

**CONGRESS MONITORING VISIT TO LATVIA**  
**Riga, Ventspils, Daugavpils and Nereta (12-14 September 2017)**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Congress delegation:**

**Rapporteurs:**

Mr Xavier CADORET

Rapporteur on local democracy  
Chamber of local authorities (SOC) <sup>1</sup>  
Member of the Monitoring Committee  
Mayor of Saint-Gérard-le-Puy (France)

Mr Marc COOLS

Rapporteur on local democracy  
Chamber of local authorities (ILDG) <sup>2</sup>  
Member of the Monitoring Committee  
First Deputy Mayor of Uccle (Belgium)

**Congress Secretariat:**

Ms Stéphanie POIREL

Secretary to the Monitoring Committee

**Consultant:**

Dr Angel M. MORENO

Chair of the Group of Independent Experts on the European  
Charter of Local Self-Government

**Interpreters:**

Ms Astra SKRABANE

Mr Aivars VAIVODS

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*The working language of the meetings will be Latvian. Interpretation from and into French will be provided.*

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<sup>1</sup> SOC: Socialist Party Group in the Congress

<sup>2</sup> ILDG: Independent and Liberal Democrat Group of the Congress

**Joint meeting with the Latvian Delegation to the Congress and the representatives of the Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments:**

**Latvian Delegation to the Congress:**

- **Mr Andris JAUNSLEINIS**, Head of Delegation, Member of Ventspils Council
- **Mr Andris RAVINS**, Full member, Deputy Head of Delegation, Chairman of Jelgava City Council
- **Ms Māra JUZUPA**, Full member, Chairwoman of Priekuli Municipal Council
- **Mr Aleksandrs BARTASEVICS**, Alternate member, Chairman of Rezekne City Council, Member of Latgale Planning Region Development Council
- **Mr Harijs ROKPELNIS**, Alternate member, Chairman of Mazsalaca Municipal Council
- **Ms Inara SILICKA**, Alternate member, Chairwoman of Karsava Municipal Council

**Independent Experts:**

- **Ms Iveta REINHOLDE**, Full member of the Group of Independent Experts on the European Charter of Local Self-Government

**Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments:**

- **Mr Gints KAMINSKIS**, Chairman of the Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments, Chairman of the Regional Development and Cooperation Committee, Chairman of Auce Municipal Council
- **Mr Andris RAVINS**, Deputy Chairman of the Cities, Chairman of Jelgava City Council

**Parliament:**

- **Mr Sergejs DOLGOPOLOVS**, Chairman of the Public Administration and Local Government Committee
- **Mr Jānis VUCĀNS**, Chairman of the Budget and Finance (Taxation) Committee

**Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development:**

- **Mr Janis EGLITS**, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry
- **Mr Aivars DRAUDINS**, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry

**Ministry of Finance:**

- **Ms Dana REIZNIECE-OZOLA**, Minister
- **Ms Jolanta PLŪME**, Deputy Secretary of State on Budget Issues

**Ombudsman:**

- **Mr Juris JANSONS**, Ombudsman

**Wednesday 13 September 2017  
Riga and Ventspils**

**Riga City Council:**

- **Mr Nils UŠAKOVŠ**, Chairman of Riga City Council

**State Audit Office:**

- **Ms Elita KRŪMIŅA**, Auditor General
- **Ms Marita SALGRĀVE**, Adviser to Auditor General on Strategic Issues
- **Mr Edgars KORČAGINS**, Council Member, Director of the Fifth Audit Department

**Constitutional Court:**

- **Judge Sanita OSIPKOVA**, Vice-President
- **Judge Daiga REZEVSKA**, Judge
- Representative from the Court's Legal Department

**Joint meeting with the Ventspils City Council and the Ventspils Municipal Council:**

- **Mr Aivars LEMBERGS**, Chairman of Ventspils City Council
- **Mr Aivars MUCENIEKS**, Chairman of Ventspils Municipal Council

**Thursday 14 September 2017  
Daugavpils and Nereta**

**Joint meeting with the Daugavpils Municipal Council and the Daugavpils City Council:**

- **Ms Janīna JALINSKA**, Chairwoman of Daugavpils Municipal Council
- Representatives of the administration of Daugavpils City Council

**Nereta Municipality:**

- **Mr Arvīds KVIESIS**, Chairman of Nereta Municipal Council