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## **ONE in FIVE campaign: seminar for national associations of local and regional authorities**

Strasbourg, 29.06.2015 – The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, in partnership with North-Brabant province, is holding a seminar for national associations of local and regional authorities on 30 June 2015 in 's-Hertogenbosch, North-Brabant province (Netherlands). This seminar will conclude the Congress' contribution to the ONE in FIVE Campaign which is ending this year. Its objective is to present this campaign, in particular its legal basis, [the Convention of the Council of Europe on Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse](#) (the Lanzarote Convention), together with the Pact of Towns and Regions to Stop Sexual Violence against Children drawn up by the Congress.

Representatives of more than 20 European countries will gather to share good practices and to explore new ways of co-operating on raising awareness of the ONE in FIVE Campaign, in order to encourage European towns and regions to sign the Pact.

The discussions will be based around three working sessions on "How are children's rights protected by law?", "Working together for a more effective protection of children" and "Raising awareness of the ONE in FIVE campaign and the Congress' Pact: exchange of views and good practices".

The seminar will be opened by Johan van den Hout, member of the Provincial Executive of North-Brabant and Congress Thematic Spokesperson on Children, and Marcelle Hendrickx, Alderman for Education, Youth and Culture of the Municipality of Tilburg, Netherlands. In addition, Corinne Dettmeijer-Vermeulen, Dutch National Rapporteur on Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence against Children, will deliver a speech on "The grim truth about sexual violence against children in Europe today".

*The Pact of Towns and Regions launched by the Congress comprises a list of initiatives and policies to be implemented to prevent sexual abuse of children, protect victims and prosecute perpetrators while ensuring full participation for children. The Pact is a Congress contribution to the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign to encourage states to sign the Lanzarote Convention, the benchmark legal instrument to protect children from sexual exploitation and abuse.*

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