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30th Session of the Congress



Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe
22-24 March 2016

DRAFT AGENDA PUBLIC MEETING

THEME FOR 2016:

ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY AT LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEVEL

Members' attention is drawn to:

- Electronic voting on texts will take place in the Hemicycle and in Room 1. Members' **badges**  will be used for electronic voting in the hemicycle (Congress and Chamber of Regions). Voting in Room 1 (Chamber of Local Authorities session) will be done using the voting **handsets**  which will be distributed at the entrance to the room upon signature of the attendance register. Voting handsets should be handed in to the secretariat at the end of the session of the Chamber of Local Authorities.
- 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 during plenary sittings will be allocated according to the seating plan available for consultation by the entrance.
- Tabling written questions for oral reply (Office 1081) (congress.session@coe.int): each member should limit herself/himself to one question per guest speaker. Please refer to the agenda for the deadlines.
- The conditions and deadlines for tabling amendments (Office 1081) (congress.session@coe.int): at the latest at **10.00 on the eve** of the day when the texts to which they refer are to be discussed, except for texts to be debated on Tuesday 22 March for which the deadline is **16.00 on Monday 21 March**. Amendments must be signed by 5 delegates from at least two delegations for texts debated in plenary sittings or by any five delegates from at least two national delegations sitting in the Chamber of Local Authorities for debates in that chamber and by any five delegates sitting with full capacity in the Chamber of Regions for debates in that chamber. Each amendment must specify the name of the delegate who will submit it.
- The form for registration of speakers for the debates, available at the entrance of the hemicycle and Room 1 (plenary sittings and chamber sessions) must be submitted to the Table Office secretariat seated in front of the President's rostrum for sittings in the hemicycle or to the secretariat of the President for the chamber meeting in Room 1.
- Finance Office:** Offices 1040 and 1035.
- Table Office** for any further questions: Office 1081.

Monday 21 March 2016 (eve of the session)

Bureaux meetings

Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities	9.30 – 10.30, Room 6
Bureau of the Chamber of Regions	9.30 – 10.30, Room 7
Bureau of the Congress	10.30 – 12.30 and 14.00-16.00, Room 8

Successful intercultural integration in our cities: Mayors from the Intercultural Cities Network meet the Congress

Open to all members of the Congress, secretaries of delegation and advisers	14.00 – 15.00, Room 1
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Meeting on Congress co-operation activities in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus *

Open to all members of the Congress, secretaries of delegation and advisers

* Interpretation in English and Russian only

Information meeting on the renewal session

Open to all members of the Congress, secretaries of delegation and advisers

Secretaries of delegations coffee meeting

Political group meetings	16.30 – 18.30
European People's Party Group in the Congress (EPP/CCE)	Room 9
Socialist Group (SOC)	Room 11
Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG)	Room 10
European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR)	Room 6

Tuesday 22 March 2016

Committee meetings

Monitoring Committee	8.45 – 10.45, Room 1
Current Affairs Committee	8.45 – 10.45, Room 6
Governance Committee	8.15 – 10.45, Room 8

Tuesday 22 March 2016

11.00 – 13.00, Hemicycle

Plenary sitting

** Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Monday 21 March*

Opening of the 30th Session of the Congress by the President of the Congress
Jean-Claude FRECON

Verification of new members' credentials and official procedures for appointing national delegations to the Congress

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs:

Gaye DOĞANOĞLU, Turkey (L, EPP/CCE), and Leen VERBEEK, Netherlands (R, SOC)



Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG30(2016)02-prov]* and draft procedures [CG30(2016)16]*

Adoption of the draft agenda of the session
[CG30(2016)OJ-prov]

Adoption of the draft minutes of the last sitting of the 29th Session (22 October 2015)
[CG/2015(29)PV3-prov]

Adoption of the composition of Congress committees
[CG30(2016)03-prov]*

Communication by the President of the Congress
[CG30(2016)17]

Debate

Local and regional democracy in France

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs:

Jos WIENEN, the Netherlands (L, EPP/CCE), and Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, Austria (R, SOC)



Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CG30(2016)06-prov]*

Statement by Estelle GRELIER, Secretary of State for Local Authorities, attached to the Minister of Town and Country Planning (Regional Development), Rural Affairs and Local Authorities

Oral reply to written questions [CG30(2016)20]

Deadline for tabling written questions: 15.00 Monday 21 March 2016

Suspension of the sitting

At the end of the sitting

EVENT : Tasting of typical products of Monferrato (Italy), lobby of the Committee of Ministers

Tuesday 22 March 2016

14.30 – 19.00, Hemicycle

Plenary sitting

** Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Monday 21 March*

Statement by Markku MARKKULA, President of the Committee of the Regions

Debate

Ethics and transparency at local and regional level I:

Overview of the situation in Europe

Presentation by Herwig van STAA, Austria (R, EPP/CCE), Thematic Spokesperson on Promoting Public Ethics and Preventing Corruption at the Local and Regional Levels

Statements by:

Professor Francesco MERLONI, Member of the Italian National Anti-Corruption Authority

Marin MRČELA Chairman of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)

Debate

Rising to the challenges of creating intercultural societies at local level

Presentation of the **Congress Strategy to Combat Radicalisation at Grassroots Level** by the rapporteur: Leen VERBEEK, Netherlands (R, SOC)

Presentation of the **Tool kit for use by local elected representatives when organising intercultural and inter-religious activities** by the co-rapporteurs:

Bert BOUWMEESTER, Netherlands (L, ILDG), and Josef NEUMANN, Germany (R, SOC)

Statements by:

Charles SAINT-PROT, Director General of the Observatory of Geopolitical Studies, Paris, France

Alaa MURABIT, Founder of the Voice of Libyan Women, Libya

Nuria PARLON GIL Mayor of Santa Coloma de Gramenet, Spain, member of the Intercultural Cities Network

Mariam INAYAT, Ambassador for the British Youth Council, United Kingdom



Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG30(2016)04-prov]*

Integrating refugees at local level

Statements by :

Thorsten KLUTE, Secretary of State, Minister of Labour, Integration and Social Affairs of North Rhine Westphalia, Germany

Mustafa DÜNDAR, Mayor of Osmangazi, district of Bursa, Turkey

Gabriele C. KLUG, Deputy Mayor, acting Head of the "Social Affairs, Integration and Environment" Department, City of Cologne, Germany

1 Youth delegate

Debate

End of the sitting

19.00 ***EVENT:** Reception to inaugurate an exhibition on the cultural and historical heritage of the Vladimir Region and to mark the 20th anniversary of the Russian Federation's membership in the Council of Europe, lobby of the hemicycle*

Wednesday 23 March 2016

Chamber of Regions

9.00 – 12.00, Hemicycle

** Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 22 March*

Opening by the President of the Chamber
Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM

Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber
[CPR30(2016)OJ-prov]

Election of a vice-president of the Chamber (tbc)
Presentation of the candidates

Communication by the President of the Chamber
[CPR30(2016)01]



Autonomy and borders in an evolving Europe
Presentation by the rapporteur: Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, Belgium (R, SOC)
Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [CPR30(2016)02-prov]

Thematic debate “Evolution of regionalisation in member States of the Council of Europe”
Presentation of a study of the Group of Independent Experts of the Congress presented by
Francesco MERLONI, honorary President of the Group of Independent Experts of the Congress

Close by the President of the Chamber

12.00 ***EVENT:** Event to mark the Bulgarian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers*

Wednesday 23 March 2016

Chamber of Local Authorities

9.00 – 12.00, Room 1

** Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 22 March*

Opening by the President of the Chamber

Anders KNAPE, President of the Chamber

Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber

[CPL30(2016)OJ-prov]

Communication by the President of the Chamber

[CPL30(2016)01]

Fighting human trafficking: The role of local authorities

Statements by :

Nicolas LE COZ, President of the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA)

Jelena DRENJANIN, Committee of the Regions Rapporteur on the eradication of trafficking in human beings

Rossitsa YANEVA, Secretary of the Local Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in Burgas (LCCTHB Burgas)

Brian VARMA, Senior advisor administrative and integrated approach, Public Order and Safety Department, City of Amsterdam

Anthony STEEN, Chairman of Human Trafficking Foundation

Debate

Internally displaced persons: the hidden face of the refugee crisis

Statements by :

Gert WESTERVEEN, representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to the Council of Europe

Andrzej PORAWSKI, Executive Director, Association of Polish Cities

Debate

Dates of the next session

Close by the President of the Chamber

12.00 **EVENT:** *Event to mark the Bulgarian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers*

Wednesday 23 March 2016

14.30 – 19.00, Hemicycle

Plenary sitting

** Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 22 March*

Adoption of the draft minutes of the sittings of the Congress on 22 March 2016

[CG30(2016)PV01am-prov] [CG30(2016)PV01pm-prov]

**Chairmanship by Bulgaria of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
(10 November 2015 – 18 May 2016)**

Statement by Lilyana PAVLOVA, Minister of Regional Development and Public Works on behalf of the Bulgarian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers

Oral reply to written questions [CG30(2016)05]

Deadline for tabling written questions: Thursday 17 March 2016

**Observation of local elections in Ukraine (25 October 2015)
(enlarged Congress delegation including the Parliamentary Assembly and the Committee of Regions)**

Presentation by the rapporteur: Jos WIENEN, Netherlands (L, EPP/CCE)

Statement by:

Arnoldas ABRAMAVICIUS, on behalf of the members of the Committee of the Regions participating in the observation mission, Lithuania (EPP)



Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CG30(2016)07-prov]*

Post-monitoring dialogue

Presentation by Philippe RECEVEUR, Switzerland (R, EPP/CCE) Chair of the Monitoring Committee

Statements by:

Vache TERTERYAN, First Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations, Armenia

Tengiz SHERGELASHVILI, Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Infrastructure, Georgia

Hennadiy ZUBKO, Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine (tbc)

Debate

Exchange between youth delegates and Congress members on youth participation and mainstreaming

Ceremony awarding the Congress medal to honorary members

Knud ANDERSEN, former Vice-President of the Congress, Denmark

Ian MICALLEF, former President *ad interim* of the Congress, former President of the Chamber of Local Authorities, Malta

End of the sitting

19.30 **EVENT:** Reception offered by the City of Strasbourg, at the Hôtel de Ville, Place Broglie (departure by shuttle bus to the Hôtel de Ville at 19.10 and 19.20)

Thursday 24 March 2016

Bureau meeting

8.30 – 9.15, Room 8 Bureau of the Congress

Thursday 24 March 2016

9.30 – 12.00, Hemicycle

Plenary sitting

** Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 23 March*

Formal adoption of texts approved by the chambers [CG30(2016)08]

Adoption of the draft minutes of the sittings of the Congress and of the chambers
on 23 March 2016 [CG30(2016)PV02-prov], [CPL30(2016)PV-prov] and [CPR30(2016)PV-prov]

**Ethics and transparency at local and regional level II:
Making public procurement transparent**

Statements by:

Elizabeth DAVID-BARRETT, Lecturer at the University of Sussex Centre for the Study of Corruption, United Kingdom

Imrich ŽIGO, Deputy Mayor of Martin, Slovak Republic

Debate

Conclusions of the fact-finding mission to Albania (24-26 February 2016)

Presentation by the rapporteur: Jos WIENEN, the Netherlands (L, EPP/CCE)

Information report [CG30(2016)15]

Local and regional democracy in the Slovak Republic

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs:

Artur TORRES PEREIRA, Portugal (L, EPP/CCE), and Leen VERBEEK, Netherlands (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CG30(2016)09-prov]*

Statement by a representative of the Slovak authorities (tbc)



Close of the 30th Session by the President of the Congress

Debriefing session for youth delegates and Congress members

12.00-13.00

Room 11 Open to youth delegates, members of the Congress, secretaries of delegation and advisers