



## European Local Democracy Week 2010



**« Youth, climate change and water:  
the stakes of territorial development and the impact on the  
most disadvantaged »**

Meeting organised by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities,  
The City of Schiltigheim and Solidarity Water Europe

***Strasbourg, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010 (Room 3.1)***

***European Youth Centre of the Council of Europe***

## Foreword

Each year, the European Week of Local Democracy celebrates the anniversary week of the European Charter of Local Self-Government that the Council of Europe opened for signature on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 1985. Its objectives are to strengthen links between elected representatives and the citizens, to increase the knowledge of local democratic institutions and processes and to boost cooperation and active citizenship.

In the framework of this annual *European event*, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, the City of Schiltigheim, and Solidarity Water Europe organise a youth and elected representatives exchange in order to reflect, share experience and debate on the relevant theme chosen by the Congress for the 2010 edition: climate change and its environmental and social impact. The initiative will take place from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October in the European Youth Centre of the Council of Europe and in the House of the Young Citizen in Schiltigheim. The official Conference will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October in the European Youth Centre.

## Draft Programme

09.30

### OPENING SESSION

**Chairman:** Keith **WHITMORE**, Chair of the Congress Institutional Committee and political coordinator of the European Local Democracy Week

Speakers:

Ian **MICALLEF**, President a. i. of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Raphaël **NISAND**, Mayor of Schiltigheim

Victor **RUFFY**, President of Solidarity Water Europe

10.00

### « THE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE FLOOR: THE CONTEXT OF THEIR TERRITORIES »

**Chair:** Maïté **ELIA**, deputy mayor of Schiltigheim in charge of the small childhood, childhood and youth

**The young people from Schiltigheim** introduce their Region, the youth council and its missions

**The young people from Croatia, Latvia, Moldova and Russia** introduce their countries, elected representatives and their activities

**Exchange of views**

11.00

**Coffee break**

<b>11.15</b>	<p><b>ROUND TABLE: CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER: THE IMPACT ON THE MOST DISADVANTAGED</b></p> <p><b>Chairman:</b> Victor <b>RUFFY</b>, President of Solidarity Water Europe</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Andrée <b>BUCHMANN</b> , Vice President of Strasbourg Metropolitan Area</p> <p>Brith <b>FÄLDT</b>, member of Pitea's City Council (Sweden), Congress' former member</p> <p><b>Exchange of views</b></p>
<b>12.30 - 14.00</b>	Lunch offered by the City of Schiltigheim ( European Youth Centre)
<b>14.00 – 16.00</b>	<b>WORKSHOPS/EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE *</b>
<b>16.00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>16.15 – 17.00</b>	<p><b>PLENARY SESSION</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Danielle <b>DAMBACH</b>, deputy mayor of Schiltigheim in charge of town planning and environment</p> <p><b>Preparation of a roadmap for the follow-up</b></p> <p><b>Designation of young spokespersons for the following day final session in Schiltigheim</b></p> <p><b>Conclusion</b></p>

\*Two workshop will follow, one after the other:

**Workshop 1** will focus on **Climate change and water: consequences at local level**. What is the situation in each country? Participants (young people and elected representatives) will share concrete examples.

**Workshop 2** will focus on **Young people and elected representatives: how to act together?** Mutual training and sharing of experience in terms of youth participation at local level (youth council, field activities, projects etc.)