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"The citizen at the heart of innovation at local level" - international colloquy in Bordeaux

Date: 24-25 June 2010, 9.30 am

Place: Palais des Congrès - Bordeaux

Organised by: the Council of Europe, the City of Bordeaux and "Pau et des Pays de l'Adour" University

Description: *How can quality public service be ensured? What tools will be effective? How are the conditions for innovation created in this digital age? What role can and must citizens play?*

These are the issues to be focused on by the Colloquy, which forms part of the Council of Europe's action for the international promotion of exchanges of good practice between local and regional authorities and other local stakeholders in the area of managing public services and the role of citizens in this respect.

The Council of Europe is also looking to develop institutional dialogue between local and central authorities on the same theme via this event, taking into consideration the European conventions in force, particularly the European Charter of local self-government ([CETS 122](#)) and its additional Protocol on citizen participation ([CETS 207](#)).

The Colloquy will also provide an opportunity to discuss the launch of the Council of Europe's European label on Innovation and Good Governance at local level, intended to reward local authorities which achieve a high overall level of local governance. The label is being piloted in forty or so European cities, including Bordeaux.

The eminent figures taking part in the Colloquy include Alain Juppé, Mayor of Bordeaux and former prime minister of France, who will open the colloquy, members of the French government François Baroin, Minister of the Budget, Public accounts and State Reform, Nathalie Kosciusko-Morizet, Secretary of State with responsibility for the Prospects and Development of the Digital Economy, Didier Migaud, First President of the Court of Audit (France), Andreas Kiefer, Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, and Régis Labeaume, Mayor of Quebec.

Over 500 participants - national or local elected representatives, senior officials, academics, researchers, students and key non-governmental sector representatives from all over Europe and from Canada - will seek answers to the questions raised at the Colloquy, which will be configured around lectures followed by debates and round tables.

[Council of Europe special file](#) and [Colloquy website of the City of Bordeaux](#)

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