

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities



22nd SESSION

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PUBLIC MEETING

22nd Session of the Congress

Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe,
20-22 March 2012

Members' attention is drawn to:

- **Electronic voting** 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 and Room 1 will be allocated according to the seating plans available for consultation at the entrance to the meeting rooms.
- The debate on the proposed new Congress Rules of Procedure (scheduled on Tuesday 20 March in the afternoon). The new Rules will come into effect after the session only.
- The deadlines for tabling **written questions** for oral reply (Office 1081): each member should limit herself/himself to one question to the **Secretary General** (deadline: Monday 19 March at 10.00) and one question to the **Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers** (deadline: Monday 19 March at 10.00).
- 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. Amendments must be signed by 5 representatives (or duly mandated substitutes) from at least two delegations for the texts debated in plenary sittings, or 5 members for those of the Chambers. Each amendment must specify the name of the member who will submit it.
- **Registration of speakers for the debates**: the form for registration of speakers for the debates must be submitted to the Table Office secretariat seated beside the President's rostrum.
- **Finance Office** for reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenses: Office 1040.
- **Table Office** for any further questions: Office 1081.

Bureaux meetings	
Monday 19 March 2012	
8.30-9.30, Room 6	Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities
9.30-10.30, Room 7	Bureau of the Chamber of Regions
10.30-12.00 and 13.30-16.00, Room 8	Bureau of the Congress
Thursday 22 March 2012, 8.30 - 9.15	
Room 8	Bureau of the Congress

Political Group meetings	
Monday 19 March 2012, 16.30 – 18.30	
Room 9	European People's Party/Christian Democrats Group (EPP/CD)
Room 10	Socialist Group (SOC)
Room 11	Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG)

Secretaries of Delegations	
Monday 19 March 2012, 16.30 – 17.30	
Room 7	Meeting of the secretaries of the national delegations of the Congress

Committee meetings	
Tuesday 20 March 2012, 8.30 – 10.45	
Room 8	Current Affairs Committee
Room 6	Governance Committee

Tuesday 20 March 2012

11.00 – 13.00, Hemicycle

Plenary Sitting

11.00	Opening of the 22nd Session of the Congress by the President of the Congress Keith WHITMORE, United Kingdom (L, ILDG)
	Verification of new members' credentials [CG(22)2] (RES) Presentation by the rapporteurs: Anders KNAPE, Sweden (L, EPP/CD) and Ludmila SFIRLOAGA, Romania (R, SOC) Debate and vote
	Adoption of the draft agenda of the session [CG(22)OJ1PROV] Adoption of the draft minutes of the last sitting of the 21st Session (20 October 2011) [CG(21)PV3PROV]
	Adoption of the composition of the Statutory Forum and committees [CG(22)9]
	Communication by the President of the Congress Keith WHITMORE, United Kingdom (L, ILDG) [CG(22)3] Debate
	Statement by Thorbjørn JAGLAND Secretary General of the Council of Europe Oral reply to written questions <i>Deadline for tabling written questions: Monday 19 March at 10.00</i>
	United Kingdom Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (November 2011-May 2012) Statement by Eric PICKLES, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, United Kingdom Oral reply to written questions <i>Deadline for tabling written questions: Monday 19 March at 10.00</i>
13.00	Suspension of the sitting
<i>At the close of the sitting in the lobby of the Hemicycle:</i>	<i>EVENT:</i> <i>Inauguration of United Kingdom stand</i>

Tuesday 20 March 2012

STATUTORY FORUM – for the members of the Forum only

14.45 – 15.40 Room 1

Tuesday 20 March 2012

15.45 – 19.00 Hemicycle

Plenary Sitting

15.45	Albanian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers (May –November 2012) and future priorities and objectives for local and regional democracy in Albania Statement by Ferdinand PONI, Deputy Minister of the Interior, Albania
	New Congress Rules of Procedure [CG(22)4] (RES) Presentation by the rapporteurs: Günther KRUG, Germany (R, SOC) and Halvdan SKARD, (L, SOC) Debate and vote
	Intermediate levels of government and good governance Statements by: Emilio VERRENGIA, Rapporteur on Second Tier Local Authorities Mircea COSMA, President of Prahova County Council, Romania, member of the Commission for citizenship, governance, institutional and external affairs (CIVEX) of the Committee of the Regions Debate
	Local elections in Bulgaria (23 October 2011) [CG(22)5] (RES and REC) Presentation by the rapporteur: Mihkel JUHKAMI, Estonia, (L, EPP/CD) Debate and vote
19.00	End of the sitting
<i>At the close of the sitting in the lobby of the Hemicycle:</i>	EVENT: <i>Opening of the exhibition presenting the Euroregion “Yaroslavna” with the participation of Kursk Oblast, Russian Federation and Sumy Oblast, Ukraine, followed by a reception</i>

Wednesday 21 March 2012

**8.15-9.00 in the
Hemicycle lobby**

EVENT:

Breakfast reception of the European Forum for Urban Security (EFUS)

Chamber of Regions

9.00 - 12.00, Hemicycle

9.00	Opening by the President of the Chamber Herwig VAN STAA, Austria (EPP/CD)
	Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber [CPR(22)OJ1]
	Election of a Vice-President of the Chamber of Regions
	Communication by the President of the Chamber [CPR(22)1] Herwig VAN STAA, Austria, (EPP/CD)
	Round table on recent developments of regionalisation in Europe Introduction by Michèle SABBAN, President of the Assembly of European Regions (AER) Statements by: Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, Minister President, German-speaking Community, Belgium Stane VLAJ, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Public Administration and European Studies of the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia Svetlana ORLOVA, Vice-President of the Congress, Vice-President of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation Abdelkébir BERKIA, Member of Parliament, President of Rabat-Salé-Zemmour-Zaer Region, Morocco
	Round table on regional governance: efficiency, transparency and control Introduction by Stephen TAYLOR, President of the Management Committee of the European Organisation of Regional External Public Finance Audit Institutions (EURORAI) Statements by representatives of regional Courts of Auditors: Christophe ROSENAU, President of the Regional Court of Auditors of Alsace Reinhard KRISMER, Director of the Regional Court of Auditors of the Tyrol, Austria Exchange of views
	Transborder co-operation Euroregion "Yaroslavna" Statements by: Alexandr MIKHAYLOV, Governor of the Kursk Region, Russian Federation Yuriy CHMYR, Head of Sumy Regional Administration, Ukraine Exchange of views
12.00	Closing by the President of the Chamber

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9.00 - 12.00, Room 1

9.00

Opening by the President of the Chamber

Jean-Claude FRECON, France (SOC)

Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber [CPL(22)OJ1]

Communication by the President of the Chamber [CPL(22)1]

Jean-Claude FRECON, France (SOC)

Round table: "Intercultural city: building an inclusive local identity"

Moderator: Robert PALMER, Director of Democratic Governance, Culture and Diversity, Council of Europe

Participants:

Andrew MONTAGUE, Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ireland
Korrie LOUWES, Vice-Mayor of Rotterdam, Netherlands
Sandrine SALERNO, Administrative Councillor, Municipality of Geneva, Switzerland
Mustafa DUNDAR, Mayor of Osmangazi/Bursa, Turkey
Savvas STOUPPAS, Vice-Mayor of Limassol, Cyprus
Irina TESLEVA, Deputy Mayor of Izhevsk, Russian Federation

Exchange of views

Making cities resilient [CPL(22)2] (RES)

Presentation by the rapporteur:

Per Bodker ANDERSEN (Denmark, SOC)

Debate and vote

Local democracy in Lithuania [CPL(22)3] (REC)

Presentation by the rapporteurs:

Irène LOIZIDOU, Cyprus (L, EPP/CD) and Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, Austria (R, SOC)

Debate and vote

12.00

Closing by the President of the Chamber

**At the close of the
sitting in the
Hemicycle lobby:**

**12.20
in the lobby of the
Committee of
Ministers**

**14.15
in the lobby of the
Hemicycle**

EVENTS:

Opening of the exhibition "Kunstgrenze" (ART BORDER) between Konstanz (Germany) and Kreuzlingen (Switzerland), organised by the Johannes Dörflinger Foundation (Switzerland)

Exhibition presenting 6 Romanian counties; Bihor, Bistrita, Cluj, Maramures, Salaj and Satu-Mare by the North-West Regional Development Agency, Romania

Launch of the publication "Local Government in Critical Times: Policies for Crisis, Recovery and a Sustainable Future"

Wednesday 21 March 2012

14.30 - 18.45, Hemicycle

Plenary Sitting

14.30	<p>Financial crisis: impact on local and regional authorities Wolfgang SCHUSTER, Mayor of Stuttgart, President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) Alan MEALE, member of the Parliamentary Assembly, Rapporteur on the Impact of the World Economic crisis on Local and Regional Authorities Svetlana ORLOVA, Vice-President of the Congress, Vice-President of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation</p> <p>Statement by 1 other guest speaker (tbc)</p> <p>Debate</p>
	<p>Local and regional democracy in the Czech Republic [CG(22)6] (REC) Presentation by the rapporteurs: Emil CALOTA, Romania (L, SOC) and Philippe RECEVEUR, Switzerland (R, EPP/CD)</p> <p>Debate and vote</p>
	<p>Building the European Alliance of Cities and Regions for Roma Inclusion Statements by: Kenneth DAVEY, member of the Board of Making the Most of European Union Funds for Roma, Open Society Foundations Dusica DAVIDOVIC, Councillor of City of Nis, Serbia, member of the core group for the Alliance, Serbia John WARMISHAM, Thematic Rapporteur on Roma, United Kingdom (L, SOC)</p>
	<p>Local and regional democracy in Germany [CG(22)7] (REC) Presentation by the rapporteur: Britt-Marie LOVGREN, Sweden (L, ILDG)</p> <p>Debate and vote</p>
	<p>Ceremony awarding the Congress Medal to honorary members: Hans-Ulrich STÖCKLING, Switzerland, former Vice-President of the Congress Bülent TUNALIOĞLU, Turkey, former member of the Congress</p>
18.40	<p>End of the sitting</p>
19.30	<p>EVENT: <i>Reception given by the city of Strasbourg and the Conseil Général du Bas-Rhin, at the Hôtel de Ville, Place Broglie, including the “ 12-Star City” prize-giving ceremony (departure by shuttle bus to the Hôtel de Ville at 19.00 and 19.15)</i></p>

Thursday 22 March 2012

9.30 - 12.00, Hemicycle

Plenary Sitting

9.30	Formal adoption of texts approved by the Chambers [CG(22)8]
	Local and regional democracy in the Republic of Moldova [CG(22)10] (REC) Presentation by the rapporteur: Francis LEC, France (L, SOC) Debate and vote
	Local and regional democracy in Portugal [CG(22)11] (REC) Presentation by the rapporteurs: Devrim ÇUKUR, Turkey (R, SOC) and Jos WIENEN, Netherlands (L, EPP/CD) Debate and vote
	Local and regional democracy in Bosnia and Herzegovina [CG(22)12] (REC) Presentation by the rapporteurs: Jean-Marie BELLARD, France (R, EPP/CD) and Beat HIRS, Switzerland, (L, ILDG) Debate and vote
12.00	Closing of the 22nd Session by the President

Meeting of the Congress members also members of the Conference of Local and Regional Authorities for the Eastern Partnership (CORLEAP)

13.30 - 14.30, Room 1

13.30	Opening of the meeting
	Congress/CORLEAP: further perspectives for future co-operation
14.30	Closing of the meeting