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23 March 2015

28th Session of the Congress


Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe
24-26 March 2015

DRAFT AGENDA PUBLIC MEETING

THEME FOR 2015:

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

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 24 March for which the deadline is **16.00 on Monday 23 March**. 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 23 March 2015 (eve of the session)

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

Presentation of the Congress activities on local governance in the Eastern Partnership countries

15:30 – 16:30, Room 7

Political group meetings 16.30 – 18.30

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

Tuesday 24 March 2015

Committee meetings

8.30 – 10.45

Monitoring Committee	Room 1
Current Affairs Committee	Room 6
Governance Committee	Room 8

Tuesday 24 March 2015

11.00 – 13.00, Hemicycle

Plenary Sitting

Opening of the 28th Session of the Congress by the President of the Congress
Jean-Claude FRECON

Verification of new members' credentials

Presentation by the rapporteurs:
Gaye DOĞANOĞLU, Turkey (L, EPP/CEE) and Leen VERBEEK, Netherlands (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG/2015(28)2]
Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Monday 23 March



Adoption of the draft agenda of the session
[CG/2015(28)OJ1PROV]

Adoption of the draft minutes of the last sitting of the 27th Session (16 October 2014)
[CG/2014(27)PV3]

Adoption of the composition of the Congress committees
[CG/2015(28)3]

Election of the [Secretary General](#) of the Congress
[in the hemicycle antechamber]
Voting will close at 13.00

Communication by the President of the Congress
Debate

Belgian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (November 2014 – May 2015)
Statement by Isabelle WEYKMANS, Deputy-Minister-President, Minister of Culture, Employment and Tourism of the Belgian German-speaking Community, representing the Belgian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers
Oral reply to written questions [CG/2015(28)4]
Deadline for tabling written questions: 16.00 Monday 23 March

Suspension of the sitting

13.00 ***EVENT:** Inauguration of an exhibition on “An alternative way to commemorate the Great War” followed by a reception offered by the authorities of Wallonia and Flanders, on the occasion of the Belgian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe*
In the lobby of the hemicycle

Tuesday 24 March 2015

14.30 – 19.30 Hemicycle

Plenary Sitting

The budget and resources of the Congress for the next biennium (2016-2017)

Presentation by the rapporteurs:

Clemens LAMMERSKITTEN, Germany (R, EPP/CCE) and Barbara TOCE, Italy (L, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CG/2015\(28\)13PROV](#)]

Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Monday 23 March



The United Kingdom : prospects for devolution

Statements by:

The Right Honourable The Lord AHMAD OF WIMBLEDON, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government, UK Government

The Right Honourable The Lord WALLACE OF TANKERNESS PC QC, Advocate General for Scotland, UK Government

Christina McKELVIE, Member of the Scottish Parliament, Convenor of the Scottish Parliament's European and External Relations Committee

David SPARKS, Chairman of the Local Government Association of England and Wales, and Councillor, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Debate

Local and regional authorities facing migration flows

Statements by:

Tuncer BAKIRHAN, Co-President of GABB (Union of Southeastern Anatolia Region Municipalities) and Co-Mayor of Siirt Municipality, Turkey

Giuseppina Maria NICOLINI, Mayor of Lampedusa, Italy

Natacha BOUCHART, Mayor of Calais, France

Cardinal Francesco MONTENEGRO, Archbishop of Agrigento, Representative of the Holy See

Thorsten KLUTE, Secretary of State, Ministry of Labour, Integration and Social Affairs of North Rhine Westphalia, Germany

Debate

Suspension of the sitting

Diversity Advantage Challenge Award Ceremony

Resumption of the sitting

Electoral lists and voters residing *de facto* abroad

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

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [[CG/2015\(28\)6PROV](#)]

Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Monday 23 March



End of the sitting

19.30 **EVENT:** Reception hosted by the United Kingdom Delegation to the Council of Europe – Devolution and stronger local democracy

In the lobby of the hemicycle

Wednesday 25 March 2015

Chamber of Regions

8.30 - 12.00, Hemicycle

Opening by the President of the Chamber
Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM

Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber
[CPR/2015(28)OJ1PROV]

The regional dimension of the process of decentralisation in Ukraine

Statements by:

Vyacheslav NEHODA, Vice-Minister, Ministry of regional Development of Ukraine

Gianni BUQUICCHIO, President, Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

Oleksii HONCHARENKO, Representative, Ukrainian Parliament

Sergiy CHERNOV, Chairman of the Kharkiv Regional Council, President of the Ukrainian Association of District and Regional Councils (tbc)

Nataliya ROMANOVA, Councillor of Chernigiv District Council, Vice-President of the Congress

Debate

Scotland after the 18 September 2014 referendum

Statements by:

The Right Honourable The Lord WALLACE OF TANKERNESS PC QC, Advocate General for Scotland, UK Government

Christina MCKELVIE, Member of the Scottish Parliament, Convenor of the Scottish Parliament's European and External Relations Committee

Harry MCGUIGAN, Councillor of North Lanarkshire Council, Spokesperson for "Community Wellbeing" of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (CoSLA)

Debate

Communication by the President of the Chamber

[CPR/2015(28)2]

[CPR/2015(28)1]

Close by the President of the Chamber

At the end of the sitting

EVENT: Reception to inaugurate an exhibition on the culture, folklore and tourism of Adjara, Georgia

In the lobby of the hemicycle

Wednesday 25 March 2015

Chamber of Local Authorities

9.00 - 12.30, Room 1

Opening by the President of the Chamber
Anders KNAPE

Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber
[CPL/2015(28)OJ1PROV]

Communication by the President of the Chamber
[CPL/2015(28)1]

Jewish cemeteries, the responsibility of local authorities

Presentation by the rapporteur: John WARMISHAM, United Kingdom (L, SOC)

Statements by:

Mendel SAMAMA, Rabbi of Strasbourg, France

Abraham GINSBERG, Executive Director of the Committee for the Preservation of Jewish Cemeteries in Europe (CPJCE)

Roland RIES, Mayor of Strasbourg, France

Yossi BEILIN, former Justice Minister, Israel

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [[CPL/2015\(28\)2PROV](#)]

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 24 March



Urgent debate: cities and towns against terrorism

- **Internal threats to Europe's towns and cities**

Statement by:

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

Debate

- **External threats: the example of Kobane**

Statement by:

Mustapha ABDI, Mayor of Kobane, Syria

Debate

Close by the President of the Chamber

At the end of the sitting

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In the lobby of the hemicycle

Wednesday 25 March 2015

14.30 – 19.00, Hemicycle

Plenary Sitting

Adoption of the draft minutes of the sittings of the Congress on 24 March 2015
[CG/2015(28)PV1am] [CG/2015(28)PV1pm]

Presentation of the no hate speech campaign

Gabriella BATTAINI-DRAGONI, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Guaranteeing lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people's rights: a responsibility for Europe's towns and regions

Presentation by the rapporteur: Yoomi RENSTRÖM, Sweden (R, SOC)

Statement by:

Florencio CHICOTE, Coordinator of the Berlin Action Plan against Homophobia and Transphobia within the Berlin Antidiscrimination Office, Germany

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [\[CG/2015\(28\)9PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 24 March



Urgent debate: responses to radicalisation in Europe's cities and regions: fighting terrorism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and hate speech

Rapporteur: Leen VERBEEK, Netherlands (R, SOC)

Presentation by Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, EPP/CCE)

Statements by:

Hugh STARKEY, Professor of Citizenship and Human Rights Education, University College of London, United Kingdom

Philippe GAUDIN, Head of Training and Research at the European Institute of Religious Studies, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, France

Hans BONTE, Mayor of Vilvoorde, Belgium

Moussa AL-HASSAN DIAW, expert on extremism and deradicalisation, University College of Education Linz (Austria), EUISA Network/RAN Europe and Network for deradicalisation and prevention in Austria and Germany

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [CG/2015(28)14PROV]

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 24 March



Local and regional democracy in Greece

Presentation by the rapporteurs:

Artur TORRES PEREIRA, Portugal (L, EPP/CCE) and Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, Austria (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CG/2015(28)8PROV]

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 24 March



End of the sitting

19.30 ***EVENT:** Reception offered by the City of Strasbourg, at the Hôtel de Ville, Place Broglie (departure by shuttle bus to the Hôtel de Ville at 19.10 and 19.20)*

Official launch of the exhibition « Democracy and human rights in school » produced within the joint Council of Europe / European Union Pilot projects scheme "Human rights and Democracy in Action"

Thursday 26 March 2015

Bureau meeting

8.30 - 9.15, Room 8 Bureau of the Congress

Thursday 26 March 2015

9.30 - 12.30, Hemicycle

Plenary Sitting

Formal adoption of texts approved by the chambers

[CG/2015(28)10]

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

on 25 March 2015 [CG/2015(28)PV2], [CPL/2015(28)PV1] and [CPR/2015(28)PV1]

Local and regional democracy in Poland



Presentation by the rapporteurs: Jakob (Jos) WIENEN, Netherlands (L, EPP/CCE) and Cynthia HUGHES, United Kingdom (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [\[CG/2015\(28\)12PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 25 March

Statement by Stanisław HUSKOWSKI, State Secretary at the Ministry of Administration and Digitization, Poland

Oral reply to written questions [CG/2015(28)20]

Deadline for tabling written questions: 10.00 Wednesday 25 March

Local and regional democracy in Norway

Presentation by the rapporteurs:



Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC) and Guilherme PINTO, Portugal (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [\[CG/2015\(28\)5PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 25 March

Statement by Jardar JENSEN, State Secretary of Local Government and Modernisation, Norway

Oral reply to written questions [CG/2015(28)16]

Deadline for tabling written questions: 10.00 Wednesday 25 March

Criteria for standing in local and regional elections

Presentation by the rapporteurs :



Oleksii HONCHARENKO, Ukraine (R, SOC) and Viacheslav ROGOV, Russian Federation (L, ILDG)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [\[CG/2015\(28\)7PROV\]](#)

Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 25 March

Close of the 28th Session by the President of the Congress