

**CG37(2019)OJprov**  
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## 37th Session of the Congress

Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe  
29-31 October 2019

### **DRAFT AGENDA PUBLIC MEETING**

THEME FOR 2019:  
MAYORS SAFEGUARDING DEMOCRACY

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- throughout this agenda;
- and on the timetable of meetings [CG37(2019)01] in the **session guide**

Key:

**EN** English  
**FR** French  
**DE** German  
**RU** Russian  
**TR** Turkish

## Monday 28 October 2019 (eve of the session)

### Bureaux meetings

Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities [EN/FR/DE]	9.00-10.00, Room 7
Bureau of the Chamber of Regions [EN/FR/DE/RU]	9.00-10.00, Room 10
Bureau of the Congress [EN/FR/DE/RU]	10.00-12.15 and 13.45-15.30, Room 8

### Political group meetings

	15.30-17.30
European People's Party Group in the Congress (EPP/CCE) [EN/FR/DE/TR/RU]	Room 9
Socialist Group (SOC) [EN/FR/DE/TR/RU]	Room 7
Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG) [EN/FR/DE/RU]	Room 10
European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) [EN/TR]	Room 5

### Secretaries of delegations meetings

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

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## **Committee meetings**


Monitoring Committee	8.45-10.45, Room 1 [EN/FR/DE/TR/RU]
Current Affairs Committee	8.45-10.45, Room 9 [EN/FR/DE/TR/RU]
Governance Committee	8.45-10.45, Room 5 [EN/FR/DE/TR/RU]

**Tuesday 29 October 2019**

11.00-13.00. Hemicycle

**Plenary sitting** [EN/FR/DE/TR/RU]

*\* Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Monday 28 October*




<b>11.00</b>	<b>Opening of the 37th Session of the Congress by the President of the Congress</b> Anders KNAPE	
<b>11.10</b>	<b>Verification of new members' credentials</b> [CG37(2019)03]  Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Michail ANGELOPOULOS, Greece (L, EPP/CCE), and Johan VAN DEN HOUT, Netherlands (R, SOC)  Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG37(2019)02]*	
<b>11.20</b>	<b>Adoption of the draft agenda of the session</b> [CG37(2019)OJ]  <b>Adoption of the draft minutes of the last sitting of the 36th Session (4 April 2019)</b> [CG36(2019)PV03]	
<b>11.23</b>	<b>Adoption of the composition of Congress committees</b> [CG37(2019)04]	
<b>11.25</b>	<b>Request for Partner for Local Democracy status by the Tunisian Republic</b>  Presentation by the Congress Spokespersons on the South-Mediterranean Partnership: Piero FASSINO, Italy (L, SOC), and Constance DE PELICHY, France (L, EPP/CCE)  Debate and vote on the draft resolution [ <a href="#">CG37(2019)06</a> ]*	
<b>11.45</b>	<b>Communication by the President of the Congress</b> [CG37(2019)07]  Debate	
<b>12.05</b>	<b>Statement by Marija PEJČINOVIĆ-BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe</b>  Oral reply to questions from the floor	
<b>12.55</b>	<b>Suspension of the sitting</b>	
<b>13.00</b>	<b>EVENT: Signature of Bosnia-Herzegovina lady mayors co-operation agreement</b>	

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14.30-19.15, Hemicycle

Plenary sitting [EN/FR/DE/TR/RU]

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14.30	<b>French Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (17 May - November 2019)</b> Statement by Jacqueline GOURAULT, Minister of Territorial Cohesion and Relations with Local Authorities on behalf of the French Presidency of the Committee of Ministers Oral reply to written questions [CG37(2019)08] <i>Deadline for tabling written questions: 16.00 Friday 25 October 2019</i>	
15.20	<b>The role of local and regional governments in protecting internally displaced persons (IDPs)</b> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Marianne HOLLINGER, Switzerland (L, ILDG), and Oleksandr SIENKEVICH, Ukraine (L, GILD) Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [ <a href="#">CG37(2019)09</a> ]*	
16.10	<b>Fair distribution of taxes in transfrontier areas: potential conflicts and possibilities for compromise</b> Presentation by the rapporteur: Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, Belgium (R, SOC) Statement by : - Dominique GROS, Mayor of Metz, France - 1 guest speaker Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [ <a href="#">CG37(2019)10</a> ]*	
17.00	<b>Statement by Ivan MALENICA, Minister of Public Administration of the Republic of Croatia</b> Oral reply to questions from the floor	
17.30	<b>Statement by Liliane MAURY PASQUIER, President of the Parliamentary Assembly</b> Oral reply to questions from the floor	
18.20	<b>Revision of the Congress Rules and Procedures</b> Co-rapporteurs: Liisa ANSALA, Finland (L, ILDG), Harald SONDEREGGER, Austria (R, EPP/CCE) and Tamar TALIASHVILI, Georgia (R, SOC) Presentation by Liisa ANSALA and Tamar TALIASHVILI Debate and vote on the draft resolution [ <a href="#">CG37(2019)20</a> ]*	
19.00	<b>End of the sitting</b>	
19.30	<b>EVENT:</b> Buffet-reception marking the end of an exhibition co-sponsored by the Grand Est Region and the French Presidency of the Committee of Ministers, in conjunction with the "Grand Est" Regional Directorate of cultural affairs (DRAC) and the Regional Contemporary Arts Fund (FRAC) of Alsace, Lorraine and Champagne-Ardenne, Maison de la Région (Place Adrien Zeller)	

Wednesday 30 October 2019

Chamber of Local Authorities [EN/FR/DE/TR/RU]

9.00-12.00, Hemicycle

\* Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 29 October

9.00	<b>Opening by the President of the Chamber</b> Xavier CADORET
9.05	<b>Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber</b> [CPL37(2019)OJ]
9.10	<b>Election of vice-president(s) of the Chamber (tbc)</b> [deadline for candidatures: tbc]  Presentation of the candidates - Vote
9.20	<b>Communication by the President of the Chamber</b> [CPL37(2019)01]
9.35	<b>Thematic debate: working conditions of local elected representatives – desperately looking for mayoral candidates</b> [CPL37(2019)02]  Statements by : - Helmut MÖDLHAMMER, Former President of the Association of Austrian Municipalities - Lars RIEGER, Mayor of Schweich, Germany - 1 guest speaker (tbc)  Debate
10.50	<b>Thematic debate: smart cities and cybersecurity</b> [CPL37(2019)03]  Statement by : - Alexander PROSSER, University of Economics and Business, Vienna, Austria - 1 guest speaker (tbc)  Debate
11.50	<b>Date of the next session</b>  March 2020
11.55	<b>Close by the President of the Chamber</b>
12.00	<b>EVENT:</b> Reception offered by the Cross-Border Co-operation Programmes of Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Sweden and Norway with the Russian Federation

12.30	<b>Meeting between the youth delegates and Congress members</b>	
- 13.45	Portuguese Gallery (Restaurant Bleu)	Open to youth delegates, Congress members, secretaries of delegation and advisers Finger sandwiches and refreshments provided

**Wednesday 30 October 2019**

**Chamber of Regions** [EN/FR/DE/TR/RU]

9.00-12.00, Room 1

\* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 29 October*

	<b>Opening of the session by the 1st Vice-President of the Chamber of Regions</b> Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ
	<b>Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber</b> [CPR37(2019)OJ]
	<b>Election of 1 vice-president of the Chamber</b> [deadline for candidatures: tbc] Presentation of the candidates - Vote
	<b>Communication by the President of the Chamber</b> [CPR37(2019)01]
	<b>The regional dimension in the future of Europe: what prospects?</b> 10th anniversary of the Council of Europe Reference Framework for Regional Democracy Statements by: - Nina BJÖRBY, Vice-President for Democracy, Assembly of European Regions (AER), and Chairperson, Culture Committee in Region Västerbotten, Sweden - Martin LAFFIN, Professor of Public Policy and Management, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom Debate
	<b>Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals: the role of regions</b> Statements by: - Carolina DARIAS SAN SEBASTIÁN, Councillor of the Government of the Canary Islands on the implementation of Agenda 2030 of the Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands, Spain - Congress youth delegate Debate
	<b>Culture without borders: European cultural routes</b> Statements by: - Levan KHARATISHVILI, Vice-Chair of the Governing Board of the Council of Europe Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes, Georgia - Rudolf GODESAR, Chair of the Task Force "Cross-border Culture" of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR), Belgium Debate
	<b>Free debate</b> (subject to available time)
	<b>Date of the next session</b> March 2020
	<b>Close by the 1st Vice-President of the Chamber</b>
<b>12.00</b>	<b>EVENT:</b> Reception offered by the Cross-Border Co-operation Programs of Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Sweden and Norway with the Russian Federation



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**Wednesday 30 October 2019**

14.00-19.30, Hemicycle

**Plenary sitting** [EN/FR/DE/TR/RU]

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	<b>Adoption of the draft minutes</b> of the sittings of the Congress on 29 October 2019 [CG37(2019)PV01am] [CG37(2019)PV01pm]	
	<b>Report on the observation of local elections in Turkey (31 March 2019) including the Istanbul repeat mayoral election (23 June 2019)</b> Presentation by the rapporteur: Andrew DAWSON, United Kingdom (R, ECR) Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [ <a href="#">CG37(2019)14</a> ]* Statement by Ekrem İMAMOĞLU, Mayor of Istanbul, Turkey	
	<b>Local and regional democracy in the Russian Federation</b> 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 [ <a href="#">CG37(2019)11</a> ]* <b>Statement by a representative of the Government of the Russian Federation</b> Oral reply to written questions [CG37(2019)12] <i>Deadline for tabling written questions: 15.00 Monday 28 October</i>	
	<b>Presentation of youth delegates' grass-roots projects</b> [CG37(2019)13] Statements by 3 youth delegates (tbc) Debate	
	<b>Principles on the Protection and Promotion of the Ombudsman Institution ("The Venice Principles")</b> Presentation by the Congress Spokesperson on Human Rights at Local and Regional Levels: Harald BERGMANN, Netherlands (L, ILDG) Statement by Gianni BUQUICCHIO, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (the Venice Commission) Debate and vote on the draft resolution [ <a href="#">CG37(2020)15</a> ]*	
	<b>Partnership for local democracy</b> Statements by: Mokhtar HAMMAMI, Minister of the interior and the environment, Republic of Tunisia Souad BEN ABDERRAHIM, Mayor of Tunis and President of the National Federation of Tunisian Cities (FNVT), Republic of Tunisia Debate	
	<b>Revised Code of Good Practice for Civil Participation in the Decision-Making Process</b> Presentation by the rapporteur: Thomas ANDERSSON, Sweden (R, ILDG) Statement by Anna RURKA, President of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe Debate and vote on the draft resolution [ <a href="#">CG37(2019)16</a> ]*	
	<b>End of the sitting</b>	
<b>EVENT:</b> Reception to mark the adoption of the Revised Code of Good Practice for Civil Participation in the Decision-Making Process and the opening of the photo exhibition on migrant women offered by the Conference of the INGOs of the Council of Europe and the Congress		

## Thursday 31 October 2019

### Bureau meeting [EN/FR/DE/RU]

8.30-9.15, Room 8

Bureau of the Congress

## Thursday 31 October 2019

9.30-12.30, Hemicycle

### Plenary sitting [EN/FR/DE/TR/RU]

*\* Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 30 October*

	<b>Adoption of the draft minutes of the sessions of the chambers and of the sitting of the Congress on 30 octobre 2019</b> [CPL37(2019)PV], [CPR37(2019)PV] and [CG37(2019)PV02]
	<b>The use of languages by local and regional authorities</b>  Presentation by the rapporteur: Andrew DAWSON, United Kingdom (R, ECR) Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [ <a href="#">CG37(2019)17</a> ]
	<b>Ceremony awarding the Congress medal to an honorary member</b> Helena PIHLAJASAARI, former Vice-President of the Congress and former Head of the Finnish delegation
	<b>Ceremony to mark the 70th anniversary of the Council of Europe</b>
	<b>Local and regional democracy in Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>  Co-rapporteurs: Lelia HUNZIKER, Switzerland, (L, SOC) and Carla DEJONGHE, Belgium (R, ILDG) Presentation by Carla DEJONGHE Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [ <a href="#">CG37(2019)18</a> ]*  <b>Statement by a representative of the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina</b> Oral reply to written questions [CG37(2019)19] <i>Deadline for tabling written questions: 15.00 Tuesday 29 October</i>
	<b>Close of the 37th Session by the President of the Congress</b>



## 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 Regions.
  - 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](mailto:congress.session@coe.int)): each member should limit herself/himself to one question (in English or French only) per guest speaker. Please refer to the agenda for the deadlines.
  - The conditions and deadlines for tabling amendments (Office 1081) ([congress.session@coe.int](mailto: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 29 October for which the deadline is **16.00 on Monday 28 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.
  - Registration for speakers: 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.
  - **SPEAKING TIMES APPLIED IN THE DEBATES - Rule 30 paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Rules and Procedures of the Congress**
6. Speaking time for delegates is limited as follows:
- a. Single rapporteurs presenting reports: 10 minutes;
  - b. Co-rapporteurs presenting reports: six minutes each;
  - c. Single rapporteurs replying to debates: five minutes;
  - d. Co-rapporteurs replying to debates: three minutes each;
  - e. Chairs of committees replying to debates (at their request); three minutes;
  - f. Other speakers (except on personal statements; on setting the agenda; on any procedural question or on amendments): three minutes;
  - g. Speakers on personal statements; on setting the agenda; on any procedural question or on amendments or sub-amendments: one minute.
7. When sufficient time is not available for all speakers to be heard for the times provided under Rule 30.6, the president may decide that speaking time will be reduced or that not all those who have entered their name in the register may speak.