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28 October 2013


25th Session of the Congress

Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe,
29-31 October 2013

DRAFT AGENDA
PUBLIC MEETING

THEME FOR 2013:
EUROPE IN CRISIS – CHALLENGES
TO LOCAL AND REGIONAL DEMOCRACY

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 29 October for which the deadline is **16.00 on Monday 28 October**. Amendments must be signed by 5 delegates from at least two delegations for texts debated in plenary sittings or in the chambers. 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.
- **Table Office** for any further questions: Office 1081.

Monday 28 October 2013 (eve of the session)

Bureaux meetings

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

Seminar 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 29 October 2013

Committee meetings

8.30 – 10.45

Room 6 Current Affairs Committee

Room 8 Governance Committee

Room 1 Monitoring Committee

Tuesday 29 October 2013

11.00 – 12.30, Hemicycle

Plenary Sitting

Opening of the 25th Session of the Congress by the President of the Congress

Herwig VAN STAA, Austria (R, EPP/CCE)

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(25)2]

Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Monday 28 October

Adoption of the draft agenda of the session

[CG(25)OJ1PROV]

Adoption of the draft minutes of the last sitting of the 24th Session (21 March 2013)

[CG(24)PV3]

Adoption of the composition of the Congress committees

[CG(25)3]

Communication by the President of the Congress

Debate

**Armenian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
(May 2013 – November 2013)**

Statement by Armen GEVORGYAN, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Territorial Administration of Armenia, representing the Armenian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers

Oral reply to written questions [CG(25)15]

Deadline for tabling written questions: 16.00 Monday 28 October

Suspension of the sitting

EVENT:

"The Magic of Armenian Grapes" wine-tasting offered by the Armenian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers

in the lobby of the Hemicycle (at the close of the sitting)

Tuesday 29 October 2013

14.30 – 19.00 Hemicycle

Plenary Sitting

Statement by Thorbjørn JAGLAND

Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Oral reply to questions from the floor

Deposit of the instrument of ratification by San Marino of the European Charter of Local Self-Government

Statements by:

Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Gian Carlo VENTURINI, Minister of Internal Affairs, Public Function, Justice and Relations with the Township Councils, San Marino

Herwig VAN STAA, President of the Congress, Austria (R, EPP/CCE)

Local and regional authorities responding to the economic crisis

Presentation by the rapporteurs: Svetlana ORLOVA, Russian Federation, (R, EPP/CCE) and Barbara TOCE, Italy (L, SOC)

Presentation of the joint declaration by the Presidents of the Parliamentary Assembly and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe on: "Facing the economic crisis: recovery requires reinforced co-operation between all levels of government" [CG(25)16]

Statements by:

Sir Alan MEALE, General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Furio HONSELL, Mayor of Udine, Italy

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and recommendation [\[CG\(25\)5PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Monday 28 October



Less bureaucracy – good governance – more participation "Vote 16"

Statement by Jose HERRERA, Parliamentary Secretary for Culture and Local Government, Malta

Oral reply to written questions [CG(25)17]

Deadline for tabling written questions: 16.00 Monday 28 October

Local and regional democracy in Hungary

Presentation by the rapporteurs: Artur TORRES PEREIRA, Portugal (L, EPP/CCE), and Devrim CUKUR, Turkey (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [\[CG\(25\)7PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Monday 28 October



Ceremony awarding the Congress medal to an honorary member

Halvdan SKARD, Norway, former President of the Congress

End of the sitting

EVENT:

Reception offered by the Congress, the City of Andorra la Vella and the Permanent Representations of Andorra, Monaco and San Marino to celebrate ratification of the European Charter of Local Self-Government by the 47 member states (at the close of the sitting)

Wednesday 30 October 2013

Chamber of Local Authorities

9.00 - 12.15, Hemicycle

Opening by the President of the Chamber

Jean-Claude FRECON, France (SOC)

Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber

[CPL(25)OJ1PROV]

Communication by the President of the Chamber

[CPL(25)1]

Local democracy in Ireland



Presentation by the rapporteurs: Andris JAUNSLEINIS, Latvia (L, ILDG) and Merita JEGENI YILDIZ, Turkey (R, EPP/CCE)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [\[CPL\(25\)5PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 29 October

Statement by Fergus O'DOWD TD, Minister of State, Ireland

Oral reply to written questions [CG(25)19]

Deadline for tabling written questions: 15.00 Tuesday 29 October

Integration through self-employment : promoting migrant entrepreneurship in European municipalities



Presentation by the rapporteur: Henrik HAMMAR, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE)

Statement by Ayse ÖZBABACAN, Integration policy officer, Office of the Mayor, City of Stuttgart, Germany

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and recommendation [\[CPL\(25\)2PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 29 October

Election of the members of the Avagani (Assembly) of the City of Yerevan, Armenia (5 May 2013)



Presentation by the rapporteur and head of delegation : Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG)

Statement by Doreen HUDDART, on behalf of the members of the Committee of the Regions participating in the observation mission

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and recommendation [\[CPL\(25\)3PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 29 October

Local elections in “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (24 March 2013)



Presentation by the rapporteur and head of delegation: Jüri LANDBERG, Estonia (L, ILDG)

Statement by Joseph CORDINA, on behalf of the members of the Committee of the Regions participating in the observation mission

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and recommendation [\[CPL\(25\)4PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 29 October

Close by the President of the Chamber

EVENTS:

Inauguration of an exhibition on “Cluj– The Heart of Transylvania”, Romania, followed by a reception

and

Inauguration of an exhibition on Khanty-Mansiysk, Autonomous Okrug, Ugra, Russian Federation, followed by a reception

Wednesday 30 October 2013

Chamber of Regions

9.00 - 12.15, Room 1

Opening by the President of the Chamber

Nataliya ROMANOVA, Ukraine (ILDG)

Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber

[CPR(25)OJ1PROV]

Communication by the President of the Chamber

[CPR(25)1]



Regions and territories with special status in Europe

Presentation by the rapporteur: Bruno MARZIANO, Italy (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and recommendation [\[CPR\(25\)2PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 29 October



Migrants' access to regional labour markets

Presentation by the rapporteur: Deidre McGOWAN, Ireland (R, GILD)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and recommendation [\[CPR\(25\)3PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 29 October

Regionalisation and devolution in Europe in a context of economic crisis: recent developments

Statements by:

Franz SCHAUSBERGER, Delegate of the Region of Salzburg to the Committee of the Regions, Austria

Natalia KOMAROVA, Governor of the Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Okrug, Ugra, Russian Federation

Volodymyr KONSTANTINOV, Chairman of Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Ukraine

Magali BALENT, Project Manager and Research Fellow on extremism and nationalism in Europe, Robert Schuman Foundation, France

Sonja STEEN, President of the Committee 3 - Culture, Education, Youth and International Cooperation of the Assembly of European Regions, Norway

Debate

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14.30 – 19.00, Hemicycle

Plenary Sitting

Adoption of the draft minutes of the sittings of the Congress on 29 October
[CG(25)PV1am] [CG(25)PV1pm]

Statement by Jean-Claude MIGNON, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Oral reply to questions from the floor

Statement by Liviu Nicolae DRAGNEA, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Regional Development and Public Administration, Romania

Oral reply to written questions [CG(25)18]

Deadline for tabling written questions: 15.00 Tuesday 29 October

Fighting political extremism at local and regional level

Statements by:

Magali BALENT, Project Manager and Research Fellow on extremism and nationalism in Europe, Robert Schuman Foundation, France

Yiorgos KAMINIS, Mayor of Athens, Greece

Debate



Prospects for effective transfrontier co-operation in Europe

Presentation by the rapporteur: Breda PEČAN, Slovenia (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [\[CG\(25\)9PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments 10.00 Tuesday 29 October

Update of key texts on monitoring and election observation activities

- Observation of local and regional elections – strategy and rules of the Congress Resolution 306 (2010)REV
- Procedures for monitoring the obligations and commitments entered into by the Council of Europe member states in respect of their ratification of the European Charter of Local Self-Government (ETS No. 122) Resolution 307 (2010)REV2
- Congress post-monitoring and post-observation of elections: developing political dialogue Resolution 353 (2013)REV



Texts to be presented by the rapporteur: Lars O MOLIN, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE)

Debate and vote on the revised resolutions [\[CG\(25\)13\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 29 October

4th Dosta! Prize ceremony

End of the sitting

EVENT:

Inauguration of an exhibition presenting the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, followed by a reception (at the close of the sitting)

Thursday 31 October 2013

Bureau meeting

8.30 - 9.15, Room 8 Bureau of the Congress

Thursday 31 October 2013

9.30 - 12.00, Hemicycle

Plenary Sitting

Formal adoption of texts approved by the chambers

[CG(25)10]

Adoption of the draft minutes of the sittings of the Congress and of the chambers

on 30 October 2013 [CG(25)PV2, CPL(25)PV1 and CPR(25)PV1]

Local and regional democracy in Ukraine



Presentation by the rapporteurs: Marc COOLS, Belgium (L, ILDG), and Pascal MANGIN, France (R, EPP/CCE)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [\[CG\(25\)8PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 30 October

Local and regional democracy in Albania



Presentation by the rapporteurs: Zdenek BROZ, Czech Republic (L, ECR), and Åke SVENSSON, Sweden (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [\[CG\(25\)11PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 30 October

Local and regional democracy in Denmark



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

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [\[CG\(25\)12PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 30 October

Close of the 25th Session by the President of the Congress