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33rd Session of the Congress



Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe
18-20 October 2017

DRAFT AGENDA PUBLIC MEETING

THEME FOR 2017:

**DECENTRALISED POLICIES FOR THE SUCCESSFUL INTEGRATION OF
MIGRANTS**

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 Local Authorities). Voting in Room 1 (Chamber of Regions 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 Wednesday 18 October for which the deadline is **16.00 on Tuesday 17 October**. 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.

Tuesday 17 October 2017 (eve of the session)

Bureaux meetings

Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities	9.00 – 10.00, Room 6
Bureau of the Chamber of Regions	9.00 – 10.00, Room 10
Bureau of the Congress	10.00 – 12.15 and 13.45 – 15.30, Room 8

Secretaries of delegations meetings

Information meeting	15.45 – 16.30, Room 8
Coffee break	16.30 – 17.30 outside Room 8

Political group meetings

	15.30 – 17.30
European People's Party Group in the Congress (EPP/CCE)	Room 9
Socialist Group (SOC)	Room 7
Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG)	Room 10
European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR)	Room 6

Wednesday 18 October 2017

Committee meetings

Monitoring Committee	8.45 – 10.45, Room 1
Current Affairs Committee	8.45 – 10.45, Room 9
Governance Committee	8.45 – 10.45, Room 8

Wednesday 18 October 2017

11.00 – 13.00, Hemicycle

Plenary sitting

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Tuesday 17 October*

Opening of the 33rd Session of the Congress by the President of the Congress
Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM

Verification of new members' credentials and new official procedures for appointing national delegations to the Congress [CG33(2017)03] [CG33(2017)25]

Co-rapporteurs: Michail ANGELOPOULOS, Greece (L, EPP/CCE), and
Eunice CAMPBELL-CLARK, United Kingdom (R, SOC)



Presentation by Michail ANGELOPOULOS

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG33(2017)02]*

Adoption of the draft agenda of the session
[CG33(2017)OJ]

Adoption of the draft minutes of the last sitting of the 32nd Session (30 March 2017)
[CG32(2017)PV03]

Adoption of the composition of Congress committees [CG33(2017)04]

Communication by the President of the Congress
[CG33(2017)05]

Debate

Statement by Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Oral reply to questions from the floor

Suspension of the sitting

13.00 **EVENT:** *Inauguration of the exhibition on the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina and reception offered by the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, Serbia*

Meeting between the youth delegates and Congress members

13.30 – 14.15

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

Wednesday 18 October 2017

14.30-19.00, Hemicycle

Plenary sitting

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Czech Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (19 May-15 November 2017)

Statement by Petr MLSNA, Deputy Minister for Legislation and Archiving, Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee of Ministers

Oral reply to written questions [CG33(2017)10]

Deadline for tabling written questions: 16.00 Friday 13 October

Presentation of the youth delegates' 2017 grass-roots projects

Presentations by:

- Tinna ISEBARN, Iceland and Laurens VAN DER SLUIJS, Netherlands
- Lara SOSA POPOVIC, Germany and Konstantinos BAKIRIS, Greece
- Olta QEJVANI, Albania and Frederica FERREIRA, Portugal
- Diana ENDELADZE, Georgia and Andras VOLOM, Hungary

Debate

Reception of unaccompanied refugee minors

Testimonies by:

- Maria
- Mustafa
- Abdulmalik

Debate

Local and regional democracy in Serbia

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Lucia KROON, Netherlands (L, PPE/CCE), and Sören SCHUMACHER, Germany (R, SOC)



Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CG33\(2017\)19](#)]*

Local and regional democracy in Italy

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Jakob WIENEN, Netherlands (L, EPP/CCE), and Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG)



Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CG33\(2017\)17](#)]*

End of the sitting

19.00 **EVENT:** *Inauguration of the exhibition on the Czech regions and reception offered by the Union of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic and Association of Regions of the Czech Republic*

Thursday 19 October 2017

Chamber of Local Authorities

9.00 – 12.30, Hemicycle

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 18 October*

Opening by the President of the Chamber

Anders KNAPE

Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber [CPL33(2017)OJprov]

Communication by the President of the Chamber [CPL33(2017)01]

Observation of local elections in Finland (9 April 2017)



Presentation by the rapporteur: Lelia HUNZIKER, Switzerland (L, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CPL33\(2017\)05](#)]*

Fact-finding mission to Belgium



Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Henrik HAMMAR, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE), and David ERAY, Switzerland (R, ILDG)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CPL33\(2017\)02](#)]*

Information report on the elections to the Council of Elders of Yerevan, Armenia (14 May 2017) [[CPL33\(2017\)04](#)]

Rapporteur: Liisa ANSALA, Finland (L, ILDG)

Presentation by Luc MARTENS, Belgium (L, EPP/CCE)

Debate

Round table – the situation in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina [[CPL33\(2017\)03](#)]

Statements by:

Stewart DICKSON, United-Kingdom (R, ILDG), Congress rapporteur on the 20 October 2016 local elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Alex JEFFREY, Reader in Human Geography, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

Vladimir CORIC, Executive Director, Youth Cultural Centre Abrašević, Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dzenana DEDIC, Delegate, Local Democracy Agency of Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Vernes VOLODER, Project Manager, Nansen Dialogue Centre Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Debate

Dates of the next session

Close by the President of the Chamber

12.30 **EVENT:** *Inauguration of the stand on the Leningrad Region and reception offered by the Leningrad Region, Russian Federation*

Thursday 19 October 2017

Chamber of Regions

9.00 – 12.30, Room 1

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 18 October*

Opening by the President of the Chamber

Gunn Marit HELGESEN

Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber [CPR33(2017)OJprov]

Communication by the President of the Chamber [CPR33(2017)01]

Regional co-operation and democracy in Europe : the role of European regional associations and organisations

Statements by:

Magnus BERNTSSON, President of the Assembly of European Regions (AER)

Stefan August LÜTGENAU, Director of Foster Europe, Foundation for Strong European Regions, Austria

Debate

Linguistic diversity in Europe

- *Council of Europe protecting linguistic heritage*

Statement by: Vesna CRNIC-GROTIC, Croatia, Chair of the Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages

- *Regional and minority languages in Europe today*

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Lelia HUNZIKER, Switzerland (L, SOC), and Anna MAGYAR, Hungary (R, EPP/CCE)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [[CPR33\(2017\)02](#)]*



Women's participation in political life at regional level

Statements by:

Elena CENTEMERO, Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Simone SUSSKIND, Member of the Parliament of Brussels City Capital, President of the Association "Actions in the Mediterranean"

Debate

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14.00 – 19.30, Hemicycle

Plenary sitting

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Adoption of the draft minutes of the sittings of the Congress on 18 October 2017 [CG33(2017)PV01am] [CG33(2017)PV01pm]

Situation of Dorin Chirtoaca, Mayor of Chişinău, Republic of Moldova



Presentation by the rapporteur: Gunn Marit HELGESEN, President of the Chamber of Regions
Debate and vote on the draft resolution [[CG33\(2017\)23](#)]*

10 years of the Dosta!/Congress Prize

Debate and award ceremony for the 6th Dosta!/Congress Prize followed by a statement by Thorsten AFFLERBACH, Head of Division for the Roma and Travellers Team of the Council of Europe

The fight against corruption

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

- **The youth perspective**

Statements by:

- Ania ANKOWSKA, co-founder of Anti-Corruption International
- 2 youth delegates



- **Transparent public procurement**

Presentation of the report on *Making public procurement transparent at local and regional levels* by the rapporteur: Amelie TARSCHYS INGRE, Sweden (L, ILDG)

Debate

Vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [[CG33\(2017\)13](#)]*

A better future for Europe's rural areas

Rapporteur: Philippe LEUBA, Switzerland (R, ILDG)

Presentation by Laurent WEHRLI, Switzerland (R, ILDG)

Statements by:

- Andra RUPPRECHTER, Federal Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria
- Vanik BERBERIAN, President of the French Association of Rural Mayors, France
- Aicha AIT HADDOU, President of the City Council of Azilal, Morocco



Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [[CG33\(2017\)16](#)]*

The situation of Catalonia in Spain

Debate

End of the sitting

19.30 *EVENT: Presentation of good examples of voluntary work of firefighters of Slovenia and reception offered by the Slovenian Delegation to the Congress*

Friday 20 October 2017

Bureau meeting

8.30 – 9.15, Room 8 Bureau of the Congress

Friday 20 October 2017

9.30 – 12.00, Hemicycle

Plenary sitting

** Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Thursday 19 October*

Formal adoption of texts approved by the chambers [CG33(2017)08]

Adoption of the draft minutes of the sessions of the chambers and of the sitting of the Congress on 19 October 2017 [CPL33(2017)PV], [CPR33(2017)PV] and [CG33(2017)PV02]

10 years of the European Local Democracy Week [CG33(2017)26]

- Showing of video celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Week
- Statements by:
José Manuel PEREIRA RIBEIRO, Mayor of Valongo Municipality, Portugal
Mikhailo NETIAZHUK, Mayor of Fastiv, Ukraine
- Presentation by Marc COOLS, Belgium (L, ILDG) on behalf of Gaye DOGANOGLU, Turkey (L, EPP/CCE), Congress Spokesperson on the European Local Democracy Week



Debate and vote on the draft resolution [[CG33\(2017\)12](#)]*

Local and regional democracy in Switzerland

Co-rapporteurs: Marc COOLS, Belgium (L, ILDG), and Dorin CHIRTOACA, Republic of Moldova (R, EPP/CCE)

Presentation by Marc COOLS



Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CG33\(2017\)14](#)]*

Close of the 33rd Session by the President of the Congress