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## **21st Congress Session: practical arrangements for the media**

Strasbourg, 17.10.2011 - The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe will hold its 21st Session from 18 to 20 October in the Palais de l'Europe - avenue de l'Europe 67000 Strasbourg, France. Living together in dignity, citizen participation and human rights at grassroots level will be the key issues discussed during this Session. All practical arrangements for the media are detailed hereafter.

### **Stand-up for the press**

Keith Whitmore, Congress President, will meet the press on 18 October 2011 at 10 am in Room 4 (Press Room) of the Palais de l'Europe.

### **Accreditations**

Journalists wishing to follow the Session at the Palais de l'Europe must send their accreditation requests to [accreditation@coe.int](mailto:accreditation@coe.int)

### **MediaBox**

A mobile multimedia resource studio including a radio studio - the "Congress MediaBox" - 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). Interested journalists may send their requests for interviews on the MediaBox to Renate Zikmund, Head of the Congress Communication Division by email: [renate.zikmund@coe.int](mailto:renate.zikmund@coe.int).

Website: [www.coe.int/congress-mediabox](http://www.coe.int/congress-mediabox)

### **Live webcast and multimedia resources**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Session will be webcast live on the internet as from 18 October 2011 at 10 am until 20 October 2011 at 1 pm, at <http://webtv.Coe.int>

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:3340>

### **Press Room**

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 during the entire Session.

### **Interpretation**

The Session's working languages will be French, English, German, Russian and Italian

**21st Session website:** [www.coe.int/congress-session](http://www.coe.int/congress-session)

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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).