

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities



17th PLENARY SESSION

Public version

DRAFT AGENDA - CG(17)OJ1

(latest update: 12 October 2009)

PUBLIC MEETING

17th Plenary Session of the Congress

Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe,
13-15 October 2009

Members' attention is drawn to:

- The deadlines for **tabling amendments** (Office 1081): at the latest at **16.00** on the eve of the day when the texts to which they refer are to be discussed (Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the Congress and its Chambers).
- **Registration of speakers for the debates**: the form for registration of speakers for the debates must be submitted to the Table Office seated at the President's rostrum.
- **Finance Office** for reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenses: Office 1038.
- **Table Office** for any further questions: Office 1081.

Monday 12 October

Eve of the Session

MEETINGS OF STATUTORY COMMITTEES

Institutional Committee (Room 9)

9.30 – 13.00 and 14.30 – 17.30

Committee on Social Cohesion (Room 10)

9.30 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 17.30

BUREAUX MEETINGS

Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities (Room 8)

9.00 – 10.25

Bureau of the Chamber of Regions (Room 6)

10.25 – 11.45

Bureau of the Congress (Room 7)

11.45 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 17.30

17.45 INAUGURATION of the European Local Democracy Week (ELDW) by Keith WHITMORE, Political Co-ordinator of the ELDW and Chair of the Institutional Committee of the Congress, outside the Hemicycle

Tuesday 13 October (morning)

Parallel meetings of the three **Political Groups of the Congress** – 8.30 – 10.30 :

- European People's Party/Christian Democrats Group (EPP/CD) (Room 9)
- Socialist Group (SOC) (Room 10)
- Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG) (Room 8)

Meeting of the **Secretaries of Delegations** (Room 6) – 9.00 – 9.30

Press Conference of Ian MICALLEF, President *a.i.* of the Congress (Room 1) – 10.00

PLENARY SITTING – Hemicycle – 10.45 – 12.30

- **Opening of the 17th Plenary Session**
by Ian MICALLEF, Malta (L, EPP/CD), President *a.i.* of the Congress
- **Verification of new members' credentials and new appointment procedures**
Presentation by the Rapporteurs:
Anders KNAPE, Sweden (L, EPP/CD) and Günther KRUG, Germany (R, SOC)

Debate and vote
[CG(17)4] (RES)

- **Adoption of the draft agenda of the Session**
[CG(17)OJ1]
- **Communication by the President – activity report**
by Ian MICALLEF, Malta (L, EPP/CD), President *a.i.* of the Congress
[CG(17)3]

Debate

- **Election of the Secretary General of the Congress**
- **Transfrontier co-operation in Europe**
Presentation by the Rapporteur: Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, Belgium (R, SOC)

Statement by Michel DELEBARRE, 1st Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions, President of the "Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière" (MOT), Member of the National Assembly of France, Mayor of Dunkerque (France)

Debate and vote
[CG(17)5] (REC and RES)

- **Statement by Veroljub STEVANOVIĆ, Mayor of Kragujevac (Serbia)**

12.30 pm

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION "First in Everything - City of Kragujevac (Serbia)" including a musical presentation by Mr Bora DUGIĆ, flautist, followed by a **RECEPTION** given by the City of Kragujevac, outside the Hemicycle

Tuesday 13 October (afternoon)

PLENARY SITTING – Hemicycle – 14.30 – 19.00

- **Election of the Secretary General of the Congress (possible 2nd round)**
- **Adoption of the composition of the Standing Committee, Statutory Committees and working groups** [CG(17)6PROV and CG(17)6ADDPV]
- **Statement by Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe**

THE CONGRESS CELEBRATES THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE:

Introduction by Ian MICALLEF, Malta (L, EPP/CD)

- **Statements by:**

Zlata PLOŠTJNER, Minister responsible for local self-government and regional development, Slovenia, on behalf of the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

Alan MEALE (United Kingdom), Chairperson of the Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs of the Parliamentary Assembly, on behalf of the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Peter ALTMAYER, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of the Interior (Germany)

- **European Local Democracy Week:**

Statements by:

Anders KNAPE, Sweden (L, EPP/CD)

Robert HERRMANN, First Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg in charge of local democracy

Stepan KIRICHUK President of the Russian National Congress of Municipalities (Russian Federation)

Debate

- **Youth participation in democracy**

Introduction by Raphaël NISAND, Mayor of Schiltigheim (France)

Ambrine BAADER of the Children's Municipal Council of Schiltigheim (France) and Eloïse JACOB of the Youth Municipal Council of Strasbourg deliver a message

Cities for Children

Statement by Wolfgang SCHUSTER, Germany (L, EPP/CD), Mayor of Stuttgart

Congress Medal awarded to the Children's Municipal Council of Schiltigheim and to the Youth Municipal Council of Strasbourg by Ian MICALLEF, President *a.i.* of the Congress

- **Challenges for local democracy in the world**

Viewpoints from:

Antonio LEDEZMA, Mayor of Caracas (Venezuela)

Yasuo NOZAKA, Mayor of Yonago (Japan)

Debate

Tuesday 13 October (afternoon)

PLENARY SITTING – Hemicycle – 14.30 – 19.00 (cont'd)

- **The fall of the Wall: Berlin, Europe, 20 years on**

Statement by Günther KRUG, Germany (R, SOC)

- **Congress Declaration on the 60th anniversary of the Council of Europe**
Presentation by the Rapporteur: Dubravka SUICA, Croatia (L, EPP/CD)

Debate and vote

[CG(17)7] (RES/DECLARATION)

Ceremony awarding the Congress Medal to the Honorary Members:

Gianfranco MARTINI (Italy), former member of the Congress, former President of ALDA¹

Stepan KIRICHUK (Russian Federation), former member of the Congress

Anatoly SALTUKOV (Russian Federation), former Vice-President of the Congress

19.00

INAUGURATION OF THE CONGRESS EXHIBITION “territorial democracy through the lens of the Congress” by the President a.i. and **RECEPTION** given by the Congress on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the Council of Europe, outside the Hemicycle

¹ ALDA: Association of Local Democracy Agencies

Wednesday 14 October (morning)

Statutory committees and Bureau – 9.00 – 10.00

- **Committee on Sustainable Development** (Room 10)
- **Bureau of the Congress** (Room 6)

CHAMBER OF REGIONS – Room 1 – 10.15 – 12.30

- **Opening** by the President
Ludmila SFIRLOAGA, Romania (SOC)
- **Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber**
[CPR(17)OJ1PROV]
- **Communication by the President of the Chamber**
by Ludmila SFIRLOAGA, Romania (SOC)
[CPR(17)1]
- **Regions with legislative powers: towards multilevel governance**
Presentation by the Rapporteur: Bernd PETRISCH, Austria (EPP/CD)

Debate and vote
[CPR(17)2] (RES)
- **Over-indebtedness of households: the responsibility of regions**
Presentation by the Rapporteur: Carmen Patrizia MURATORE, Italy (ILDG)

Debate and vote
[CPR(17)3] (REC and RES)

CHAMBER OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES – Hemicycle – 10.15 – 12.30

- **Opening** by the President
Ian MICALLEF, Malta (EPP/CD)
- **Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber**
[CPL(17)OJ1PROV]
- **Communication by the President of the Chamber**
by Ian MICALLEF, Malta (EPP/CD)
[CPL(17)1]
- **Debate on the situation of local authorities in Southeast Anatolia (Turkey)**
with the participation of:

Leyla GÜVEN, Mayor of Viranşehir, Turkey (NR)
Sedat LACINER, Director of the International Strategic Research
Organisation (USAK), Ankara
- **E-Democracy: opportunities and risks for local authorities**
Presentation by the Rapporteurs:
Etienne VAN VAERENBERGH, Belgium (ILDG) and Alison COOK, United Kingdom (EPP/CD)

Debate and vote
[CPL(17)2] (REC and RES)

12.30 pm Photographic **EXHIBITION** of the Fondation de France “40 years of humanitarian action” and **RECEPTION** given by the President of the Lorraine-Alsace Committee of the Fondation de France, Alain VAUTRAVERS, outside the Hemicycle

Wednesday 14 October (afternoon)

Meetings of the Bureaux of the Chambers – 14.00 – 15.00

- Bureau of the Chamber of Regions (Room 6)
- Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities (Room 8)

15.00 Photo shoot of the Congress members on the Palais forecourt

PLENARY SITTING – Hemicycle – 15.15 – 18.30

- **Statement by Ulrich BOHNER, Secretary General of the Congress**
- **Local and regional democracy in Turkey**
Presentation by the Rapporteurs:
Anders KNAPE, Sweden (L, EPP/CD) and Herwig VAN STAA, Austria (R, EPP/CD)

Debate and vote
[CG(17)10] (REC)
- **The global challenge of climate change: local responses**
Presentation by the Rapporteur: Jens Jorgen NYGAARD, Denmark (L, NR)

Debate and vote
[CG(17)8] (REC and RES)
- **Domestic violence against women**
Presentation by the Rapporteur: Sandra BARNES, United Kingdom (L, EPP/CD)²

Debate
- **Preventing violence against children**
Rapporteur: Pia BOSCH I CODOLA, Spain (R, SOC)
Presentation by Clotilde TASCION-MENNETRIER, France (L, SOC)

Debate and vote
[CG(17)9] (REC and RES)

18.45

Romanian evening and RECEPTION organised by the Bihor County Council (Romania) in the Main Hall of the Palais de l'Europe

² REC260(2009) and RES279(2009) adopted at the 16th Plenary Session of the Congress (3-5 March 2009)

Thursday 15 October (morning)

Meetings of statutory committees and Bureau – 9.00 – 10.00

- **Culture and Education Committee** (Room 8)
- **Bureau of the Congress** (Room 6)

CHAMBER OF REGIONS – Hemicycle – 10.15 – 12.30

- **Development of regionalisation in Japan**

Statement by Issei NISHIKAWA, Governor of Fukui Prefecture, Japan

- **Co-operation between European regions: objectives, structures and networks**
ROUND TABLE of representatives of Organisations representing regions in Europe:

Statement by a representative of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union
(to be confirmed) and contribution of:

- Jean-Paul HEIDER, 1st Vice-President of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR)
- Urs WÜTHRICH-PELLOLI, Vice-President of the Assembly of European Regions (AER)
- Herwig VAN STAA, President of the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE)
- A representative of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) (to be confirmed)
- A representative of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR) and of the Forum of Global Associations of Regions (FOGAR) (to be confirmed)
- A representative of the Conference of Presidents of Regions with Legislative powers (REGLEG) (to be confirmed)

With the participation of:

- Bernd PETRISCH, Advisory Board Member, Institute of the Regions of Europe (IRE)
- François SAINT-OUEN, Executive Secretary of the European Foundation for the Sustainable Development of the Regions (FEDRE)

Conclusions by Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, Belgium (SOC), President of the Working Group on Inter-regional Co-operation

- **Closing** by the President
Ludmila SFIRLOAGA, Romania (SOC)

CHAMBER OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES – Room 1 – 10.15 – 12.30

- **Creative cities – managing the cultural activity of cities**

Presentation by the Rapporteur: Constanty DOMBROWICZ, Poland (ILDG)

Statement by Malcolm WOOD (United Kingdom), Chair of EURO CITIES working group on creative industries

Debate and vote
[CPL(17)3] (REC and RES)

- **Improving indoor air quality: a new challenge for local authorities**

Presentation by the Rapporteur: Paolo RONDELLI, San Marino (SOC)

Debate and vote
[CPL(17)4] (REC and RES)

- **First elections of the Mayor of Yerevan, Armenia (31 May 2009)**

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

Debate and vote
[CPL(17)5] (REC)

- **Closing** by the President
Ian MICALLEF, Malta (EPP/CD)

Thursday 15 October (afternoon)

PLENARY SITTING – Hemicycle – 14.00 – 16.30

- **Formal adoption of texts approved by the Chambers**
[CG(17)11]

- **Statement by Roland RIES, Mayor of Strasbourg**

- **Co-operation in the Baltic Sea region**

Statements by:

- Neris GERMANAS, Ambassador, Lithuanian Chairmanship of the Baltic Sea Council
- Silvia GUROVA, Head of the International Relations Department, government of Kaliningrad, Russian Federation
- Per BØDKER ANDERSEN, President of the Union of the Baltic Cities, Mayor of Kolding (Denmark), Observer to the Congress

Debate

- **Equal access to local and regional elections**
Rapporteur: Cees BIJL, The Netherlands (L, SOC)
Presentation by Jos WIENEN, The Netherlands (L, EPP/CD)

Debate and vote
[CG(17)12] (REC)

- **Closing of the session by the President *a.i.* of the Congress**