

**CG32(2017)OJprov**  
27 March 2017

## 32nd Session of the Congress

Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe  
28-30 March 2017

### **DRAFT AGENDA PUBLIC MEETING**

THEME FOR 2017:

**DECENTRALISED POLICIES FOR THE SUCCESSFUL INTEGRATION OF  
REFUGEES**

### 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 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](mailto: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](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 28 March for which the deadline is **16.00 on Monday 27 March**. 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.
- 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.

## Monday 27 March 2017 (eve of the session)

### Bureaux meetings

Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities	9.00 – 10.00, Room 6
Bureau of the Chamber of Regions	9.00 – 10.00, Room 10
Bureau of the Congress	10.00 – 12.15 and 13.45 – 15.30, Room 8

### South-Med Partnership: Exchange of views with delegations from the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of Tunisia

13.15 – 15.15, Room 1

Open to members of the Congress, secretaries of delegation and advisers

### Secretaries of delegations coffee meeting

16.00 – 17.00, Parliamentarians' bar

### Political group meetings

15.30 – 17.30

European People's Party Group in the Congress (EPP/CCE)	Room 9
Socialist Group (SOC)	Room 11
Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG)	Room 10
European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR)	Room 6

## Tuesday 28 March 2017

### Committee meetings

Monitoring Committee	8.45 – 10.45, Room 1
Current Affairs Committee	8.45 – 10.45, Room 9
Governance Committee	8.45 – 10.45, Room 8

## Tuesday 28 March 2017

11.00 – 13.00, Hemicycle

### Plenary sitting

\* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Monday 27 March*

**Opening of the 32nd Session of the Congress by the President of the Congress**  
Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM

**Verification of new members' credentials and new official procedures for appointing national delegations to the Congress** [[CG32\(2017\)03](#)] [CG32(2017)23]



Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Michail ANGELOPOULOS, Greece (L, EPP/CE), and Eunice CAMPBELL-CLARK, United Kingdom (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [[CG32\(2017\)02prov](#)]\*

**Adoption of the draft agenda of the session**  
[CG32(2017)0Jprov]

**Adoption of the draft minutes of the last sitting of the 31st Session (21 October 2016)**  
[CG31(2016)PV03prov]

**Adoption of the composition of Congress committees**  
[CG32(2017)04prov]

**Communication by the President of the Congress**  
[CG32(2017)05]

Debate

**The budget and resources of the Congress for the next biennium (2018-2019)**



Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC), and Svetlana ORLOVA, Russian Federation (R, EPP/CCE)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CG32\(2017\)06](#)]\*

**Statement by Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe**  
Oral reply to questions from the floor

**Suspension of the sitting**

**13.00** *EVENT: Inauguration of the exhibition on the Karachay-Cherkess Republic, Russian Federation, followed by a reception offered by the Administration of the Karachay-Cherkess Republic.*

Tuesday 28 March 2017

14.30 – 19.30, Hemicycle

## Plenary sitting

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### **Ceremony awarding the Congress medal to an honorary member**

Farid MUKHAMETSHIN, former Chair of the Current Affairs Committee of the Congress, Russian Federation

### **State reform and decentralisation in Portugal**

Statement by Eduardo CABRITA, Minister in the Cabinet of the Prime Minister, Portugal  
Debate

### **From reception to integration: the role of local and regional authorities facing migration**

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: György ILLES, Hungary (L, ILDG), and Yoomi RENSTRÖM, Sweden (R, SOC)

Statement by Tomáš BOČEK, Special Representative of the Secretary General on migration and refugees

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [\[CG32\(2017\)07\]](#)\*



### **Implementation of the European Charter of Local Self-government: achievements and challenges**

- **Recurring issues based on assessments resulting from Congress monitoring and election observation missions (reference period 2010-2016)**

Co-rapporteurs: Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG), and

Leendert VERBEEK, Netherlands (R, SOC)

Presentation by Leendert VERBEEK

- **Comparative analysis on the implementation of the European Charter of Local Self-government in the 47 member States**

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC), and

Karim VAN OVERMEIRE, Belgium (R, NR)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [\[CG32\(2017\)19\]](#)\* and on the draft resolution [\[CG32\(2017\)22\]](#)\*



### **South-Mediterranean partnership [\[CG32\(2017\)26\]](#)**

Statements by:

Mohamed BOUDRA, President of the Moroccan Association of Presidents of Municipal Councils (AMPCC), Kingdom of Morocco

Mokhtar HAMMAMI, Director, Directorate General for Local Authorities, Ministry of Local Affairs and the Environment, Republic of Tunisia

### **The 10th anniversary of the European Local Democracy Week (ELDW)**

Presentation by Gaye DOĞANOĞLU, Turkey (L, EPP/CCE), Congress Spokesperson on the ELDW

Projection of a video prepared for the 10th anniversary

Statements by:

Ann MCCOY, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Stockton on Tees Council, (ELDW partner city), United Kingdom

Danuta KAMINSKA, Treasurer of the City of Katowice (ELDW partner city), Poland

Debate

### **Local and regional democracy in Finland**

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Artur TORRES PEREIRA, Portugal (L, EPP/CCE), and Karim VAN OVERMEIRE, Belgium (R, NR)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [\[CG32\(2017\)08\]](#)\*

Statement by Jari PARTANEN, State Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Public Reforms, Finland

Oral reply to written questions [\[CG32\(2017\)09\]](#)

*Deadline for tabling written questions: 15.00 Monday 27 March*



### **End of the sitting**

Wednesday 29 March 2017

## Chamber of Regions

9.00 – 12.30, Hemicycle

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### Opening by the President of the Chamber

Gunn Marit HELGESEN

### Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber

[CPR32(2017)OJprov]

### Communication by the President of the Chamber

#### Quality of democratic participation at regional level [CPR32(2017)03]

- Direct democracy provisions in regional statutes and laws
- E-democracy tools: the impulse of new generations?

Statements by:

- Reto STEINER, member of the Group of Independent Experts on the European Charter of Local Self-Government
- André ANTOINE, Chair of the Working Group on "Interactive Democracy" of the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE), President of the Parliament of Wallonia, Belgium
- Gloria VITALY, President of the Youth Regional Network of the Assembly of European Regions (AER), Norway
- Luca RICCI PACIFICI, Member of the Regional Youth Council of the Region of Marche, Italy
- Elliot HERMAN, Member of the Youth Council of the French-Speaking Community, Belgium
- Razwan POPAI, Member of the youth council of the province of Frisia, Netherlands
- Stephan LEHE, member of the Youth Parliament of Alsace, France

Debate

#### Border regions facing migration flows [CPR32(2017)04]

Statements by:

- Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, President of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR), 1st Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions, Senator of the German-speaking Community, Belgium
- Carolina DARIAS SAN SEBASTIAN, Co-Chair of the Working Group on Migrations of the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies, President of the Regional Parliament of the Canary Islands, Spain
- Saloua DEMNATI, President of the Committee on Cooperation, Partnership and Moroccans worldwide within the Regional Council of Tanger-Tetouan-Al Hoceima, Morocco

Debate

#### Information report on elections in the Popular Assembly of the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia, Republic of Moldova (20 November 2016) [CPR32(2017)02]

Presentation by Sevdia UGREKHELIDZE, Georgia (EPP/CCE)

Debate

### Dates of the next session

### Close by the President of the Chamber

*Screening of "Uomo" a short film by Tony Colapinto, Director of the Shakespeare Academy, Italy*

12.30

**EVENT:** *Inauguration of the exhibition "Limassol Carnival 2016" and reception offered by the delegation of Cyprus to the Congress and the Unions of Cyprus Municipalities and Communities*

**Wednesday 29 March 2017**

**Chamber of Local Authorities**

9.00 – 12.30, Room 1

*\* Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 28 March*

**Opening by the President of the Chamber**

Anders KNAPE

**Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber**

[CPL32(2017)OJprov]

**Communication by the President of the Chamber**

[CPL32(2017)01]



**Local democracy in Malta**

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Risto RAUTAVA, Finland (L, EPP/CCE), and Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CPL32\(2017\)02](#)]\*

Statement by Stefan BUONTEMPO, Parliamentary Secretary for Local Government, Malta

Oral reply to written questions [CPL32(2017)03]

*Deadline for tabling written questions: 15.00 Tuesday 28 March*

**The reception of unaccompanied child migrants in European cities**

Statements by:

Lora PAPPA, President of METAdrasi, Action for Migration and Development, Greece

Olle OLSSON, Senior Policy Adviser on integration and public health care, Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SKL), Sweden

Debate



**Local democracy in Estonia**

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Henrik HAMMAR, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE), and Leendert VERBEEK, Netherlands (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CPL32\(2017\)04](#)]\*

Statement by Mihhail KORB, Minister of Public Administration, Estonia

Oral reply to written questions [CPL32(2017)05]

*Deadline for tabling written questions: 15.00 Tuesday 28 March*



**Local democracy in Iceland**

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Zdenek BROZ, Czech Republic (L, ECR), and Jakob WIENEN, Netherlands (L, EPP/CCE)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CPL32\(2017\)06](#)]\*

Statement by Jón GUNNARSSON, Minister of Transport and Local Government, Iceland

Oral reply to questions from the floor

**Dates of the next session**

**Close by the President of the Chamber**

**12.30**

**EVENT:** *Inauguration of the exhibition "Limassol Carnival 2016" and reception offered by the delegation of Cyprus to the Congress and the Unions of Cyprus Municipalities and Communities*

**Wednesday 29 March 2017**

14.00 – 19.00, Hemicycle

## Plenary sitting

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**Adoption of the draft minutes of the sittings of the Congress on 28 March 2017**  
[CG32(2017)PV01amprov] [CG32(2017)PV01pmprov]

**Cyprus Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe  
(22 November 2016 – 19 May 2017)**

Statement by Ioannis KASOULIDES, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cyprus, Chair of the Committee of Ministers

Oral reply to questions from the floor

**Forever young? The role of youth policies and youth work at local and regional levels in supporting young people's transition to autonomy and working life**

Presentation by the rapporteur: Eunice CAMPBELL-CLARK, United Kingdom (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [[CG32\(2017\)11](#)]\*



**Developments in human rights at local and regional level**

Presentation by Harald BERGMANN, Netherlands (L, ILDG), Congress Spokesperson on Human Rights at Local and Regional Level

Statement by Nils MUIŽNIEKS, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe

Debate

**The fight against anti-Gypsyism** [[CG32\(2017\)24](#)]

Presentation by John WARMISHAM, United Kingdom (L, SOC), Congress Spokesperson on Roma Issues

Statement by Valeriu NICOLAE, Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) for Roma Issues

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [[CG32\(2017\)17](#)]\*



**Checklist for compliance with international standards and good practices preventing misuse of administrative resources during electoral processes at local and regional levels**  
[[CG32\(2017\)12](#)]

Presentation by the rapporteur: Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG)

Statement by Richard BARRETT, Member of the Venice Commission, Ireland

Debate

**Fact-finding mission on the situation of local elected representatives in Turkey**

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Anders KNAPE, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE), and Leendert VERBEEK, Netherlands (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [[CG32\(2017\)13](#)]\*



**End of the sitting**

**19.45**

**EVENT:** Reception offered by the City of Strasbourg – Hôtel de Ville, Place Broglie (departure by shuttle bus to the Hôtel de Ville at 19.20 and 19.30)

**Thursday 30 March 2017**

**Bureau meeting**

8.30 - 9.15, Room 8 Bureau of the Congress

**Thursday 30 March 2017**

9.30 – 12.00, Hemicycle

**Plenary sitting**

*\* Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 29 March*

**Formal adoption of texts approved by the chambers** [CG32(2017)14]

**Adoption of the draft minutes of the sittings of the chambers and of the Congress**  
on 29 March 2017 [CPL32(2017)PVprov] [CPR32(2017)PVprov] and [CG32(2017)PV02prov]

**Open data for better public service**

Presentation by the rapporteur: Manuela BORA, Italy (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [[CG32\(2017\)15](#)]\*



**Observation of local elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2 October 2016)**

Presentation by the rapporteur: Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG)

Statement by Adam BANASZAK, Poland (ECR), spokesperson of the Committee of the Regions

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CG32\(2017\)16](#)]\*



**Revision of the Rules and Procedures of the Congress**

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC) and Marc COOLS, Belgium (L, ILDG)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [[CG32\(2017\)21](#)]\*



**Close of the 32nd Session by the President of the Congress**