

# Media Advisory

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## First municipal elections in Yerevan (Armenia): pre-electoral mission of the Council of Europe Congress

**Date:** 4-5 May 2009

**Location:** Yerevan (Armenia)

**Description:** In view of the first elections for the City Council in Yerevan, which will be held on 31 May 2009, a 3-member delegation of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe will visit the Armenian capital city.

These elections will be the first to be held since the amendments to the Armenian Constitution of 2005. These amendments gave Yerevan the status of a "community", providing for the election of the City Council and – as a consequence - of the Mayor, who was previously appointed by the Government.

Congress Vice-President Fabio Pellegrini (Italy, SOC), Michel Guégan (France, NR) and Nigel Mermagen (UK, ILDG) will hold meetings with candidates running for the election of mayor, representatives of government, opposition and electoral bodies, the Armenian Congress delegation, as well as with the media and NGOs.

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The Congress has two chambers, the Chamber of Local Authorities and the Chamber of Regions.

It brings together 318 full and 318 substitute members representing more than 200 000 European territorial communities.

President of the Congress: Yavuz Milden (Turkey, EPP/CD), President of the Chamber of Regions: Ludmila Sfirloaga (Romania, SOC),

President of the Chamber of Local Authorities: Ian Micallef (Malta, EPP/CD).

Political Groups: Socialist Group (SOC), Group of the European People's Party – Christian Democrats (EPP/CD), Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG).