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Summit of Mayors on Roma: over 300 participants from 34 countries

Strasbourg, 20.09.2011 - The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe is organising a Summit of Mayors entitled "Building mutual trust at the grassroots" in Strasbourg (France) on 22 September 2011 to mobilise local and regional action on Roma inclusion. Over 300 participants from 34 countries, including more than 100 representatives of municipalities and regions, will be taking part in this event. The Summit will bring together Roma elected representatives, representatives of non-governmental organisations and networks actively addressing the situation of Roma.

Interpretation: The Summit's working languages will be French, English, German, Russian, Italian and Romani.

Services for the press and multimedia resources

Accreditations: journalists wishing to follow the Summit of Mayors on Roma must send their accreditation requests to accreditation@coe.int

The Summit of Mayors will be broadcast live on the internet, in particular the plenary sessions and Workshop III on "Equal access to housing, health care and employment", which will take place in the hemicycle of the Palais de l'Europe from 9 am to 6 pm.
<http://webtv.Coe.int>

A MediaBox comprising a mobile multimedia resource studio and a radio studio is being made available to journalists by the Council of Europe. The MediaBox can be used to organise live remote radio interviews and to record, edit and encode video interviews (for internet use).
<http://www.coe.int/congress-mediabox/en>

Interested journalists may request interviews, in particular with the following persons

	Language(s)
Keith Whitmore, President of the Congress	English
John Warmisham, Congress Rapporteur on Roma	English
Andreas Kiefer, Secretary General of the Congress	English, French, German
Jeroen Schokkenbroek, Special Representative of the Council of Europe Secretary General for Roma Issues	English, French, Dutch
Thomas Hammarberg, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights	English, Swedish

Professional quality photos will also be available free of charge on line. They may be used for publication with the mention ©Council of Europe.
<http://av.coe.int:80/?collectionName=Photos:3185>

A press room (Room 4 in the Palais de l'Europe) providing workstations equipped with computers with internet connection and telephones will be available for journalists.

Documents

[Programme](#)
[Background paper](#)
[Practical information](#)

Internet

[Press form](#)

[Website of the Summit](#)

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The Congress has two chambers, the Chamber of Local Authorities and the Chamber of Regions.

It brings together 318 full and 318 substitute members representing more than 200 000 European territorial communities.

President of the Congress: Keith Whitmore (United Kingdom, ILDG), President of the Chamber of Regions: Herwig van Staa (Austria, EPP/CD), President of the Chamber of Local Authorities: Jean-Claude Frécon (France, SOC)

Political Groups: Socialist Group (SOC), Group of the European People's Party – Christian Democrats (EPP/CD), Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG).