

## Hearing on local and regional democracy in Ukraine

**Committee of the Regions, Brussels  
Rue Belliard 99, Room JDE 70  
18 November 2013, 14:30 – 18:00**

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*On October 31, 2013 the Congress of the Council of Europe adopted its monitoring report on the state of local and regional democracy in Ukraine. The report considers the initiatives taken by the government in view of a substantial territorial reform. It is recommended that the Ukrainian authorities review their legislation in order to remove the restrictions on the powers of local authorities. The recommendation underlines the urgent need to strengthen the financial autonomy of local communities and to improve the equalization system for the purposes of fairness and transparency.*

*This hearing will discuss the perspectives of implementing local democracy in Ukraine and the role that the Council of Europe and EU can play to support the development of regions in Ukraine.*

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**14:30      Opening**

Mr István SÉRTŐ-RADICS (HU/ALDE), the CoR rapporteur on Ukraine, member of CORLEAP

**14:45      Local and regional democracy in Ukraine – Council of Europe's Assessment and recommendations**

Mr Pascal MANGIN, Rapporteur of the Congress of the Council of Europe on regional democracy in Ukraine

Mr Marc COOLS, Rapporteur of the Congress of the Council of Europe on local democracy in Ukraine

Mr Bernd SEMMELROGGEN, consultant and member of the Group of Independent Experts on the European Charter of Local Self-Government

**15:45 Discussion and questions**

**16:00 Local a regional democracy in Ukraine seen from Ukraine – assessment and suggestions for future reforms from the ground.**

Mrs Nataliya ROMANOVA, President of the Chamber of Regions of the Congress of the Council of Europe

Mr Serhiy MALIKOV, Head of the State Fund for Local Self-Government Support in Ukraine

**17:00 Local Democracy in Ukraine – the perspective of Civil Society Forum – Subgroup Local Government and Public Administration Reform**

Mrs Antonella VALMORBIDA, Director of the Association of the Local Democracy Agencies, Coordinator of the subgroup LGPAR

**17:30 Discussion and questions**

**17:55 Closing remarks**

Mr Pascal MANGIN, Rapporteur of the Congress of the Council of Europe on regional democracy in Ukraine

Mr Marc COOLS, Rapporteur of the Congress of the Council of Europe on local democracy in Ukraine

**18:00 End of hearing**

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