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- **Human Rights**
- **Gender Equality**
- **Local and Regional Governance**
- **E-Democracy**
- **Corruption**
- **Migration and Integration**
- **Radicalisation**

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Introduction

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities provides a political platform for discussing and identifying solutions to the current challenges faced by local and regional authorities, and proposes tools to improve the functioning of local and regional democracy.

Promoting human rights and gender equality, strengthening local and regional democracy, managing migration, improving integration policies and preventing radicalisation are responses to major issues that European societies are facing today, and therefore they are at the heart of Congress activities.

The local dimension of Human Rights is being discussed during the 2016 Seoul Human Rights Conference on 5 and 6 December 2016.

The Secretariat of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities is pleased to provide a compilation of the most relevant Congress and Council of Europe documents. All these documents can be accessed from the electronic version of this compilation and can be downloaded via the above link or using the flashcode.

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I. HUMAN RIGHTS

Congress texts

Compendium "[Promoting human rights at local and regional level](#)", containing:

- Best practices of implementation of human rights at local and regional level in member states of the Council of Europe and other countries
Resolution 365 (2014), Explanatory memorandum CG(26)FINAL
- Developing indicators to raise awareness of human rights at local and regional level
Resolution 334 (2011)
- Intercultural cities
Resolution 280 (2009), Explanatory memorandum CPL(16)1REP

Other texts

- Congress Human Rights Action Plan 2016-2017
 - [Action plan – Human Rights at local and regional level](#)

II. GENDER EQUALITY

Congress texts

on women's rights and equality between men and women

- Women's participation in public life at local and regional levels: good practices in member States and Congress action
 - [Resolution 404 \(2016\) – Recommendation 390 \(2016\) – Explanatory memorandum CG31\(2016\)09-FINAL](#)
- Gender budgeting
 - [Resolution 405 \(2016\) - Explanatory memorandum CG31\(2016\)10-FINAL](#)
- Fighting the increasing poverty of women: the responsibility of local and regional authorities
 - [Resolution 391 \(2015\); Recommendation 381\(2015\) ; Explanatory memorandum CG/2015\(29\)9FINAL](#)
- Achieving sustainable gender equality in local and regional political life
 - [Resolution 303 \(2010\); Recommendation 288 \(2010\); Explanatory memorandum CG\(18\)10](#)
- Combating domestic violence against women
 - [Resolution 279 \(2009\); Recommendation 260 \(2009\); Explanatory memorandum CG\(16\)7REP](#)
- Gender mainstreaming at local and regional level: a strategy to promote equality between women and men in cities and regions
 - [Resolution 176 \(2004\); Recommendation 148 \(2004\); Explanatory memorandum CG\(11\)10](#)

III. LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNANCE

Congress texts

- Autonomy and borders in an evolving Europe
 - [Resolution 398\(2016\) and Recommendation 385 \(2016\), Explanatory memorandum CPR30\(2016\)02-final](#)
- E-media: Game changer for local and regional politicians
 - [Resolution 394 \(2015\), Explanatory memorandum CG/2015\(29\)14FINAL](#)
- Conditions of office for elected representatives
 - [Resolution 393 \(2015\), Recommendation 383 \(2015\), Explanatory memorandum CG/2015\(29\)15FINAL](#)
- Autonomy and borders in an evolving Europe
 - [Resolution 390\(2015\), Explanatory memorandum CPR/2015\(29\)4FINAL](#)
- New forms of local governance
 - [Resolution 389 \(2015\), Explanatory memorandum CPL/2015\(29\)4FINAL](#)
- Adequate financial resources for local authorities
 - [Resolution 372, Recommendation 362 \(2014\), Explanatory memorandum CPL\(27\)FINAL](#)
- Strategy on the right of local authorities to be consulted by other levels of government
 - [Resolution 368 \(2014\), Explanatory memorandum CG\(26\)9FINAL](#)
- Recurring issues based on assessments resulting from Congress monitoring and election observation missions
 - [Recurring issues 2010 – 2013](#)

Other texts

- Regionalisation trends in European countries
 - [Study, Group of independent Experts](#)
- Reference framework for regional democracy
 - [Council of Europe Reference Framework for Regional Democracy](#)

IV. E-DEMOCRACY AND E-GOVERNANCE

Congress texts

- E-media: game changer for local and regional politicians
[Resolution 394 \(2015\)](#) ; [Explanatory memorandum CG/2015\(29\)14FINAL](#)
- E-democracy: opportunities and risks for local authorities
[Resolution 290 \(2009\)](#) ; [Recommendation 274 \(2009\)](#) ; [CExplanatory memorandum CPL\(17\)2](#)
- Digital divide and e-inclusion in the regions
[Resolution 282 \(2009\)](#) ; [Recommendation 263 \(2009\)](#) ; [Explanatory memorandum CPR\(16\)1REP](#)
- E-tools: a response to the needs of local authorities
[Resolution 266 \(2008\)](#) ; [Recommendation 248 \(2008\)](#) ; [Explanatory memorandum CPL\(15\)2REP](#)
- Electronic democracy and deliberative consultation on urban projects
[Resolution 267 \(2008\)](#) ; [Recommendation 249 \(2008\)](#) ; [Explanatory memorandum CPL\(15\)3REP](#)

Debates

- Digital media and urban mobilization, 26 March 2014
[Speech by Jan Hanrath](#)
- A Deepening democracy with e-media, 27 March 2014
[Summary of debate](#)
- Smart Cities: new technologies serving democracy, 20 March 2013
[Session file](#)

Other Council of Europe bodies

Committee of Ministers

- Internet Governance – Council of Europe Strategy 2016-2019
[CM\(2016\)10-final](#)
- Internet freedom
[Recommendation CM/Rec\(2016\)5](#) ; [Draft explanatory memorandum](#)
- Internet of citizens
[Recommendation CM/Rec\(2016\)2](#)

- The free, transboundary flow of information on the Internet
[Recommendation CM/Rec\(2015\)6](#) ;
- A guide to human rights for Internet users
[Recommendation CM/Rec\(2014\)6](#)
- The protection and promotion of the universality, integrity and openness of the Internet
[Recommendation CM/Rec\(2011\)8](#)
- Electronic democracy (E-democracy)
[Recommendation CM/Rec \(2009\)1](#) ; [Explanatory memorandum CM\(2009\)9-add2rev](#)
- Electronic governance (“E-governance”)
[Recommendation Rec\(2004\)15](#)

Parliamentary Assembly

- Internet and politics: the impact of new information and communication technology on democracy
[Resolution 1970 \(2014\)](#) ; [Recommendation 2033 \(2014\)](#);

Venice Commission

- The compatibility of remote voting and electronic voting with the standards of the Council of Europe
[Report CDL-AD\(2004\)012-e](#)

V. CORRUPTION AND PUBLIC ETHICS

Congress texts

- Survey on promoting transparency and ethical values and counteracting corruption at local and regional level (2012)
 - [Document prepared by the secretariat of the Congress](#)
- Tasks and duties, to be fulfilled by local and regional elected representatives, that may involve corruption risks and/or affect ethical behaviour (2010)
 - [Background Paper CG/GT/CDR\(19\)2](#)
- Rights and duties of local and regional elected representatives: the risks of corruption
 - [Resolution 316 \(2010\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CG\(19\)10](#)
- European Code of conduct for the political integrity of local and regional elected representatives
 - [Resolution 79 \(1999\)](#), [Recommendation 60 \(1999\)](#),
[Explanatory memorandum CG \(6\) 8 rev. Part II](#)

Articles and speeches on corruption

- Debates on ethics and transparency at local and regional level I-II (30th Session of the Congress, 22-24 March 2016)
 - Speeches by [Elizabeth Dávid-Barrett](#), [Marin Mrčela](#) and [Imrich Žigo](#)
- Debate on Corruption corrodes democracy (27th session of the Congress, 14-16 October 2014)
 - [Article](#), [Conclusions](#)
- Debate on the fight against corruption: pointers for action at local and regional levels (24th Session of the Congress, 19-21 March 2013)
 - [Article](#)

VI. MIGRANTS AND INTEGRATION POLICIES

Conventions

- Convention on the participation of foreigners in public life at local level
 - [CETS No.144](#)

Declarations

- The reception of refugees in Europe
 - [Declaration 4 \(2015\)](#)

Congress texts

- From reception to integration: the role of local and regional authorities facing migration
 - [Draft report](#) (approved during the Current Affairs Committee meeting on 19 October and to be adopted during the 32nd Congress session on 28-30 March 2017)
- Organising intercultural and interreligious activities: a pedagogical toolkit for the use of the local authorities
 - [Resolution 397 \(2016\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CG30\(2016\)04-final](#)
- Promoting diversity through intercultural education and communication strategies
 - [Resolution 375 \(2014\)](#), [Recommendation 365 \(2014\)](#)
- Migrants' access to regional labour markets
 - [Resolution 362 \(2013\)](#), [Recommendation 347 \(2013\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CPR\(25\)3](#)
- Integration through self-employment: promoting migrant entrepreneurship in European municipalities
 - [Resolution 358 \(2013\)](#), [Recommendation 343 \(2013\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CPL\(25\)2](#)
- Meeting the challenge of interfaith and intercultural tensions at local level
 - [Resolution 323 \(2011\)](#), [Recommendation 304 \(2011\)](#)
- Education for democratic citizenship: tools for cities
 - [Resolution 332 \(2011\)](#)

- Cultural Integration of Muslim Women in European Cities
 - [Resolution 318 \(2010\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CG\(19\)12](#)
- Minority languages – an asset for regional development
 - [Resolution 301 \(2010\)](#), [Recommendation 286 \(2010\)](#),
[Explanatory memorandum CPR\(18\)3](#)
- Equality and diversity in local authority employment and service provision
 - [Resolution 281 \(2009\)](#), [Recommendation 262 \(2009\)](#)
- Intercultural cities
 - [Resolution 280 \(2009\)](#), [Recommendation 261 \(2009\)](#)
- Social approach to the fight against racism at local and regional level
 - [Resolution 264 \(2008\)](#), [Recommendation 246 \(2008\)](#)
- Improving the integration of migrants through local housing policies
 - [Resolution 270 \(2008\)](#), [Recommendation 252 \(2008\)](#),
[Explanatory memorandum CPL\(15\)5Rep](#)
- The development of social cohesion indicators - The concerted local and regional approach
 - [Resolution 226 \(2007\)](#), [Recommendation 207 \(2007\)](#),
[Explanatory memorandum CG\(13\)39PART2](#)
- Effective access to social rights for immigrants: the role of local and regional authorities
 - [Resolution 218 \(2006\)](#), [Recommendation 194 \(2006\)](#),
[Explanatory memorandum CG \(13\) 12 part II](#)
- Intercultural and inter-faith dialogue: initiatives and responsibilities of local authorities
 - [Resolution 202 \(2005\)](#), [Recommendation 170 \(2005\)](#)
- Cultural Identity in peripheral urban areas: the role of local and regional authorities
 - [Resolution 205 \(2005\)](#), [Recommendation 177 \(2005\)](#)
- Migration flows and social cohesion in South-East Europe: the role of local and regional authorities
 - [Resolution 175 \(2004\)](#), [Recommendation 147 \(2004\)](#),

[Explanatory memorandum CG \(11\) 9 Part II](#)

- A pact for the integration and participation of people of immigrant origin in Europe's towns, cities and regions
 - [Resolution 181 \(2004\)](#), [Recommendation 153 \(2004\)](#),
[Explanatory memorandum CPL \(11\) 4 Part II](#)
- The participation of foreign residents in public life at local level – consultative bodies
 - [Resolution 141 \(2002\)](#), [Recommendation 115 \(2002\)](#),
[Explanatory memorandum CPL \(9\) 5 Part II](#)
- Social cohesion in towns
 - [Resolution 70 \(1998\)](#), [Recommendation 51 \(1998\)](#)

Other texts

- Protection of migrants and asylum seekers: States' main legal obligations under the Council of Europe Conventions
 - [Background paper](#), [Press release](#), [Letter by Thorbjørn Jagland](#)

VII. PREVENTING RADICALISATION AND BUILDING INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES

Council of Europe Action Plans

- The fight against violent extremism and radicalisation leading to terrorism.
Action plan 2015-2017
 - [CM\(2015\)74-addfinal](#)
- Action plan on building inclusive societies (2016-2019)
 - [CM\(2016\)25](#)

Congress texts

- Organising intercultural and interreligious activities: a toolkit for the use of the local authorities
 - [Resolution 397 \(2016\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CG30\(2016\)04-final](#)
- Guidelines for local and regional authorities on preventing radicalisation and manifestations of hate at grassroots level
 - [Resolution 384 \(2015\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CG/2015\(29\)5FINAL](#)
- Combating radicalisation at grassroots level: the role of local and regional authorities
 - [Resolution 381 \(2015\)](#), [Recommendation 371 \(2015\)](#),
[Explanatory memorandum CG/2015\(28\)14FINAL](#)
- Congress strategy to combat radicalisation at grass-roots level
 - [CG/BUR/2015\(27\)22](#)
- Promoting diversity through intercultural education and communication strategies
 - [Resolution 375 \(2014\)](#), [Recommendation 365 \(2014\)](#),
[Explanatory memorandum CPL\(20\)2](#)
- Education for democratic citizenship: tools for cities
 - [Resolution 332 \(2011\)](#)
- Meeting the challenge of interfaith and intercultural tensions at local level
 - [Resolution 323 \(2011\)](#), [Recommendation 304 \(2011\)](#)

- Cultural integration of Muslim women in European cities
 - [Resolution 318 \(2010\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CG\(19\)12](#)
- Intercultural cities
 - [Resolution 280 \(2009\)](#), [Recommendation 261 \(2009\)](#),
[Explanatory memorandum CPL\(16\)1REP](#)
- The need for regional cultural identity
 - [Resolution 268 \(2008\)](#), [Recommendation 250 \(2008\)](#),
[Explanatory memorandum CPR\(15\)4REC](#)
- Social approach to the fight against racism at local and regional level
 - [Resolution 264 \(2008\)](#), [Recommendation 246 \(2008\)](#)
- European Urban Charter I and II - Manifesto for a new urbanity (1992, 2008)
 - [European Urban Charter I](#)
 - [European Urban Charter II Manifesto for a new urbanity](#)
- Intercultural and interreligious dialogue: an opportunity for local democracy
 - [Recommendation 245 \(2008\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CG\(15\)15REP](#)
- Urban security in Europe
 - [Recommendation 197 \(2006\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CPL\(13\)5](#)
- Intercultural and inter-faith dialogue: initiatives and responsibilities of local authorities
 - [Resolution 202 \(2005\)](#), [Recommendation 170 \(2005\)](#),
[Explanatory memorandum CPL \(12\) 4](#)
- Cultural identity in peripheral urban areas: the role of local and regional authorities
 - [Resolution 205 \(2005\)](#), [Recommendation 177 \(2005\)](#)
- A pact for the integration and participation of people of immigrant origin in Europe's towns, cities and regions
 - [Resolution 181 \(2004\)](#), [Recommendation 153 \(2004\)](#),
[Explanatory memorandum CPL \(11\) 4 Part II](#)
- Tackling terrorism – the role and responsibilities of local authorities
 - [Recommendation 134 \(2003\)](#), [Resolution 159 \(2003\)](#)
- The participation of foreign residents in public life at local level – consultative bodies
 - [Resolution 141 \(2002\)](#), [Recommendation 115 \(2002\)](#),

[Explanatory memorandum CPL \(9\) 5 Part II](#)

- Manual on Local Authorities and Urban Crime Prevention
 - [Resolution 116 \(2001\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CPL \(8\) 2 Part II](#)
- Crime and urban insecurity in Europe: the role of local authorities
 - [Resolution 99 \(2000\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CPL \(7\) 6 Part II](#)
- Crime and urban insecurity in Europe
 - [Resolution 57 \(1997\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CPL \(4\) 5, Part II](#)

Other texts

- Conference, Montchanin, France, 23-24 November 2006
 - [Twelve principles of intercultural and interreligious dialogue for local authorities](#)
- Conference “Towards an alliance of European cities against violent extremism”, Aarhus, Denmark, 18 November 2015
 - [Aarhus declaration](#)
- Summit of Mayors “Alliance of European cities against violent extremism”, Rotterdam, Netherlands, 9 November 2016
 - [Rotterdam declaration](#)
 - [Webpage dedicated to the event](#)

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

The voice of Cities and Regions in Europe

- The Congress is a political assembly composed of 648 elected officials – mayors, governors, councillors, etc. – representing the 200 000 local and regional authorities of the 47 Council of Europe member states.

It speaks for Europe's local and regional elected representatives.

- The Congress promotes devolution through transfer of political powers and financial resources to the municipalities and regions.

It ensures that policy decisions are made at a level closest to the citizens.

- The Congress guarantees civic participation and fosters a positive perception of local identities.

It strives for living grassroots democracy in an ever more globalised world.

- The Congress reinforces local and regional democracy by permanently monitoring the due application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government, observing local and regional elections, and issuing recommendations to the governments of the 47 Council of Europe member states.

It upholds local self-government, together with democracy and human rights at local level.



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