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Monitoring of local democracy in Malta

Dates: from 21 to 23 June 2010

Location: Valletta, Malta

Description: The Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities will carry out a general monitoring mission to assess the state of local democracy in Malta.

Congress Rapporteur Emil Calota (Romania, SOC) will meet: Chris Said, Parliamentary Secretary for Consumers, Fair Competition, Local Councils and Public Dialogue; Stefan Buontempo, Shadow Minister for Local Government; Vincent Gaetano, Constitutional Court Chief Justice; Silvio Camillieri, Attorney General; Anthony Mifsud, Auditor General and Martin Bugelli, Director General for Information, Local Government and Public Consultation.

Meetings are also scheduled with Alexiei Dingli, Mayor of Valletta, the Maltese delegation to the Congress and mayors and local councillors from the islands of Malta and Gozo, as well as with representatives of the Local Councils' Association and the Local Councils' Executive Secretaries Association.

Following the visit, a report will be submitted to the Congress' Institutional Committee.

Malta ratified the European Charter of Local Self-Government in 1993. The Congress' latest recommendation on the situation of local democracy in Malta was adopted in November 2002. In March 2009, the Congress held an exchange of views with Chris Said, Maltese Parliamentary Secretary for Consumers, Fair Competition, Local Councils and Public Dialogue.

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