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18 February 2020

38th Session of the Congress

Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe
17-19 March 2020

DRAFT AGENDA PUBLIC MEETING

THEME FOR 2020:

**LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES AS KEY ACTORS IN IMPLEMENTING
THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (working title)**

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- throughout this agenda;
- and on the timetable of meetings [CG38(2020)01] in the **session guide**

Key:

EN English
FR French
DE German
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Monday 16 March 2020 (eve of the session)

Bureaux meetings

Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities [EN/FR/DE/RU/IT]	9.30-10.30, Room 8
Bureau of the Chamber of Regions [EN/FR/DE/RU]	9.30-10.30, Room 10
Bureau of the Congress [EN/FR/DE/RU/IT]	10.30-12.15 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/RU/IT/TR]	Room 9
Group of Socialists, Greens and Progressive Democrats (SOC/G/PD) [EN/FR/DE/RU/IT/TR]	Room 5
Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG) European	Room 10
Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) [EN/RU/TR]	Room 6

Secretaries of delegations meetings

Information meeting	15.45-16.30, Room 8
Coffee break with the youth delegates	16.30-17.30, Parliamentarians' Bar

Please note that on Wednesday and Thursday morning an update of the day's proceedings will be available showing amendments tabled and other changes.

Tuesday 17 March 2020

Committee meetings [EN/FR/DE/RU/IT/TR]




Monitoring Committee	8.45-10.45, Room 1
Current Affairs Committee	8.45-10.45, Room 9
Governance Committee	8.45-10.45, Room 5

Tuesday 17 March 2020

11.00-13.00 Hemicycle

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

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Monday 16 March*

11.00	Opening of the 38th Session of the Congress by the President of the Congress Anders KNAPE	
11.10	Verification of new members' credentials [CG38(2020)X] Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Harald SONDEREGGER, Austria (R, EPP/CCE), and Barbara TOCE, Italy (L, SOC/G/PD) Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG38(2020)02]*	
11.20	Adoption of the draft agenda of the session [CG38(2020)0J] Adoption of the draft minutes of the last sitting of the 37th Session (31 October 2019) [CG37(2019)PV03]	
11.23	Adoption of the composition of Congress committees [CG38(2020)03]	
11.25	Election of the Secretary General of the Congress Presentation of the candidates [If voting does not take place electronically, the sitting will be suspended until 12.00. The vote will take place in the hemicycle antechamber]	
11.50	Communication by the President of the Congress [CG38(2020)04] Debate	
12.20	Revision of the Congress Rules and Procedures Co-rapporteurs: Liisa ANSALA, Finland (L, ILDG), Harald SONDEREGGER, Austria (R, EPP/CCE), and Tamar TALIAHVILI, Georgia (R, SOC/G/PD) Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG38(2020)05]*	
13.00	Suspension of the sitting	



13.00 **EVENT:** *Inauguration of the stand and reception offered by the Union of Municipalities of Turkey – Lobby of the hemicycle*

Tuesday 17 March 2020

14.30-19.00, Hemicycle

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

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Monday 16 March*

14.30	Georgian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (28 November 2019- May 2020) Statement by David ZALKALIANI, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia on behalf of the Presidency of the Committee of Ministers Oral reply to written questions [CG38(2020)06] <i>Deadline for tabling written questions: 15.00 Friday 13 March</i>	
15.20	Sexism and gender-based violence in politics at the local and regional level: implementing Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) No. 5 Presentation by the rapporteur: Jelena DRENJANIN, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE) Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Stefano BONACCINI : President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) (tbc) Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [CG38(2020)07]*	
16.30	Statement by Marija PEJČINOVIĆ-BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe (tbc) Oral reply to questions from the floor	
17.20	Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government : Turkey (SDGs Nos. 11 and 16) Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Jakob WIENEN, Netherlands (L, EPP/CCE), and Yoomi RENSTRÖM, Sweden (R, SOC/G/PD) Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [CG38(2020)08]* Statement by a representative of the Government of Turkey (tbc) Oral reply to written questions [CG38(2020)09] <i>Deadline for tabling written questions: 15.00 Friday 13 March</i>	
18.30	7th Dosta!/Congress prize-giving ceremony	
19.00	End of the sitting	
19.00	EVENT: Reception offered by Kakha Kaladze, Head of the Georgian delegation to the Congress, Mayor of Tbilissi, Georgia – Lobby of the hemicycle	

Wednesday 18 March 2020

Chamber of Regions

9.00-12.30, Hemicycle [EN/FR/DE/RU/IT/TR]

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 17 March*

Theme: Territorial integration: addressing inequalities within the region

9.00	Opening of the session by the President of the Chamber Gunn Marit HELGESEN
9.05	Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber [CPR38(2020)OJ] [CPR38(2020)02]
9.20	Communication by the President of the Chamber [CPR38(2020)01]
9.35	Strategies for territorial integration: reducing the gap between metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas (<i>working title</i>) (SDGs Nos. 10 and 11) Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gustavo A. Matos EXPOSITO, President of the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE)• Ms Francesca BRIA, Chief Technology and Innovation Officer of the City of Barcelona (Spain) (tbc) Debate
	From Smart City to Smart Regions: regional digital economy, a tool for inclusion (<i>working title</i>) (SDGs Nos. 10 and 11) Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Olga WESSELS, Head of Brussels Office of The European Consortium of Innovative Universities (ECIU) (tbc)• A ministerial representative of the Emilia Romagna Region (Italy)• A ministerial representative of one of the states of the Russian Federation Debate
	Lifelong education for lifelong employment of young generations: a challenge for the regions (<i>working title</i>) (SDGs Nos. 4 and 10) Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A ministerial representative of the Salzburg Land (Austria) and/or a Canton (Switzerland)• Elsa SCHALCK, Minister for Youth, Orientation and Territorial Democracy of the Grand-Est Region (France) Debate
	Free debate (subject to time available)
	Date of the next session 27-29 October 2020
12.25	Close by the President of the Chamber
12.30	EVENT: Reception to celebrate the 20 th Anniversary of the European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA) – Lobby of the hemicycle

Wednesday 18 March 2020

Chamber of Local Authorities

9.00-12.30, Room 1 [EN/FR/DE/RU/IT/TR]

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 17 March*

9.00	Opening of the session by the President of the Chamber Xavier CADORET	
9.02	Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber [CPL38(2020)OJ]	
9.05	Election of a vice-President of the Chamber [deadline for submitting candidatures: 7.00 Wednesday 18 March] Presentation of the candidate(s) - Vote	
9.10	Communication by the President [CPL38(2020)01]	
9.20	Congress contribution to re-establishing local elections in Mostar (SDG No. 11) Presentation by the rapporteur: Robert-Csongor GRUMAN, Romania (L, EPP/CCE) Statement by Irma BARALIJA, Vice-President, "Naša Stranka" (Our Party), Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina Debate and vote on the draft resolution draft recommendation [CPL38(2020)02]*	
10.10	Thematic debate: working conditions of local elected representatives – desperately looking for mayoral candidates [CPL38(2020)07] Statement by Eric HOLFORD, South Lanarkshire Councillor, Member of the Barriers to Elected Office Special Interest Group of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA), United Kingdom Debate	
11.00	Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government : Armenia (SDGs Nos. 11 and 16) Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Bryony RUDKIN, United Kingdom (L, SOC/G/PD), and Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, EPP/CCE) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CPL38(2020)03]* Statement by Suren PAPIKYAN, Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructures, Armenia (tbc) Oral reply to written questions [CPL38(2020)04] <i>Deadline for tabling written questions: 15.00 Monday 16 March</i>	
11.45	Fact-finding report on territorial reform in Latvia Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/PD), and Marc COOLS, Belgium (L, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [CPL38(2020)05]* Statement by a representative of the Government of Latvia (tbc) Oral reply to written questions [CPL38(2020)06] <i>Deadline for tabling written questions: 15.00 Monday 16 March</i>	
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	Close by the President of the Chamber	
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14.30-19.30, Hemicycle

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

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 17 March*

14.30	Adoption of the draft minutes of the sitting of the Congress on 17 March 2020 [CG38(2020)PV01am] [CG38(2020)PV01pm]	
14.35	Statement by Rik DAEMS, President of the Parliamentary Assembly (tbc) Oral reply to questions from the floor	
15.30	Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government : Portugal (SDGs Nos. 11 and 16) Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/PD), and David ERAY, Switzerland (R, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CG38(2020)10]* Statement by a representative of the Government of Portugal (tbc) Oral reply to written questions [CG38(2020)19] <i>Deadline for tabling written questions: 15.00 Monday 16 March</i>	
17.00	Local and regional authorities and climate change: implementing SDG No. 13 [CG38(2020)20] Presentation by Congress Spokesperson on Climate Change and Environment, Vladimir PREBILIC, Slovenia (L, SOC/G/PD) Statement by a guest speaker (tbc) Debate	
18.00	A Contemporary commentary by the Congress on the explanatory report to the European Charter of Local Self-government Presentation by the rapporteur: Jakob WIENEN, Netherlands (L, EPP/CCE) Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG38(2020)11]*	
18.45	Report on the observation of local elections in the Republic of Moldova (20 October 2019) (SDGs Nos. 11 and 16) Presentation by the rapporteur: Vladimir PREBILIC, Slovenia (L, SOC/G/PD) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CG38(2020)12]*	
19.30	End of the sitting	
19.30	EVENT: Reception offered by the City of Strasbourg – Hôtel de Ville, Place Broglie (departure by shuttle bus to the Hôtel de Ville at 19.30 and 19.40) (tbc)	

Thursday 19 March 2020

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

8.30-9.15, Room 8


Bureau of the Congress

Thursday 19 March 2020

9.30-12.00, Hemicycle

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

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

9.30	Formal adoption of texts approved by the chambers [CG38(2020)13]	
9.32	Adoption of the draft minutes of the sessions of the chambers and of the sitting of the Congress on 18 March 2020 [CPR38(2020)PV], [CPL38(2020)PV] and [CG38(2020)PV02]	
9.35	Ceremony awarding the Congress medal to an honorary member Gaye DOGANOGLU, former Vice-President of the Congress	
10.00	Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government : Hungary (SDGs Nos. 11 and 16) Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Marc COOLS, Belgium (L, ILDG), and Jean-Pierre LIOUVILLE, France (R, SOC/G/PD) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CG38(2020)14]* Statement by a representative of the Government of Hungary (tbc) Oral reply to written questions [CG38(2020)15] <i>Deadline for tabling written questions: 15.00 Tuesday 17 March</i>	
12.00	Close of the 38th Session by the President of the Congress	

Congress 2020-2025: renewal and priorities

Exchange of views with national and European associations

14.00-16.30, Room 1

MEMBERS' ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO:

- Electronic voting 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 17 March for which the deadline is **16.00 on Monday 16 March 2020**. 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 1033
 - **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: ten 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.
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