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21 October 2015

29th Session of the Congress

Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe
20-22 October 2015


DRAFT AGENDA PUBLIC MEETING


THEME FOR 2015:

**LOCAL RESPONSES TO HUMAN RIGHTS CHALLENGES –
MIGRATION, DISCRIMINATION, SOCIAL INCLUSION**

Monday 19 October 2015 (eve of the session)

Members' attention is drawn to:

- Electronic voting on texts will take place in the Hemicycle and in Room 1. Members' **badges**  will be used for electronic voting in the hemicycle (Congress and Chamber of Local Authority). A test vote will take place before the first use.

Voting in Room 1 (Chamber of Regions session) will be done using the voting **handsets**  which will be distributed at the entrance to the room upon signature of the attendance register. Voting handsets should be handed in to the secretariat at the end of the session of the Chamber of Regions.
- 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) (congress.session@coe.int): 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) (congress.session@coe.int): 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 20 October for which the deadline is **16.00 on Monday 19 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.

Bureaux meetings

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

Seminar for Congress members

Presentation of the work of the Current Affairs and Governance Committees	13.30-15.30, Room 1
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Open to all members of the Congress, secretaries of delegation and advisers

Secretaries of delegations coffee meeting	16.00-17.30, Room 4
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Political group meetings 16.30-18.30

European People's Party Group in the Congress (EPP/CCE)	Room 9
Socialist Group (SOC)	Room 11
Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG)	Room 10
European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR)	Room 6

Tuesday 20 October 2015

Committee meetings

Current Affairs Committee	8.45-10.45, Room 6
Governance Committee	8.15-10.45, Room 8

Tuesday 20 October 2015

11.00 –13.00, Hemicycle

Plenary Sitting

** Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Monday 19 October*

Opening of the 29th Session of the Congress by the President of the Congress
Jean-Claude FRECON

Verification of new members' credentials

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs:



Gaye DOĞANOĞLU, Turkey (L, EPP/CEE) and Leen VERBEEK, Netherlands (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG/2015(29)2]*

Adoption of the draft agenda of the session
[CG/2015(29)OJ1PROV]

Adoption of the draft minutes of the last sitting of the 28th Session (26 March 2015)
[CG/2015(28)PV3]

Adoption of the composition of the Congress committees
[CG/2015(29)3]

Communication by the President of the Congress
Debate

Statement by Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Oral reply to questions from the floor

Suspension of the sitting

At the end of the sitting

EVENT: Inauguration of the exhibition “Tastes and Light of Herzegovina” by Igor CRNADAK, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Chairman of the Committee of Ministers, in the lobby of the hemicycle

Tuesday 20 October 2015

14.30 – 19.30 Hemicycle

Plenary Sitting

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Chairmanship by Bosnia and Herzegovina of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (May 2015-November 2015)

Statement by Igor CRNADAK, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Chairman of the Committee of Ministers

Oral reply to written questions [CG/2015(29)4PROV]

Deadline for tabling written questions: Thursday 15 October 12.00

Guidelines for preventing radicalisation

Presentation by the rapporteur: Leen VERBEEK, Netherlands (R, SOC)

Statements by:

Guilherme PINTO, President of the European Forum for Urban Security (EFUS)

Jeffrey DONALDSON, General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities of the Parliamentary Assembly, United Kingdom

Arnaud BAZIN, President of the departmental Council of Val d'Oise, France

- 1 youth delegate

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [\[CG/2015\(29\)5PROV\]*](#)



Ceremony awarding the Congress medal to an honorary member

Volodymyr UDOVYCHENKO, Former Vice-President of the Congress, Ukraine

Fostering active citizenship by building partnerships with civil society

Presentation by the rapporteur: Raymond SVENSSON, Sweden (L, ILDG)

Statement by:

Anna RURKA, President of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [\[CG/2015\(29\)6PROV\]*](#)



Creating a lingua franca for local and regional authorities and young people

Presentation by the rapporteur: Malcolm BYRNE, Ireland (R, ILDG)

Statements by:

Ricardo RIO, Mayor of Braga, Portugal

Liam PRESTON, Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [\[CG/2015\(29\)7PROV\]*](#)



Voting at 16 and consequences on youth participation at local and regional level

Presentation by the rapporteur: Liisa ANSALA, Finland (L, ILDG)

Statement by : Márcio BARCELOS, Board Member of the European Youth Forum

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [\[CG/2015\(29\)8PROV\]*](#)



End of the sitting

19.30 ***EVENT:** Reception offered by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to the Congress members in the "Restaurant Bleu" of the Council of Europe*

8.30 **EVENT:** Breakfast reception - Opening of the exhibition "30 years of the European Charter of Local Self-Government" in the foyer of the hemicycle

Chamber of Local Authorities

9.00 - 12.30, Hemicycle

* Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 20 October

Opening of the session by the President of the Chamber

Anders KNAPE

Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber

[CPL/2015(29)OJ1PROV]

Election of 2 vice-presidents of the Chamber

Presentation of the candidates

Communication by the President of the Chamber

[CPL/2015(29)1]

Observation of local elections in Albania (21 June 2015)

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

Statement by Declan MCDONNELL, Ireland (EA), on behalf of the members of the Committee of the Regions participating in the observation mission

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [\[CPL/2015\(29\)2PROV\]*](#)



Observation of local elections in the Republic of Moldova (14 June 2015)

Presentation by the rapporteur: Line Skoii Vennesland FRASER, Norway (L, ECR)

Statement by Jerry LUNDY, Ireland (ALDE), on behalf of the members of the Committee of the Regions participating in the observation mission

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [\[CPL/2015\(29\)3PROV\]*](#)



Local democracy in Montenegro

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Gaye DOĞANOĞLU, Turkey (L, EPP/CEE) and Henrik Brade JOHANSEN, Denmark (L, ILDG)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [\[CPL/2015\(29\)7PROV\]*](#)



Local democracy in Luxembourg

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Dorin CHIRTOACĂ, Republic of Moldova (L, EPP/CCE) and Marianne HOLLINGER, Switzerland (L, ILDG)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [\[CPL/2015\(29\)5PROV\]*](#)



Statement by Dan KERSCH, Minister for Home Affairs, Minister for the Civil Service and Administrative Reform, Luxembourg

New forms of local governance

Rapporteur: Harry MCGUIGAN, United Kingdom (L, SOC)

Presentation by: Mairi EVANS, United Kingdom (L, NR)

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

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [\[CPL/2015\(29\)4PROV\]*](#)



Close by the President of the Chamber

12:30 **EVENT:** Inauguration of a photographic exhibition of Ukrainian national costumes on the occasion of the 24th anniversary of independence and 20th anniversary of Ukraine's accession to the Council of Europe followed by a parade of national costumes and a reception, in the lobby of the hemicycle

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Chamber of Regions

9.00 - 12.30, Room 1

** Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 20 October*

Opening by the President of the Chamber

Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM

Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber

[CPR/2015(29)OJ1PROV]

Communication by the President of the Chamber

Recent political developments at regional level [CPR/2015(29)1]

Elections of the Governor (Bashkan) and partial elections in the Popular Assembly of the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia, Republic of Moldova, (22 March 2015)

Presentation by the rapporteur: Andrée BUCHMANN, France (R, SOC)

Information note [CPR/2015(29)3]



Trends in regionalisation in Council of Europe member States

Presentation by the rapporteur: Marie-Madeleine MIALOT MULLER, France (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [\[CPR/2015\(29\)2PROV\]*](#)

Thematic debate on regional and minority languages in Europe: recent developments, challenges and good practices

Statements by:

Vesna CRNIĆ-GROTIĆ, Chair of the Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (ECRML), Croatia

Paata ZAKAREISHVILI, State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality, Georgia

Damien THIÉRY, Member of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Justin VOGEL, Vice-President of the Alsace region, France

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Wednesday 21 October 2015

14.30 – 19.30, Hemicycle

Plenary Sitting

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Adoption of the draft minutes of the sittings of the Congress on 20 October 2015

[CG/2015(29)PV1am] [CG/2015(29)PV1pm]

Statement by Anne BRASSEUR, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Oral reply to questions from the floor

Refugee and migrant crisis: what is the role of local and regional authorities?

Rapporteur : Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, EPP/CCE)

Statements by :

Nawel RAFIK-ELMRINI, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg, France

Klaus BOUILLON, 1st Vice-Chair of the Conference of State Ministers of the Interior, Germany

Nihat CIFTCI, Mayor of Sanliurfa, Turkey

Giorgios KYRITSIS, Mayor of Kos, Greece

Dalibor JÍLEK, Chair of the working group on irregular migrants of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) of the Council of Europe

Debate and vote on the draft declaration [CG/2015(29)22]



Fighting the increasing poverty of women: the responsibility of local and regional authorities

Presentation by the rapporteur: Jean-Louis TESTUD, France (L, EPP/CCE)

Statements by :

Laura PÉREZ, Deputy-Mayor of Barcelona, responsible for gender, life cycle and LGBTI issues, Spain

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [\[CG/2015\(29\)9PROV\]*](#)



Children's rights in times of austerity

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

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [\[CG/2015\(29\)10PROV\]*](#)



5th Dosta! Prize-giving ceremony

End of the sitting

19.30 ***EVENT:** Reception given by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe to present the exhibition on the Europe Prize on the occasion of its 60th anniversary, in the entrance hall of the Palais*

Thursday 22 October 2015

Bureau meeting

8.30 - 9.15, Room 8 Bureau of the Congress

9.30 - 12.00, Hemicycle

Plenary Sitting

** Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 21 October*

Formal adoption of texts approved by the chambers
[CG/2015(29)13]

Adoption of the draft minutes of the sittings of the Congress and of the chambers
on 21 October 2015 [CG/2015(29)PV2], [CPL/2015(29)PV1] and [CPR/2015(29)PV1]

Conditions of office of elected representatives

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs:

Frida JOHANSSON METSO Sweden (L, ILDG) and
Tracey SIMPSON-LAING, United Kingdom (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [\[CG/2015\(29\)15PROV\]*](#)

New E-tools: a game changer for politicians

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs:

Leo AADEL, Estonia (L, ILDG) and Josan MEIJERS, Netherlands (R, NR)

Statements by:

André KROUWEL, Lecturer of Politics and Communication, The Netherlands

Juhan-Mart SALUMÄE, Member of the Viljandi City Council, Estonia

- 1 youth delegate

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [\[CG/2015\(29\)14PROV\]*](#)

Revised Rules of Procedure of the Congress

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs:

Marc COOLS, Belgium (L, ILDG), and Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, EPP/CCE)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [\[CG/2015\(29\)16PROV\]*](#)

Close of the 29th Session by the President of the Congress

12.30 *EVENT: European Alliance of Cities and Regions for Roma Inclusion*

Screening of the documentary Mémoires tsiganes: l'autre génocide. In the presence of Idit Bloch, one of the directors, in the projection room, Palais

Strengthening grass-roots democracy: the Congress' co-operation activities

14.00 – 16.00

Room 10 Open to members of the Congress, secretaries of delegation and advisers

Debriefing session for youth delegates and Congress members

14.00 – 15.00

Room 11 Open to youth delegates, members of the Congress, secretaries of delegation and advisers