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**CONGRESS MONITORING VISIT TO BULGARIA**  
**Meetings in Sofia, Veliko Tarnovo, Pernik**  
**(24-26 November 2010)**

**Congress delegation:**

Mr Artur TORRES PEREIRA	Co-Rapporteur, member of the Monitoring Committee of the Congress, Chair of the Municipal Assembly of Sousel, Portugal
Mr Johan SAUWENS	Co-Rapporteur, member of the Monitoring Committee of the Congress, Member of the Flemish Parliament, Mayor of Bilzen, Belgium
Professor Francesco MERLONI	Consultant
Ms Marité MORAS	Secretariat of the Congress (mob. + 33 6 50 39 29 07)

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**Wednesday, 24 November 2010**

Bulgarian Delegation to the Congress and Mayors representatives of the National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria (NARBM):  
Ms Dora YANKOVA, President of the Board of Directors, Mayor of Smolyan  
Ms Rositsa YANAKIEVA, Head of the Bulgarian Delegation to the Congress, Mayor of Pernik  
Mr Evgeni Petrov TANCHEV, President of the Constitutional Court  
National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria : Budget and Finance Committee and Regional Policy and Local Self Government Committee  
Chairs: Ms Menda Kirilova STOYANOVA and Mr Lyuben Petrov TATARSKI  
Ms Tsetska TSACHEVA DANGOVSKA, Speaker of the National Assembly  
Mr Konstantin PENCHEV, Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria  
Meeting with Professor Dr. Hristina BALABANOVA, Dean of the Law Faculty, University of National and World Economy, Professor Dr. Alexandre VODENITCHAROV, member of the Group of Independent Experts on the European Charter of Local Self-Government, Professor Dr. Milena STEFANOVA, Associate Professor, Department of Public administration, Sofia University

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**Thursday, 25 November 2010**

Mr Tomislav DONCHEV, Minister responsible for EU funds management  
Ms Yordanka FANDUKOVA, Mayor of Sofia  
Meeting at the National Audit Office  
Ms Ekaterina ZAHARIEVA, Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works  
Ms Boryana PENCHEVA, Deputy Minister of Finance

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**Friday, 26 November 2010**

Meetings in Veliko Tarnovo

Center for Interethnic Dialogue and Tolerance "Amalipe"  
Mr Rumen RASHEV, Mayor of Veliko Tarnovo  
Representatives of the Regional Association of Municipalities "Central Stara Planina" and the Regional Association of Municipalities "Yantra"

Meetings in Sofia

Dr. Angel Stefanov, Sofia Public Mediator  
Mayors from the District of Vratsa

Meeting in Pernik

Mrs Rositsa YANAKIEVA, Mayor of Pernik, Head of the Bulgarian Delegation to the Congress