

**CG(27)OJ1PROV**  
12 October 2014

## 27th Session of the Congress

Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe  
14-16 October 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 14 October for which the deadline is **16.00 on Monday 13 October**. 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.
- The form for registration of speakers for the debates, available at the entrance of the hemicycle and Room 1 (plenary sittings and chamber sessions) 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:** Offices 1040 and 1035
- **Table Office:** for any further questions: Office 1081.

## Monday 13 October 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 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 14 October 2014**

10.00 – 13.00, Hemicycle

## Plenary sitting

**Opening of the 27th Session of the Congress**  
by the President



**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(27)2] [CG(27)15]  
*Deadline for tabling amendments 16.00 Monday 13 October*

**Election of the President of the Congress**  
Presentation of the candidatures

Commencement of voting (voting will close at 11.00)  
**NB: Votes cast shall be counted from 11.00 to 11.30**

### **SUSPENSION OF THE SITTING**

11.30

### **RESUMPTION OF THE SITTING**

**Speech by the newly-elected President**  
Programme for 2014-2016

**Adoption of the draft agenda of the session**  
[CG(27)OJ1PROV]

**Adoption of the draft minutes of the last sitting of the 26th Session (27 March 2014)**  
[CG(26)PV3]

**Adoption of the composition of the Congress committees**  
[CG(27)3]

**Congress presidency 2012-2014: Activities and achievements** [CG(27)4]  
Herwig VAN STAA, outgoing President  
Debate



**Promoting equal opportunities for people with disabilities and their participation at local and regional level**

Presentation by the rapporteur: Josef NEUMANN, Germany (R, SOC)  
Debate and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation [[CG\(27\)8PROV](#)]  
*Deadline for tabling amendments 16.00 Monday 13 October*

**Statement by Thorbjørn JAGLAND,**  
Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
Oral reply to questions from the floor

**End of the sitting**

Tuesday 14 October 2014

## Chamber of Local Authorities

15.00 – 18.30, Hemicycle

### Opening by the President

### Election of the President of the Chamber

Presentation of the candidates

### **SUSPENSION OF THE SITTING**

### **RESUMPTION OF THE SITTING**

### Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber [CPL(27)OJ1PROV]

### Election of the 7 vice-presidents of the Chamber

Presentation of the candidates

### Statement by the outgoing President [CPL(27)1]

Jean-Claude FRECON



### “Adequate financial resources” for local authorities

Presentation by the rapporteur: Gilbert ROGER, France (L, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation [[CPL\(27\)2PROV](#)]

*Deadline for tabling amendments 16.00 Monday 13 October*



### The observation of local elections in the Netherlands (19 March 2014)

Presentation by the rapporteur: Pearl PEDERGNANA, Switzerland (L, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CPL\(27\)3PROV](#)]

*Deadline for tabling amendments 16.00 Monday 13 October*



### The observation of local elections in Ukraine (25 May 2014)

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

Statement by Arnoldas ABRAMAVICIUS, Lithuania (EPP), on behalf of the members of the Committee of the Regions participating in the observation mission

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CPL\(27\)4PROV](#)]

*Deadline for tabling amendments 16.00 Monday 13 October*



### The observation of local elections in Georgia (15 June 2014)

Presentation by the rapporteur: Jos WIENEN, Netherlands (L, EPP/CCE)

Statement by Jerzy ZAJAKALA, Poland (UEN-EA), on behalf of the members of the Committee of the Regions participating in the observation mission

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CPL\(27\)5PROV](#)]

*Deadline for tabling amendments 16.00 Monday 13 October*

Statement by Tengiz SHERGELASHVILI, Deputy Minister for Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia

### Close by the President of the Chamber

**18.30** *EVENT: Inauguration of an exhibition on the world heritage in Bosnia and Herzegovina followed by a reception*

Tuesday 14 October 2014

## Chamber of Regions

15.00 – 18.30, Room 1

### Opening by the President

#### Election of the President of the Chamber

Presentation of the candidates

**SUSPENSION OF THE SITTING**

**RESUMPTION OF THE SITTING**

#### Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber

[CPR(27)OJ1PROV]

#### Election of the 7 vice-Presidents of the Chamber

Presentation of the candidates

#### Statement by the outgoing President [CPR(27)1]

Nataliya ROMANOVA



#### Inter-regional co-operation

Presentation by the rapporteur: Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation [[CPR\(27\)2PROV](#)]

*Deadline for tabling amendments 16.00 Monday 13 October*



#### The role of regional media as a tool for building participatory democracy

Presentation by the rapporteur: Johan van den HOUT, Netherlands (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation [[CPR\(27\)3PROV](#)]

*Deadline for tabling amendments 16.00 Monday 13 October*

#### Thematic debate: promoting public ethics and preventing corruption at regional level

Introduction by Herwig VAN STAA, outgoing President of the Congress

Statements by:

Pilar ROJO NOGUERA, President of the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE) and President of the Galician Parliament, Spain

Tracey SIMPSON-LAING, Rapporteur of the Congress for the report on “Conditions of Office of Local and Regional Elected Representatives”

Bruno GONZÁLEZ VALDELIEVRE, Director of Analysis at the Anti-Fraud Office of Catalonia, Spain

Conclusions by Herwig VAN STAA, outgoing President of the Congress

#### Close by the President of the Chamber

**18.30** **EVENT:** *Inauguration of an exhibition on the world heritage in Bosnia and Herzegovina followed by a reception*

## Wednesday 15 October 2014

### Committee meetings: 8.30 – 11.00

Room 1	Monitoring Committee (votes in Room 3)
Room 6	Current Affairs Committee (votes in Room 7)
Room 8	Governance Committee (votes in Room 9)

### Bureau meeting: 11.15-12.00

Room 8	Bureau of the Congress
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## Wednesday 15 October 2014

14.00 – 19.30, Hemicycle

### Plenary Sitting

**Adoption of the draft minutes of the sitting of the Congress**  
on 14 October 2014 [CG(27)PV1]

**Formal adoption of texts approved by the chambers** [CG(27)5]

**Azerbaijani Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe  
(May 2014-November 2014)**

Statement by Fikrat MAMMADOV, Minister of Justice of Azerbaijan Republic, representing the Azerbaijani Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers

Oral reply to written questions [CG(27)11]

*Deadline for tabling written questions 14.00 Tuesday 14 October*

**Statement by Leyla GÜVEN**

Debate

**Statement by Annemarie JORRITSMA, President of the Council of European Municipalities  
and Regions (CEMR)**

**Youth debate**



**Promoting diversity through intercultural education and communication strategies**

Presentation by the rapporteur: Nawel RAFIK-ELMRINI, France (L, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation [[CG\(27\)6PROV](#)]

*Deadline for tabling amendments 10.00 Tuesday 14 October*



**Local and regional democracy in Belgium**

Presentation by the rapporteurs: Henrik HAMMAR, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE) and Urs WÜTHRICH-PELLOLI, Switzerland (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CG\(27\)7PROV](#)]

*Deadline for tabling amendments 10.00 Tuesday 14 October*

**End of the sitting**

**EVENT:** Reception offered by the European Youth Forum

Thursday 16 October 2014

9.00 - 13.00, Hemicycle

## Plenary Sitting

**Adoption of the draft minutes of the sittings of the Chambers** on 14 October 2014 [CPL(27)PV1] and [CPR(27)PV1] **and of the Congress** on 15 October 2014 [CG(27)PV2]



### **The contribution of the Congress to the Council of Europe's neighbourhood policy Partner for Local Democracy status**

Presentation by the rapporteurs: Jean-Claude FRÉCON, France (L, SOC) and Marie-Madeleine MIALOT-MULLER, France (R, SOC)

Statement by Mbarka BOUAIDA, Minister Delegate to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation, Morocco

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG(27)9PROV]

*Deadline for tabling amendments 10.00 Wednesday 15 October*

### **Separatist tensions in Ukraine and neighbouring countries** [CG/MON(26)12]

Vyacheslav NEHODA, First Deputy Minister of Regional Development, Building, Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine

Valeriu CHIVERI, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova

Oleksii REZNIKOV, Deputy Mayor, Chairman of the Kyiv City Council

Tengiz SHERGELASHVILI, Deputy Minister for Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia

Debate



### **Revision of the Congress Charter**

Presentation by the rapporteurs: Marc COOLS, Belgium (L, ILDG), and Urs WÜTHRICH-PELLOLI, Switzerland (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CG(27)10PROV]

*Deadline for tabling amendments 10.00 Wednesday 15 October*

### **Close of the 27th Session by the President of the Congress**

## **Debriefing session for youth delegates and Congress members**

14.30 – 17.30

Room 9 Open to youth delegates, members of the Congress, secretaries of delegation and advisers

**20.00** **EVENT: Concert commemorating the 70th anniversary of the genocide committed against Roma** organised by the European Roma and Travellers Forum, Dosta! and the City of Strasbourg  
*Pavillon Joséphine*

*Open to youth delegates, members of the Congress, secretaries of delegation and advisers*