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## Congress delegation heading for electoral assessment mission in Moldova's autonomous Gagauz region

**Date:** 9 to 13 December 2010

**Location:** Moldova

A delegation from the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe will carry out a political assessment mission in respect of the elections of the Governor (Bashkan) of the Gagauzia Autonomous Territorial Unit, Republic of Moldova, which will be held on 12 December 2010.

On 10 and 11 December the delegation will hold meetings in Chisinau and Comrat with representatives from the government, opposition, electoral bodies, NGOs and media. On 12 December visits of polling stations are planned.

Among the meetings requested by the Congress delegation are discussions with Prime Minister Vlad Filat and Deputy-Prime Minister Iurie Leancă, in charge of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, as well as with the Chairman of the Central Electoral Commission of Moldova, Eugen Ştirbu.

In the Gagauz region the Congress delegation plans to encounter, amongst others, incumbent Bashkan and electoral candidate Mihail Formuzal and Irina Zielinska, Chairman of the Electoral Commission of Gagauzia.

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