

International Conference “Integrating foreign residents into local public life: challenges and prospects” and Congress of Councils of Foreign Residents

Strasbourg, 15-16 October 2010

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FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER Room 1 of the Palais de l'Europe

Interpretation English-French (passive Italian)

9.30 am **ARRIVAL AND RECEPTION OF PARTICIPANTS AT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

10 am **OPENING SPEECHES**

Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND – Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Mr Robert HERRMANN - First Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg
Mr Ian MICALLEF - President a.i. of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe
Ms Anne-Pernelle RICHARDOT, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg responsible for Citizenship Affairs and the Council of Foreign Residents

10.30 am **INTEGRATION OF FOREIGN RESIDENTS IN EUROPE: BACKGROUND AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

Led by Francesco MERLONI, Council of Europe expert

<p><i>What do “integration of foreign residents” and “residence citizenship” actually mean? The French and European experience</i></p>

Ms Danièle LOCHAK, Professor Emeritus of Public Law at the University of Paris X-Nanterre, researcher at the Fundamental Rights Research Centre
Mr Zoltan SZENTE, Council of Europe expert
Ms Nawel RAFIK-ELMIRINI, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg, city coordinator of the Strasbourg Club
Ms Yana TOOM, Deputy Mayor of Tallinn

Joint discussion

Break

<p>The European legal framework for participation by foreigners (Protocol to the European Charter of Local Self-Government, Convention on the Participation of Foreigners, recommendations of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe)</p>

Ms Marjan HAAK-GRIFFIOEN, Congress Rapporteur on citizen participation at local and regional level
Mr Francesco MERLONI, Council of Europe expert

Joint discussion

1 pm LUNCH AT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

2.30 pm RESUMPTION OF PLENARY DISCUSSIONS

**FORMS OF PARTICIPATION BY FOREIGNERS/ EXCHANGES OF
EXPERIENCE AND GOOD PRACTICES**

Led by Didier BONNET, Director of l'Agence de Presse Alsacienne

**Councils of foreign residents and other forms of representation:
experience in the towns and cities**

Mr Ahmed EL KTIBI, Deputy Burgomaster of Brussels

Mr Raymond DASSI – Deputy Mayor of San Lazzaro

Mr Alphonse GOUETH, member of the Strasbourg Council of Foreign
Residents in charge of the Congress on Citizenship-based Residence

**The CLIP (Cities for Local Integration Policy) Network and the National League of
Cities**

Ms Jelena PAVIČIĆ VUKIČEVIĆ, Deputy Mayor of Zagreb

Mr Gari PAVKOVIC, Commissioner for Integration, Stuttgart

Mr Ricardo GAMBETTA, Director of programmes for the integration of
foreigners, National League of Cities

Joint discussion

4.00 pm Break

4.15 pm Intercultural Cities

Mr Thomas FACCHINETTI, Cantonal Delegate responsible for integration,
Neuchâtel

Mr Franco CORRADINI, Deputy Mayor in charge of social security and
cohesion, Reggio Emilia

European Local Democracy Week (ELDW)

Ms Antonella CAGNOLATI, Director of the Congress of Local and Regional
Authorities, Council of Europe

Joint discussion

**5.00 pm PRESENTATION OF THE WORK OF THE STRASBOURG CLUB*:
THE SPECIFIC CHALLENGE OF INTEGRATING ROMA POPULATIONS**

Reception and integration of Roma populations in European towns and cities

Ms Nawel RAFIK-ELMIRINI, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg

Mr Henry SCICLUNA, Council of Europe Coordinator on Roma activities

5.20 pm JOINT DECLARATION

5.30 pm End of proceedings

**6 pm Free time or guided tour of the city in a *bateau-mouche* (river boat)
(NB: registration required – see form)**

**8.15 pm Gala dinner at the Salon de l'Hôtel de Ville
(NB: registration required – see form)**

* The Strasbourg Club is an informal network which was launched in 2003 in order to support the biggest ever enlargement of the European Union to the countries of central and eastern Europe. It now comprises 38 towns and cities, State capitals and regional metropolises in 13 European countries and is open to any European town or city wishing to share its experience of the relevant subjects.

Congress of Councils of Foreign Residents

SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER Residence of the Collège Doctoral Européen, Strasbourg

No interpretation

9h00 ARRIVAL OF THE PARTICIPANTS

9h30 Opening speeches

Mr Roland RIES, Mayor of the City of Strasbourg
Mr Farid SLIMANI – Spokesperson of the Strasbourg Council of Foreign Residents

9h30 – 12h30 PLENARY SESSION
IN CAMERA: DELEGATIONS OF THE CRES OF FRANCE

Moderator: **Ms MAFESSOLI** - ORIV (Observatoire Régional de l'Intégration et de la Ville)

Secretary : **Member of the ORIV** (*subject to confirmation*)

DISCUSSION ON THE AMENDMENTS <u>AND</u> ADOPTION OF THE STATUTES OF THE NATIONAL NETWORK

Background information:

Reminder:

- 1) *The Strasbourg CRE sent a **draft text** to the other French CREs in July.*
- 2) *The French CREs were asked to send their proposed **amendments** to the Strasbourg CRE by 24 September at the latest.*
- 3) ***The Strasbourg CRE will amend the proposed text and send it back to the delegations** by early October. (In principle each delegation will have received the amended text before the beginning of the Conference.)*
- 4) ***A decision-making procedure** will be adopted ahead of the Conference in the event that it is impossible for participants to reach an agreement.*
- 5) *The **Strasbourg CRE will produce the Statutes** of the Network and **disseminate** them to members of the Network*
- 6) ***Adoption of the Statutes of the National Network** by the delegations of the French CREs present at the Conference.*

ADOPTION OF THE NAME OF THE FIRST NATIONAL NETWORK

Background information:

*the proposed names have been sent to the French CREs ahead of the Conference and **the delegations present at the Conference will vote** for the name of the first National Network.*

12h00 – 13h00: APPEAL BY THE MAYORS OF FRANCE OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

**APPEAL BY THE MAYORS OF FRANCE OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO
GIVE FOREIGN RESIDENTS THE RIGHT TO VOTE AND PUT FORWARD THEIR
CANDIDATURE AT LOCAL ELECTIONS.**

13h00 – 14h00 COCKTAIL LUNCH AT THE CONFERENCE PREMISES

**14h00 – 15h00: RESUMPTION OF PLENARY SESSIONS:
 PUBLIC SESSION**

**ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BODIES OF THE NATIONAL NETWORK:
 STEERING COMMITTEE, BUREAU, ETC ...**

Moderator-: **Ms Anne-Pernelle RICHARDOT** – Deputy Mayor of the City of
Strasbourg- results of the election

Organisation / counting of the votes: **Member of the ORIV** (*subject to confirmation*)

Voters: **members of the steering committee**
(*In accordance with the proposed statutes, only CRE Representatives who have
been elected or appointed can stand for election to the Executive Bureau*)

15h00 – 15h30: LAUNCHING OF THE FIRST NATIONAL NETWORK

**LAUNCHING OF THE FIRST NATIONAL NETWORK OF FRENCH CRES BY ITS
 FIRST PRESIDENT**

Speech by the first President of the Network and reply to questions from journalists.

15h30: CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

**CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE BY THE CITY OF STRASBOURG:
 Mr Robert HERRMANN, 1st Deputy Mayor**

15h45-16h00: departure of the participants
Transfer to the hotels, then to the station or airport