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Andreas Kiefer elected Secretary General of the Council of Europe Congress

Strasbourg, 17.03.2010. – Andreas Kiefer (Austria), Director of the European Affairs Department of the Land Salzburg Regional Government, was elected Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities at the plenary session on 17 March 2010.

In the first round of the election, Kiefer obtained 137 votes (an absolute majority), Antonella Cagnolati (Italy) 94 votes and Leo Platvoet (Netherlands) 13 votes. The number of the valid votes cast was 244.

Andreas Kiefer, who studied law and economics at the Universities of Salzburg and Linz, was born on 6 October 1957 in Salzburg, Austria. He is married to Carmen Kiefer, they have three children.

Mr. Kiefer will take up his duties on 1st April 2010, for a term of five years.

[Mr Kiefer's biography](#)

Andreas Kiefer élu Secrétaire Général du Congrès du Conseil de l'Europe

Strasbourg, 17.03.2010 – Andreas Kiefer (Autriche), Directeur du Bureau des affaires européennes du gouvernement du Land de Salzbourg, a été élu Secrétaire Général du Congrès des pouvoirs locaux et régionaux du Conseil de l'Europe, lors de la Session plénière, le 17 mars 2010.

Au premier tour de l'élection, M. Kiefer a obtenu 137 voix (majorité absolue), Antonella Cagnolati (Italie) 94 voix, et Leo Platvoet (Pays-Bas) 13 voix. Le nombre de votes valables était de 244.

Andreas Kiefer a étudié le droit et les sciences économiques à l'Université de Salzbourg et de Linz. Il est né le 6 octobre 1957 à Salzbourg, Autriche. Il est marié à Carmen Kiefer et ils ont trois enfants.

M. Kiefer prendra ses fonctions le 1^{er} avril 2010, pour un mandat de cinq ans.

[Biographie de M. Kiefer](#)

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).