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26th Session of the Congress


Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe
25-27 March 2014

**DRAFT AGENDA
PUBLIC MEETING**

THEME FOR 2014:

**EMPOWERING YOUTH: A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR CITIES AND
REGIONS**

Members' attention is drawn to:

- Electronic voting on texts will take place in the hemicycle and in Room 1. The voting handsets will be distributed at the entrance to the meeting rooms upon signature of the attendance register. []
- Participants are reminded that access to the hemicycle is strictly limited to holders of badges which indicate the specific hemicycle symbol. Seating in the hemicycle will be allocated according to the seating plans available for consultation by the entrance.
- Tabling written questions for oral reply (Office 1081): each member should limit herself/himself to one question. Please refer to the agenda for the deadlines.
- The conditions and deadlines for tabling amendments (Office 1081): at the latest at **10.00** on the eve of the day when the texts to which they refer are to be discussed except for texts to be debated on Tuesday 25 March for which the deadline is **16.00 on Monday 24 March**. Amendments must be signed by 5 delegates from at least two delegations for texts debated in plenary sittings or by any five delegates from at least two national delegations sitting in the Chamber of Local Authorities for debates in that chamber and by any five delegates sitting with full capacity in the Chamber of Regions for debates in that chamber. Each amendment must specify the name of the delegate who will submit it, ,
- Registration of speakers for the debates: the form for registration of speakers for the debates, available at the entrance of the hemicycle and Room 1, (plenary sittings and sessions of the chambers) must be submitted to the Table Office secretariat seated in front of the President's rostrum for sittings in the hemicycle or to the secretariat of the President for the chamber meeting in Room 1.
- **Finance Office:** Office 1040 and 1035
- **Table Office** for any further questions: Office 1081.

Monday 24 March 2014 (eve of the session)

Bureaux meetings

9.30-10.30, Room 6	Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities
9.30-10.30, Room 7	Bureau of the Chamber of Regions
10.30-12.30 and 14.00-16.00, Room 8	Bureau of the Congress

Seminar on election observation – for Congress members 13.30 – 15.30

Room 1	Open to all members of the Congress, secretaries of delegation and advisers
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Political group meetings 16.30 – 18.30

Room 6	European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR)
Room 9	European People's Party Group in the Congress (EPP/CCE)
Room 10	Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG)
Room 11	Socialist Group (SOC)

Tuesday 25 March 2014

Committee meetings

8.30 – 10.45

Room 1 Monitoring Committee

Room 6 Current Affairs Committee

Room 8 Governance Committee

Tuesday 25 March 2014

11.00 – 12.30, Hemicycle

Plenary Sitting

Opening of the 26th Session of the Congress by the President of the Congress
Herwig VAN STAA



Verification of new members' credentials

Presentation by the rapporteurs:

Anders KNAPE, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE), and Ludmila SFIRLOAGA, Romania (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG(26)2]

Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Monday 24 March

Adoption of the draft agenda of the session

[\[CG\(26\)OJ1PROV\]](#)

Adoption of the draft minutes of the last sitting of the 25th Session (31 October 2013)
[CG(25)PV3]

Adoption of the composition of the Congress committees
[CG(26)3]

Communication by the President of the Congress

Debate

Statement by Thorbjørn JAGLAND

Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Oral reply to questions from the floor

Suspension of the sitting

EVENT:

Reception offered in the framework of the Austrian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers in the lobby of the Hemicycle (at the close of the sitting)

Tuesday 25 March 2014

14.00 – 19.30 Hemicycle

Plenary Sitting

Austrian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (November 2013 – May 2014)

Statement by Andrä RUPPRECHTER, Federal Minister for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water, representing the Austrian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers

Oral reply to written questions [CG(26)4]

Deadline for tabling written questions: 15.00 Monday 24 March

SUSPENSION OF THE SITTING

Ceremony: 20 years promoting local and regional democracy

Statements by:

Herwig VAN STAA, President of the Congress

Luc VAN DEN BRANDE, Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Anders KNAPE, Executive President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)

Hande ÖZSAN BOZATLI, President of the Assembly of European Regions (AER)

Signing ceremony of the co-operation agreement between the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and the Assembly of European Regions

Statements by:

Herwig VAN STAA, President of the Congress

Hande ÖZSAN BOZATLI, President of the Assembly of European Regions (AER)

RESUMPTION OF THE SITTING

Is there a real place for young people in local and regional democracy?

Statements by:

Martina JÖBSTL, Member of the Regional Parliament of Salzburg, Austria

Jacob SAKIL, Former Young Mayor of the London Borough of Lewisham, United Kingdom

Adriana DELGADO, on-line youth activist, Portugal

Emil BOC, Mayor of Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Debate

Best practices of implementation of human rights at local and regional level in member states of the Council of Europe and other countries

Presentation by the rapporteur: Lars O. MOLIN, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE)

Statements by:

Lawrence EARLY, Jurisconsult, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights

Nils MUIŽNIEKS, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

Maija SAKSLIN, Chairperson of the Management Board, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [\[CG\(26\)5PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments 16.00 Monday 24 March

Urgent debate on the situation in Ukraine

Presentation by Marc COOLS, Belgium (L, ILDG), Vice-President of the Congress and Rapporteur on Ukraine

Statement by:

Maryna STAVNIYCHUK, Advisor to the President of Ukraine

Debate and vote on the draft declaration [\[CG\(26\)15PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments 9.00 Tuesday 25 March

The situation of Leyla Güven and other local elected representatives in detention in Turkey

Presentation by the rapporteurs: Anders KNAPE, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE), and Leen VERBEEK, Netherlands (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation [\[CG\(26\)6PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments 16.00 Monday 24 March

End of the sitting

EVENT: Reception and cultural event offered by the Slovenian delegation to the Congress

Wednesday 26 March 2014

Chamber of Regions

9.00 - 12.00, Hemicycle

Opening by the President of the Chamber

Nataliya ROMANOVA

Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber

[CPR(26)OJ1PROV]

Communication by the President of the Chamber

[CPR(26)1]

Co-operation agreement between the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and the Assembly of European Regions: implementation

Fostering youth employment through education and training: role and best practices within regions in Europe

Statements by:

Csaba BORBOLY, member of the Education, Youth, Culture and Research Commission (EDUC) of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union

Reinhart ROHR, President of the Carinthia Parliament, Austria

Emmanuele BOBBIO, Minister for Training Research and University of the Toscana Region, Italy

Beat ROHNER, President of the Youth Regional Network of the Assembly of the European Regions (AER)

Debate

Implementing human rights policies at regional level

Statements by:

Bettina VOLLATH, Minister for Finance, Women and Integration in the Regional Government of Styria, Austria

Alan MILLER, Chair of the Scottish Human Rights Commission, United Kingdom

Rafael RIBÓ I MASSÓ, Catalan Ombudsman, Spain

Debate

Close by the President of the Chamber

EVENT:

Reception and cultural event offered by the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Moldova and the Moldovan delegation to the Congress

Wednesday 26 March 2014

Chamber of Local Authorities

9.00 - 12.00, Room 1

Opening by the President of the Chamber

Jean-Claude FRECON

Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber

[\[CPL\(26\)OJ1PROV\]](#)

Communication by the President of the Chamber

[CPL(26)1]

Local democracy in Armenia

Presentation by the rapporteur: Nigel MERMAGEN, United Kingdom (L, ILDG)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [\[CPL\(26\)2PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 25 March



Being a local councillor today

Statements by:

René DOSIERE, Deputy of the French National Assembly

Michael SALOMO, Bürgermeister of Haßmersheim, Baden-Württemberg, Germany

Marcel BOOGERS, Member of the Council for Public Administration and Professor in innovation and regional governance, University of Twente, Netherlands

Debate

Digital media and urban mobilisation

Statements by:

Jan HANRATH, Fellow, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

Kerem ÖKTEM, Fellow at Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey

Kristina BERDINSKIKH, Ukrainian blogger, Author of the “Maidaners” Facebook project

Debate

Close by the President of the Chamber

EVENTS:

Reception and cultural event offered by the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Moldova and the Moldovan delegation to the Congress

Wednesday 26 March 2014

14.00 – 19.00, Hemicycle

Plenary Sitting

Adoption of the draft minutes of the sittings of the Congress on 25 March 2014
[CG(26)PV1am] [CG(26)PV1pm]

Statement by Anne BRASSEUR, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Oral reply to questions from the floor

Local and regional democracy in the Netherlands

Presentation by the rapporteurs: Artur TORRES PEREIRA, Portugal (L, EPP/CCE), and Jean-Pierre LIOUVILLE, France (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [\[CG\(26\)7PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 25 March

Statement by Ronald PLASTERK, Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, Netherlands

Oral reply to questions from the floor

Local and regional democracy in the United Kingdom

Presentation by the rapporteurs: Angelika KORDFELDER, Germany (L, SOC), and Alexander USS, Russian Federation (R, EPP/CCE)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [\[CG\(26\)10PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 25 March

Statement by Baroness STOWELL MBE, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, United Kingdom

Oral reply to written questions [CG(26)16]

Deadline for tabling written questions: 16.00 Tuesday 25 March

Empowering Roma youth through participation: effective policy design at local and regional levels

Presentation by the rapporteurs: Inger LINGE, Sweden (R, EPP/CCE), and John WARMISHAM, United Kingdom (L, SOC)

Statements by:

Orhan USEIN, Programme Coordinator, Decade of Roma Inclusion Foundation

Angel IVANOV, Member of the Bureau of the Forum of European Roma Young People

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [\[CG\(26\)8PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 25 March

SUSPENSION OF THE SITTING

Signing ceremony of the co-operation agreement between the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and the European Roma and Travellers Forum

Statements by:

Herwig VAN STAA, President of the Congress

Rudko KAWCZYNSKI, President of the European Roma and Travellers Forum

RESUMPTION OF THE SITTING

Strategy on the right of local authorities to be consulted by other levels of government

Presentation by the rapporteur: Anders KNAPE, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [\[CG\(26\)9PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 25 March

End of the sitting

20.00 **EVENT:** Reception offered by the City of Strasbourg, at the Hôtel de Ville, Place Broglie (departure by shuttle bus to the Hôtel de Ville at 19.30 and 19.45)

Thursday 27 March 2014

Bureau meeting

8.30 - 9.15, Room 8 Bureau of the Congress

Thursday 27 March 2014

9.30 - 12.00, Hemicycle

Plenary Sitting

Formal adoption of texts approved by the chambers
[CG(26)11]

Adoption of the draft minutes of the sittings of the Congress and of the chambers
on 26 March 2014 [CG(26)PV2], [CPL(26)PV1] and [CPR(26)PV1]

Youth participation – Voting at 16?

Statements by:

Gregor WENDA, Deputy Head, Department of Electoral Affairs, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Austria

Thomas LEYS, former member of the Council of Europe Advisory Council on Youth

Debate

Post-monitoring dialogue in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Presentation by the rapporteurs: Beat HIRS, Switzerland (L, ILDG), and Jean-Marie BELLARD, France (R, EPP/CCE)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [\[CG\(26\)13PROV\]](#)
Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 26 March

Statements by:

Zoran MIKULIĆ, Minister of Justice, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Lejla REŠIĆ, Minister of Administration and Local Self-government of the Republika Srpska

Orlando FUSCO, Political Adviser - Head of Section, Governments, Parliaments and Political Parties, on behalf of the EUSR / EU Delegation, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Oral reply to written questions [CG(26)17]

Deadline for tabling written questions: 10.00 Wednesday 26 March



Local and regional democracy in Sweden

Rapporteurs: Luzette WAGENAAR-KROON, Netherlands (L, EPP/CCE), and Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, Austria (R, SOC)

Presentation by the rapporteur: Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, Austria (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [\[CG\(26\)12PROV\]](#)
Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 26 March

Close of the 26th Session by the President of the Congress

EVENT: Screening of the film “Papusza”, on the life of the Roma poetess Bronisława Wajs in the projection room (off the main hall of the Palais)