocacy for the implementation of these policy recommendations.

The development of a strategy for sustainability of the best practice transfer, DELGOSEA website and secretariat were other important topics on the agenda to ensure continuous transnational platform for knowledge and information exchange within Southeast Asia.

“DELGOSEA has set a practicum or field work in preparing for a bigger task of collaboration of local governments of ASEAN countries in the field of decentralisation, local governance and urban environmental management along with ASEAN Community goal setting in the year 2015”, said Dr. Paul Chamniern, Senior Director of the Thailand Environment Institute (TEI) and DELGOSEA Key Consulting Expert.

Participants in the workshop included policy makers and strategic partners of the DELGOSEA network: LGAs, representatives of the pilot cities, civil society organisations, academia and media, as well as the Delegation of the European Union.



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DELGOSEA is a network of 32 cities from five Southeast Asian countries – Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, The Philippines and Vietnam – aiming to share knowledge and replicate best practices on good local governance for improving living conditions of the people. This network is supported by 11 LGAs, five partners and other stakeholders from government, civil society, academia and media. They all play a crucial role to make the process of replication a success. The network is managed by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, with financial support from the European Union and the German Ministry of Development Cooperation.

Results of the workshop will be available on the DELGOSEA website: [www.DELGOSEA.eu](http://www.DELGOSEA.eu)

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