



On the occasion of the Belgian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

In cooperation with the European Committee on Democracy and Governance (Council of Europe)

Thematic Workshop :

« Electronic tools of Local Democracy: collection, décision-making and transmission »

**1 April 2015 – Hemicycle of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region
(Rue du Lombard, 1000 Bruxelles)**

In accordance with its Terms of Reference, the CDDG shall “exchange information, views and good practices among its members”, “respond to requests from member States for information on specific issues”, and “facilitate, upon request from interested member States and within the limits of its resources, targeted activities of exchange and assistance between member States”. These working methods shall apply to such fields as citizens democratic participation, modernisation of public administration and democratic governance, including e-democracy and e-governance, in particular from a local and regional perspective.

In this light, the workshop offers the member States a platform for sharing their experience as regards trends and innovative action in information technology in relation to local authority interaction.

The Council of Europe has examined the relationship between democracy and « electronic tools » on a number of occasions already, in particular in Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)1 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on electronic democracy (e-democracy) as well as in Recommendation 274 (2009) of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities on «E-democracy: opportunities and risks for local authorities», which also dealt with this subject.

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Programme

- 9h00 – 9h30** Arrival of participants
- 9h30 – 9h45** Welcome Speech by Mr. Charles Picqué, Speaker of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region, Mayor of the Commune of Saint-Gilles (Brussels-Capital Region)
- 9h45 – 10h45** Opening Session : Presentations of experience (10 minutes max. per subject)
- Presentation of work by the Council of Europe:
 - Chairman of the CDDG
 - Representative of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
 - Belgium :
 - Brussels (B.R.I.C.) : IRIS-Box, BO Secretariat et BO's TXChange
 - The Walloon Region.
- 10h45 – 11h00** Coffee-break
- 11h00 – 12h30** Presentations of experience
- Contributions by national delegations /members of the CDDG
- 12h30 – 14h00** Buffet-lunch in the Galerie des Glaces and opening of demonstration booths (*tbc*)
- 14h15 – 16h00** Scientific Programme (*tbc*)/Presentation by a representative from the academic world /Dialogue with the participants
- 16h00 – 16h30** Coffee-break
- 16h30 – 17h30** Conclusions by the Rapporteur of the European Committee on Democracy and Governance (Council of Europe)
- 17h30 – 18h00** Closing intervention by the Minister-President of the Government of the Brussels-Capital Region, Mr Rudi Vervoort

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