

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities



21st SESSION

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PUBLIC MEETING

21st Session of the Congress

Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe,
18-20 October 2011

SPECIAL THEME: LIVING TOGETHER IN DIGNITY

Members' attention is drawn to:

- The deadlines for tabling **written questions** for oral reply (Office 1081): each member should limit herself/himself to one question to the **Secretary General** (deadline: **Tuesday 18 October at 10.00**) and one question to the **Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers** (deadline: **Tuesday 18 October at 18.00**).
- The conditions and deadlines for **tabling amendments** (Office 1081): at the latest at **10.00** on the eve of the day when the texts to which they refer are to be discussed. Amendments must be signed by 5 representatives (or duly mandated substitutes) for the texts debated in plenary sittings, or 5 members for those of the Chambers. Each amendment must specify the name of the member who will submit it.
- **Registration of speakers for the debates**: the form for registration of speakers for the debates must be submitted to the Table Office secretariat seated beside the President's rostrum.
- **Finance Office** for reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenses: Office 1040.
- **Table Office** for any further questions: Office 1081.
- **Participants are reminded that access to the Hemicycle is strictly limited to holders of badges which indicate the specific hemicycle symbol. Seating in the Hemicycle and Room 1 will be allocated according to the seating plans available for consultation at the entrance to the meeting rooms.**

Monday 17 October

Eve of the session

BUREAUX MEETINGS

Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities (Room 6)

9.00 – 10.00

Bureau of the Chamber of Regions (Room 7)

10.00 – 11.00

Bureau of the Congress (Room 8)

11.30 – 12.30

14.15 – 16.00

POLITICAL GROUP MEETINGS

European People's Party/Christian Democrats Group (EPP/CD) (Room 9)

16.30 – 18.30

Socialist Group (SOC) (Room 10)

16.30 – 18.30

Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG) (Room 11)

16.30 – 18.30

Meeting of the **Secretaries of Delegations** (Room 7) – 16.30 – 18.00

Tuesday 18 October (morning)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Current Affairs Committee (Room 8)
8.15 - 10.30

Governance Committee (Room 9)
8.15 - 10.30

Monitoring Committee (Room 1)
8.15 - 10.30

PLENARY SITTING – Hemicycle – 10.45 – 13.00

- **Opening of the 21st Session**
by **Keith WHITMORE**, United Kingdom (L, ILDG), President of the Congress
- **Verification of new members' credentials**
Presentation by the Rapporteurs:
Anders KNAPE, Sweden (L, EPP/CD) and **Ignacio SANCHEZ AMOR**, Spain (R, SOC)

Debate and vote
[CG(21)2] (RES)
- **Adoption of the draft agenda of the session**
[CG(21)OJ1PROV]

NB: texts submitted for tacit adoption: [\[CG\(21\)15\]](#)¹
- **Communication by the President of the Congress**
Presentation by **Keith WHITMORE**, United Kingdom (L, ILDG)
[CG(21)20]

Debate
- **Citizen participation at local and regional level in Europe**
Rapporteur: **Marjan HAAK-GRIFFIOEN**, Netherlands (R, EPP/CD)

Statements by:

Piero FASSINO, Mayor of Turin, Italy

Nawel RAFIK-ELMRINI, 2nd Deputy Mayor of the City of Strasbourg, in charge of International and European relations, France

Debate and vote
[\[CG\(21\)3\]](#) (RES and REC)

¹ Tacit adoption (Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure).

Revision of Congress texts concerning human rights adopted at the 18th and 19th Sessions, upon recommendation of the Committee of Ministers:

Resolution 296 (2010); Recommendation 280 (2010); Resolution 307 (2010); Resolution 310 (2010).

The result of this procedure will be announced on Wednesday 19 October at the opening of the afternoon sitting.

- **Local and regional democracy in Slovenia**

Presentation by the Rapporteurs:

Merita JEGENI YILDIZ, Turkey (R, EPP/CD) and **Jos WIENEN**, Netherlands (L, EPP/CD)

Debate and vote

[CG(21)12] (REC)

- **Madrid Outline Convention: thirty years promoting transfrontier co-operation**

Presentation by **Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ**, President, Association of European Border Regions, Chair of the Governance Committee of the Congress, Belgium (R, SOC),

- **Co-operation between the Congress and the Conference of European Regions with Legislative Power (REGLEG)**

Statement by **Jean-Luc VANRAES**, President of the Conference of European Regions with Legislative Power (REGLEG), Minister of the Government of the Brussels-Capital Region, responsible for Finance, Budget, Civil Service and Foreign Relations, Belgium

At the close of the sitting in the Hemicycle:

Signature of the Co-operation Agreement between the President of the Congress and the President of the Conference of European Regions with Legislative Power (REGLEG)

Tuesday 18 October (afternoon)

PLENARY SITTING – Hemicycle – 14.45 – 18.45

- **Statement by Mevlüt ÇAVUŞOĞLU**,
President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
Reply to questions

LIVING TOGETHER IN DIGNITY

The fight to eradicate sexual abuse of children: ONE in FIVE (The Council of Europe campaign to stop sexual violence against children)

Statements by:

Carina OHLSSON, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Children of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Sweden

Bragi GUDBRANDSSON, General Director, The Government Agency for Child Protection, Iceland

Roswitha WENZL, Commissioner for children's affairs, City of Stuttgart, Project Director of the "Cities for Children" European Network, Germany

Debate

- **The office of Ombudsman and local and regional authorities**
Presentation by the Rapporteurs:
Helena PIHLAJASAARI, Finland (R, SOC) and **Halvdan SKARD**, Norway (L, SOC)

Statement by **Rafael RIBÓ I MASSÓ**, Ombudsman of Catalonia, Chairman of the International Ombudsman Institute, European Region, Spain

Debate and vote
[\[CG\(21\)6\]](#) (RES and REC)
- **Local and regional democracy in Bulgaria**
Presentation by the Rapporteurs:
Johan SAUWENS, Belgium (EPP/CD) and **Artur TORRES PEREIRA**, Portugal (L, EPP/CD)

Debate and vote
[\[CG\(21\)14\]](#) (REC)
- **Local and regional democracy in Finland**
Presentation by the Rapporteur:
Jean-Louis TESTUD, France (L, EPP/CD)

Debate and vote
[\[CC\(21\)13\]](#) (REC)

*At the close of the sitting in the lobby of the Hemicycle:
Inauguration of the exhibition on local and regional democracy in Ukraine*

*19.15 in the Committee of Ministers' ante-room:
Inauguration of the exhibition on the 150 years of the Unity of Italy, followed by a reception*

*20.00 at the "Restaurant Bleu" of the Council of Europe:
Reception offered by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to the members of the Congress*

Wednesday 19 October (morning)

Meetings – 8.30 – 9.30

Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities (Room 6)

Bureau of the Chamber of Regions (Room 8)

CHAMBER OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES – Hemicycle – 10.00 – 13.00

- **Opening by the President**
Jean-Claude FRECON, France (SOC)
- **Adoption of the draft agenda and adoption of the order of business of the Chamber**
[\[CPL\(21\)OJ1PROV\]](#)
- **Communication by the President**
Jean-Claude FRECON, France (SOC)
[\[CPL\(21\)1\]](#)
- **Local elections in Albania (8 May 2011)**
Presentation by the Rapporteur: **Volkram GEBEL**, Germany (EPP/CD)

Statement by **Uno ALDEGREN** (Sweden, SOC), Head of the Delegation of the Committee of the Regions

Debate and vote
[\[CPL\(21\)3\]](#) (RES and REC)
- **Local elections in Moldova (5 June 2011)**
Rapporteur: **Hannes WENINGER**, Austria (SOC)

Debate and vote
[\[CPL\(21\)4\]](#) (RES and REC)
- **Reservations and declarations to the European Charter of Local Self-Government**
Presentation by the Rapporteur: **Michael COHEN**, Malta (SOC)

Debate and vote
[\[CPL\(21\)5\]](#) (RES and REC)
- **The European Charter of Local Self-Government in domestic law**
Presentation by the Rapporteur: **Willy BORSUS**, Belgium (ILDG)

Debate and vote
[\[CPL\(21\)2\]](#) (RES)
- **Education for democratic citizenship - tools for cities**
Presentation by the Rapporteur: **Dario GHISLETTA**, Switzerland (SOC)

Debate and vote
[\[CPL\(21\)6\]](#) (RES)
- **Closing** by the President

CHAMBER OF REGIONS – Room 1 – 10.00 – 13.00

- **Opening by the President**
Herwig VAN STAA, Austria (EPP/CD)
- **Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber**
[\[CPR\(21\)OJ1\]](#)

- **Communication by the President of the Chamber**
Herwig VAN STAA, Austria, (EPP/CD)
[CPR(21)1]

- **Round table on recent developments of regionalisation in Europe**

Introduction by **Ignacio SANCHEZ AMOR**, Vice-President of the Congress, Spain

Statements by:

Austria: Herwig VAN STAA, President of the Regional Parliament of Tyrol

Greece: Konstantinos TSIMARAS, Professor Assistant of Constitutional Law, Hellenic Army Academy

Italy: Francesco PALERMO, Director, Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism, Bolzano/Bozen

Poland: Bartłomiej OSTROWSKI, Director of the Unit for International Cooperation and Projects of Marshal's Office of Lower Silesia

Russian Federation: Sergei MOROZOV, Governor of the Ulyanovsk Region

Sweden: Uno ALDEGREN, Regional Government Commissioner, Region of Skane

Exchange of views

- **Round table on multi-level governance in Europe**

Statements by:

Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, Chair of the Governance Committee of the Congress

Luc VAN DEN BRANDE, Chairman of the Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX) of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union

Mikhail MEN, Governor of the Ivanovo Region, Russian Federation

Susanne NEUWIRTH, President of the Federal Council, Austria

Exchange of views

- **Participation of regions in the development of European macro-regional strategies**

Introduction by **Jean-Marc VENINEAUX**, Directorate General for Regional Policy, European Commission

"Alpine macro-region" project, **Herwig VAN STAA**, President of the Regional Parliament of Tyrol, Austria

Exchange of views

- **Closing** by the President

*At the close of the Sessions of the Chambers in the lobby of the Hemicycle:
Reception to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia, the 15th anniversary of Local self-governance in Armenia & the 10th Anniversary of its accession to the Council of Europe*

Wednesday 19 October (afternoon)

PLENARY SITTING – Hemicycle – 14.30 – 18.45

- **Statement by Thorbjørn JAGLAND,**
Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Oral reply to written questions
Deadline for tabling written questions: Tuesday 18 October at 10.00
- **Statement by Armen GEVORGYAN,**
Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Territorial Administration, Armenia
Reply to questions

LIVING TOGETHER IN DIGNITY

- **New forms of citizen activism and urban violence**

Statement by **Giorgos GEORGIADIS**, Youth trainer, Greece

Video projection message prepared by the Council of Europe Youth sector

Debate

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- **Situation of Roma: a challenge for local and regional authorities**

Presentation by the Rapporteur: **John WARMISHAM**, United Kingdom (L, SOC)

Statements by:

José Manuel FRESNO GARCIA, General Rapporteur for the Summit of Mayors on Roma
(Strasbourg, 22 September 2011)

4 recipients of the 3rd Dosta! Prize 2011 edition

Joint 1st prize: **the City of Jyväskylä, Ritva ANTONEN** and **Kyösti FLORIN** Finland and
the Municipality of Surčin, City of Belgrade, **Vojislav JANOSEVIĆ**, Serbia

2nd prize: **Southwark Council, Pauline ARMOUR** and **Mike SMITH**, Greater London,
United Kingdom

3rd prize: **the Autonomous Community of Madrid, Francisco Javier RAMIREZ**, Spain

Debate and vote

[\[CG\(21\)8\]](#) (RES and REC)

At the close of the sitting in lobby of the Hemicycle:
3rd Dosta! Prize-giving ceremony

18.45 in the lobby of the Hemicycle:
Inauguration of the exhibition on the City of Ivanovo, Russian Federation as finalist of the European Contest “Youth Capital of Europe”, followed by a reception

Thursday 20 October (morning)

Bureau of the Congress – 8.30 – 9.15 (Room 8)

PLENARY SITTING – Hemicycle – 9.30 - 12.45

- **Statement by the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe**
Anatoliy BLYZNIUK, Minister for Regional Development and Construction, Ukraine
Oral reply to written questions
Deadline for tabling written questions: Tuesday 18 October at 18.00
- **Energy supply and efficiency at local and regional level**
Presentation by the Rapporteur: **Svetlana ORLOVA**, Russian Federation, (R, EPP/CD)

Statement by **Sergei SHMATKO**, Minister for Energy of the Russian Federation

Debate and vote
[\[CG\(21\)11\]](#) (RES and REC)
- **Formal adoption of texts approved by the Chambers**
[CG(21)9]
- **Adoption of the composition of the Statutory Forum and committees**
[CG(21)7]
- **Raising human rights awareness among local and regional elected representatives**
Presentation by the Rapporteur: **Lars O. MOLIN**, Sweden (L, EPP/CD)

Statement by **Ilze BRANDS KEHRIS**, Chairperson of the Management Board, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), Latvia

Debate and vote
[\[CG\(21\)10\]](#) (RES)
- **Local and regional democracy in Serbia**
Presentation by the Rapporteur: **Odd Arild KVALÖY**, Norway (R, NR)

Debate and vote
[\[CG\(21\)4\]](#) (REC)
- **Local and regional democracy in Latvia**
Presentation by the Rapporteurs:
Jean-Claude FRECON (France, L, SOC) and **Philippe LEUBA** (Switzerland, R, NR)

Debate and vote
[\[CC\(21\)16\]](#) (REC)
- **Closing of the session by the President of the Congress**