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The role of local and regional authorities in preventing corruption and promoting good governance

Joint conference of the Committee of the Regions and the
Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

10:00 – 10:30 REGISTRATION

10:30 – 11:10 OPENING SESSION

Welcome and introductory statements by:

- Markku MARKKULA, President of the European Committee of the Regions
- Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
- Laura FERRARA MEP, Vice Chair of European Parliament Committee on Legal Affairs and Rapporteur on the Fight against Corruption
- Irina STEFURIUC, European Commission DG Home, Team Leader - Fight against corruption

11:10 – 12:30 CORRUPTION AT LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS: A MULTIFACETED AND CONTINUOUSLY EVOLVING PHENOMENON

Speakers:

- Herwig VAN STAA (AT/EPP), Congress spokesperson on preventing corruption and promoting public ethics
- Carl DOLAN, Director of Transparency International EU Office
- Olga SAVRAN, Manager of the Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia of the OECD

Debate

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00–16:30 PREVENTING CORRUPTION AT LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS: A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

14:00 – 15:00 A code of conduct for public officials

Moderator: Christoph DEMMKE, Advisor to the EU-Institutions and EU-Presidency in the field of Ethics and Integrity

Speakers:

- Manuela BORA, Vice-president of the Congress Governance Committee
- Patrick VON MARAVIĆ, Chair of the Advisory group on revising Congress Code of Conduct
- Patrizio MONFARDINI, Associate Professor, University of Cagliari
- Gjalt DE GRAAF, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Debate

15:00 – 15:30 The role of the media and civil society in tackling corruption: case study from Serbia

Moderator: Christoph DEMMKE

Speakers:

- Stevan DOJCINOVIĆ, director of KRIK investigative network

Debate

15:30 – 15:45 *Coffee Break*

15:45 – 16:30 Practitioners' views on corruption at the local and regional levels: case studies

Moderator: Patrick VON MARAVIĆ, Chair of the Advisory group on revising Congress Code of Conduct

Speakers:

- Ukraine: Volodymyr PROKOPIV, member of Congress, deputy mayor of Kyiv city, Head of Kyiv city council
- Romania: Laura STEFAN, Anti-corruption expert, former director in the Romanian Ministry of Justice

Debate

16:30 – 17:00 CONCLUDING REMARKS

Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, First Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions

Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, President of the Congress