

# THEMATIC ACTIVITIES

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- ▶ Children's Rights
- ▶ Corruption
- ▶ E-Democracy
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- ▶ Human Rights
- ▶ Local and Regional Governance
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- ▶ Regionalisation
- ▶ Roma and Travellers
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## Priorities of the Congress 2017-2020

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### I. CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

#### Council of Europe Convention

- The Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse ([Lanzarote Convention](#))

#### Council of Europe Strategy

- [Strategy for the Rights of the Child \(2016-2021\)](#)

#### Congress pact to stop sexual violence against children

- Seminar on the pact of towns and regions to stop sexual violence against children (13 June 2017, Belgrade, Serbia)
  - [Conclusions](#)
- Seminar on the pact of towns and regions to stop sexual violence against children (30 June 2015, Hertogenbosch, Netherlands)
  - [Conclusions](#)
- Towns and regions: a pact to stop sexual violence against children - A contribution of the Congress to the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE campaign
  - [Pact to stop sexual violence against children](#)



- The local and regional dimensions of the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign to stop sexual violence against children
  - [A Strategic Action Plan for the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities](#)

## Congress texts

- Unaccompanied refugee children: the role and responsibilities of local and regional authorities
  - [Resolution 428 \(2018\)](#) ; [Recommendation 414 \(2018\)](#)
- Championing children’s rights in times of austerity: Local and regional authorities’ responsibilities
  - [Resolution 392 \(2015\)](#); [Recommendation 382 \(2015\)](#);  
[Explanatory memorandum CG/2015\(29\)10](#)
- Regional legislation and action to combat sexual exploitation and abuse of children
  - [Resolution 350 \(2012\)](#); [Recommendation 332 \(2012\)](#);  
[Explanatory memorandum CPR\(23\)3](#)
- Preventing violence against children
  - [Resolution 289 \(2009\)](#); [Recommendation 272 \(2009\)](#);  
[Explanatory Memorandum CG\(17\)9](#)
- Child in the city
  - [Resolution 258 \(2008\)](#); [Recommendation 241 \(2008\)](#);  
[Explanatory Memorandum CG\(15\)9](#)
- The social reintegration of children living and/or working on the streets
  - [Resolution 271 \(2008\)](#); [Recommendation 253 \(2008\)](#);  
[Explanatory Memorandum CPL\(15\)6](#)

- The fight against trafficking in human beings and their sexual exploitation: the role of cities and regions
  - [Resolution 196 \(2005\)](#); [Recommendation 165 \(2005\)](#);  
[Explanatory Memorandum CG \(12\) 9 Part II](#)
  
- Policies for deprived children/adolescents and families
  - [Resolution 74 \(1999\)](#); [Recommendation 53 \(1999\)](#)
  
- Education of migrant workers' children
  - [Resolution 129 \(1982\)](#)

## II. CORRUPTION AND PUBLIC ETHICS

### Congress texts

- The protection of whistleblowers
  - [Report CG36\(2019\)14 - Recommendation 435, Resolution 444](#)
- Fighting nepotism within local and regional authorities
  - [Report CG36\(2019\)16 - Recommendation 428, Resolution 441](#)
- Financial compensation of local and regional elected representatives in the exercise of their office
  - [Report CG36\(2019\)10 - Recommendation 434, Resolution 443](#)
- European Code of Conduct for all Persons Involved in Local and Regional Governance
  - [Resolution 433 \(2018\)](#)
- Conflicts of interest at local and regional level
  - [Recommendation 423 \(2018\); Resolution 434 \(2018\)](#)
- Transparency and open government
  - [Recommendation 424 \(2018\); Resolution 435 \(2018\)](#)
- Making public procurement transparent at local and regional levels
  - [Recommendation 405 \(2017\); Resolution 421 \(2017\); Explanatory memorandum CG33\(2017\)13](#)
- Preventing corruption and promoting public ethics at local and regional levels
  - [Report CG31\(2016\)06](#)

- The misuse of administrative resources during electoral processes: the role of local and regional elected representatives and public officials
  - [Report CG31\(2016\)07](#)
- Survey on promoting transparency and ethical values and counteracting corruption at local and regional level (2012)
  - [Document prepared by the secretariat of the Congress](#)
- Tasks and duties, to be fulfilled by local and regional elected representatives, that may involve corruption risks and/or affect ethical behaviour (2010)
  - [Background Paper CG/GT/CDR\(19\)2](#)
- Rights and duties of local and regional elected representatives: the risks of corruption
  - [Resolution 316 \(2010\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CG\(19\)10](#)

### **Articles and speeches on corruption**

- The Congress adopts a roadmap against corruption at local and regional levels: Debates during the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Congress, 19-21 October 2016
  - [Article](#)
- Debates on ethics and transparency at local and regional level I-II (30th Session of the Congress, 22-24 March 2016)
  - Speeches by [Elizabeth Dávid-Barrett](#), [Marin Mrčela](#) and [Imrich Žigo](#)

- Debate on Corruption corrodes democracy (27th session of the Congress, 14-16 October 2014)
  - [Article](#), [Conclusions](#)
- Debate on the fight against corruption: pointers for action at local and regional levels (24th Session of the Congress, 19-21 March 2013)
  - [Article](#)

### III. E-DEMOCRACY AND E-GOVERNANCE

#### Congress texts

- Open data for better public services  
[Recommendation 398 \(2017\)](#); [Resolution 417 \(2017\)](#);  
[Explanatory memorandum CG32\(2017\)15](#)
- E-media: game changer for local and regional politicians  
[Resolution 394 \(2015\)](#); [Explanatory memorandum CG/2015\(29\)14](#)
- E-democracy: opportunities and risks for local authorities  
[Resolution 290 \(2009\)](#); [Recommendation 274 \(2009\)](#);  
[Explanatory memorandum CPL\(17\)2](#)
- Digital divide and e-inclusion in the regions  
[Resolution 282 \(2009\)](#); [Recommendation 263 \(2009\)](#);  
[Explanatory memorandum CPR\(16\)1](#)
- E-tools: a response to the needs of local authorities  
[Resolution 266 \(2008\)](#); [Recommendation 248 \(2008\)](#);  
[Explanatory memorandum CPL\(15\)2](#)
- Electronic democracy and deliberative consultation on urban projects  
[Resolution 267 \(2008\)](#); [Recommendation 249 \(2008\)](#);  
[Explanatory memorandum CPL\(15\)3](#)

#### Debates

- Digital media and urban mobilization, 26 March 2014  
[Speech by Jan Hanrath](#)
- A Deepening democracy with e-media, 27 March 2014  
[Summary of debate](#)

- Smart Cities: new technologies serving democracy, 20 March 2013  
[Session file](#)

## **Other Council of Europe bodies**

### *Committee of Ministers*

- Internet Governance – Council of Europe Strategy 2016-2019  
[CM\(2016\)10](#)
- Internet freedom  
[Recommendation CM/Rec\(2016\)5](#); [Draft explanatory memorandum](#)
- Internet of citizens  
[Recommendation CM/Rec\(2016\)2](#)
- The free, transboundary flow of information on the Internet  
[Recommendation CM/Rec\(2015\)6](#)
- A guide to human rights for Internet users  
[Recommendation CM/Rec\(2014\)6](#)
- The protection and promotion of the universality, integrity and openness of the Internet  
[Recommendation CM/Rec\(2011\)8](#)
- Electronic democracy (E-democracy)  
[Recommendation CM/Rec \(2009\)1](#); [Explanatory memorandum CM\(2009\)9](#)
- Electronic governance (“E-governance”)  
[Recommendation Rec\(2004\)15](#)

### *Parliamentary Assembly*

- Internet and politics: the impact of new information and communication technology on democracy  
[Resolution 1970 \(2014\)](#); [Recommendation 2033 \(2014\)](#)

### *Venice Commission*

- The compatibility of remote voting and electronic voting with the standards of the Council of Europe  
[Report CDL-AD\(2004\)012](#)
- 13th European Conference of Electoral Management Bodies "New Technologies in Elections: Public Trust and Challenges for Electoral Management Bodies", Bucharest, 14-15 April 2016 - Reports of the Conference / Rapports de la Conférence  
[Conclusions](#)



## IV. GENDER EQUALITY

### Congress texts on women's rights and equality between men and women

- Women's participation in public life at local and regional levels: good practices in member States and Congress action
  - [Resolution 404 \(2016\) - Recommendation 390 \(2016\) - Explanatory memorandum CG31\(2016\)09](#)
- Gender budgeting
  - [Resolution 405 \(2016\) - Explanatory memorandum CG31\(2016\)10](#)
- Fighting the increasing poverty of women: the responsibility of local and regional authorities
  - [Resolution 391 \(2015\); Recommendation 381\(2015\); Explanatory memorandum CG/2015\(29\)9](#)
- Achieving sustainable gender equality in local and regional political life
  - [Resolution 303 \(2010\); Recommendation 288 \(2010\); Explanatory memorandum CG\(18\)10](#)
- Combating domestic violence against women
  - [Resolution 279 \(2009\); Recommendation 260 \(2009\); Explanatory memorandum CG\(16\)7](#)
- Gender mainstreaming at local and regional level: a strategy to promote equality between women and men in cities and regions
  - [Resolution 176 \(2004\); Recommendation 148 \(2004\); Explanatory memorandum CG\(11\)10](#)

## V. HUMAN RIGHTS

### Congress texts

#### *Promoting human rights at local and regional level*

- Best practices of implementation of human rights at local and regional level in member states of the Council of Europe and other countries:  
[Resolution 427 \(2018\)](#)

#### *Compendium “[Promoting human rights at local and regional level](#)”, containing:*

- Best practices of implementation of human rights at local and regional level in member states of the Council of Europe and other countries: [Resolution 365 \(2014\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CG\(26\)](#)
- Developing indicators to raise awareness of human rights at local and regional level: [Resolution 334 \(2011\)](#)
- Intercultural cities: [Resolution 280 \(2009\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CPL\(16\)1](#)
- Charter of European Political Parties for a Non-Racist Society (Revised): [Resolution 415 \(2017\)](#), [Text of the Revised Charter of European Political Parties for a Non-Racist Society](#)

### Other texts

- Congress Human Rights Action Plan 2016-2017
  - [Action plan - Human Rights at local and regional level](#)

## VI. LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNANCE

### Congress texts

- Coping with the debt burden: local authorities in financial difficulty
  - [Recommendation 427 \(2018\); Resolution 438 \(2018\)](#)
- The consultation of local authorities by higher levels of government
  - [Resolution 437 \(2017\)](#)
- A better future for Europe's rural areas
  - [Recommendation 406 \(2017\); Resolution 422 \(2017\); Explanatory memorandum CG33\(2017\)16](#)
- Autonomy and borders in an evolving Europe
  - [Resolution 398\(2016\) and Recommendation 385 \(2016\); Explanatory memorandum CPR30\(2016\)02](#)
- E-media: Game changer for local and regional politicians
  - [Resolution 394 \(2015\); Explanatory memorandum CG/2015\(29\)14](#)
- Conditions of office for elected representatives
  - [Resolution 393 \(2015\); Recommendation 383 \(2015\); Explanatory memorandum CG/2015\(29\)15](#)
- Trends in regionalisation in Council of Europe member States
  - [Resolution 390\(2015\); Explanatory memorandum CPR/2015\(29\)4](#)

- New forms of local governance
  - [Resolution 389 \(2015\); Explanatory memorandum CPL/2015\(29\)4](#)
- Adequate financial resources for local authorities
  - [Resolution 372; Recommendation 362 \(2014\); Explanatory memorandum CPL\(27\)](#)
- Strategy on the right of local authorities to be consulted by other levels of government
  - [Resolution 368 \(2014\); Explanatory memorandum CG\(26\)9](#)
- Recurring issues based on assessments resulting from Congress monitoring and election observation missions (reference period 2010-2016)
  - [Recommendation 395 \(2017\); Resolution 412 \(2017\); Explanatory memorandum CG32\(2017\)19](#)
- The functioning of the organs of local democracy in a context of linguistic diversity in the communes “with facilities” around Brussels in the Flemish region
  - [Recommendation 409 \(2017\); Explanatory memorandum CPL33\(2017\)02](#)

## Other texts

- Regionalisation trends in European countries
  - [Study, Group of independent Experts](#)
- Reference framework for regional democracy
  - [Council of Europe Reference Framework for Regional Democracy](#)

## VII. MIGRANTS AND INTEGRATION POLICIES

### Conventions

- Convention on the participation of foreigners in public life at local level
  - [CETS No.144](#)

### Declarations

- The reception of refugees in Europe
  - [Declaration 4 \(2015\)](#)

### Congress texts

- Border regions facing the migration phenomenon
  - [Resolution 432 \(2018\)](#) ; [Recommendation 422 \(2018\)](#)
- Voting rights at local level as an element of successful long-term integration of migrants and IDPs in Europe's municipalities and regions
  - [Resolution 431 \(2018\)](#) ; [Recommendation 419 \(2018\)](#)
- Unaccompanied refugee children: the role and responsibilities of local and regional authorities
  - [Resolution 428 \(2018\)](#) ; [Recommendation 414 \(2018\)](#)
- Regional and minority languages in Europe today
  - [Resolution 424 \(2017\)](#), [Recommendation 410 \(2017\)](#); [Explanatory memorandum CPR33\(2017\)02](#)

- From reception to integration: the role of local and regional authorities facing migration
  - [Resolution 411 \(2017\)](#), [Recommendation 394 \(2017\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum, CG32\(2017\)](#)
- Organising intercultural and interreligious activities: a pedagogical toolkit for the use of the local authorities
  - [Resolution 397 \(2016\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CG30\(2016\)04](#)
- Promoting diversity through intercultural education and communication strategies
  - [Resolution 375 \(2014\)](#), [Recommendation 365 \(2014\)](#)
- Migrants' access to regional labour markets
  - [Resolution 362 \(2013\)](#), [Recommendation 347 \(2013\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CPR\(25\)3](#)
- Integration through self-employment: promoting migrant entrepreneurship in European municipalities
  - [Resolution 358 \(2013\)](#), [Recommendation 343 \(2013\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CPL\(25\)2](#)
- Meeting the challenge of interfaith and intercultural tensions at local level
  - [Resolution 323 \(2011\)](#), [Recommendation 304 \(2011\)](#)
- Education for democratic citizenship: tools for cities
  - [Resolution 332 \(2011\)](#)
- Cultural Integration of Muslim Women in European Cities
  - [Resolution 318 \(2010\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CG\(19\)12](#)

- Minority languages – an asset for regional development
  - [Resolution 301 \(2010\)](#), [Recommendation 286 \(2010\)](#),  
[Explanatory memorandum CPR\(18\)3](#)
- Equality and diversity in local authority employment and service provision
  - [Resolution 281 \(2009\)](#), [Recommendation 262 \(2009\)](#)
- Intercultural cities
  - [Resolution 280 \(2009\)](#), [Recommendation 261 \(2009\)](#)
- Social approach to the fight against racism at local and regional level
  - [Resolution 264 \(2008\)](#), [Recommendation 246 \(2008\)](#)
- Improving the integration of migrants through local housing policies
  - [Resolution 270 \(2008\)](#), [Recommendation 252 \(2008\)](#),  
[Explanatory memorandum CPL\(15\)5](#)
- The development of social cohesion indicators - The concerted local and regional approach
  - [Resolution 226 \(2007\)](#), [Recommendation 207 \(2007\)](#),  
[Explanatory memorandum CG\(13\)39 part II](#)
- Effective access to social rights for immigrants: the role of local and regional authorities
  - [Resolution 218 \(2006\)](#), [Recommendation 194 \(2006\)](#),  
[Explanatory memorandum CG \(13\) 12 part II](#)

- Intercultural and inter-faith dialogue: initiatives and responsibilities of local authorities
  - [Resolution 202 \(2005\)](#), [Recommendation 170 \(2005\)](#)
- Cultural Identity in peripheral urban areas: the role of local and regional authorities
  - [Resolution 205 \(2005\)](#), [Recommendation 177 \(2005\)](#)
- Migration flows and social cohesion in South-East Europe: the role of local and regional authorities
  - [Resolution 175 \(2004\)](#), [Recommendation 147 \(2004\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CG \(11\) 9 Part II](#)
- A pact for the integration and participation of people of immigrant origin in Europe's towns, cities and regions
  - [Resolution 181 \(2004\)](#), [Recommendation 153 \(2004\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CPL \(11\) 4 Part II](#)
- The participation of foreign residents in public life at local level – consultative bodies
  - [Resolution 141 \(2002\)](#), [Recommendation 115 \(2002\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CPL \(9\) 5 Part II](#)
- Social cohesion in towns
  - [Resolution 70 \(1998\)](#), [Recommendation 51 \(1998\)](#)

## **Other texts**

- Protection of migrants and asylum seekers: States' main legal obligations under the Council of Europe Conventions
  - [Background paper](#), [Press release](#), [Letter by Thorbjørn Jagland](#)



- The European migrant crisis: a global issue, a territorial issue
  - [Speech by Gundrun Mosler-Törnström at CALRE 2016 General Assembly](#)

## VIII. PREVENTING RADICALISATION AND BUILDING INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES

### Council of Europe Action Plans

- The fight against violent extremism and radicalisation leading to terrorism.  
Action plan 2015-2017
  - [CM\(2015\)74](#)
- Action plan on building inclusive societies (2016-2019)
  - [CM\(2016\)25](#)

### Congress texts

- Organising intercultural and interreligious activities: a toolkit for the use of the local authorities
  - [Resolution 397 \(2016\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CG30\(2016\)04](#)
- Guidelines for local and regional authorities on preventing radicalisation and manifestations of hate at grassroots level
  - [Resolution 384 \(2015\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CG/2015\(29\)5](#)
- Combating radicalisation at grassroots level: the role of local and regional authorities
  - [Resolution 381 \(2015\)](#), [Recommendation 371 \(2015\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CG/2015\(28\)14](#)
- Congress strategy to combat radicalisation at grass-roots level
  - [CG/BUR/2015\(27\)22](#)

- Promoting diversity through intercultural education and communication strategies
  - [Resolution 375 \(2014\)](#), [Recommendation 365 \(2014\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CPL\(20\)2](#)
- Education for democratic citizenship: tools for cities
  - [Resolution 332 \(2011\)](#); [Explanatory memorandum CPL\(21\)6](#)
- Meeting the challenge of interfaith and intercultural tensions at local level
  - [Resolution 323 \(2011\)](#), [Recommendation 304 \(2011\)](#)
- Cultural integration of Muslim women in European cities
  - [Resolution 318 \(2010\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CG\(19\)12](#)
- Intercultural cities
  - [Resolution 280 \(2009\)](#), [Recommendation 261 \(2009\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CPL\(16\)1](#)
- The need for regional cultural identity
  - [Resolution 268 \(2008\)](#), [Recommendation 250 \(2008\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CPR\(15\)4](#)
- Social approach to the fight against racism at local and regional level
  - [Resolution 264 \(2008\)](#), [Recommendation 246 \(2008\)](#)
- European Urban Charter I and II - Manifesto for a new urbanity (1992, 2008)
  - [European Urban Charter I](#); [European Urban Charter II](#) [Manifesto for a new urbanity](#)

- Intercultural and interreligious dialogue: an opportunity for local democracy
  - [Recommendation 245 \(2008\), Explanatory memorandum CG\(15\)15](#)
- Urban security in Europe
  - [Recommendation 197 \(2006\), Explanatory memorandum CPL\(13\)5](#)
- Intercultural and inter-faith dialogue: initiatives and responsibilities of local authorities
  - [Resolution 202 \(2005\), Recommendation 170 \(2005\), Explanatory memorandum CPL \(12\) 4](#)
- Cultural identity in peripheral urban areas: the role of local and regional authorities
  - [Resolution 205 \(2005\), Recommendation 177 \(2005\)](#)
- A pact for the integration and participation of people of immigrant origin in Europe's towns, cities and regions
  - [Resolution 181 \(2004\), Recommendation 153 \(2004\), Explanatory memorandum CPL \(11\) 4 Part II](#)
- Tackling terrorism – the role and responsibilities of local authorities
  - [Recommendation 134 \(2003\), Resolution 159 \(2003\)](#)
- The participation of foreign residents in public life at local level – consultative bodies
  - [Resolution 141 \(2002\), Recommendation 115 \(2002\), Explanatory memorandum CPL \(9\) 5 Part II](#)

- Manual on Local Authorities and Urban Crime Prevention
  - [Resolution 116 \(2001\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CPL \(8\) 2 Part II](#)
- Crime and urban insecurity in Europe: the role of local authorities
  - [Resolution 99 \(2000\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CPL \(7\) 6 Part II](#)
- Crime and urban insecurity in Europe
  - [Resolution 57 \(1997\)](#), [Explanatory memorandum CPL \(4\) 5, Part II](#)

### **Other texts**

- Conference, Montchanin, France, 23-24 November 2006
  - [Twelve principles of intercultural and interreligious dialogue for local authorities](#)
- Conference “Towards an alliance of European cities against violent extremism”, Aarhus, Denmark, 18 November 2015
  - [Aarhus declaration](#)
- Summit of Mayors “Alliance of European cities against violent extremism”, Rotterdam, Netherlands, 9 November 2016
  - [Rotterdam declaration](#)
  - [Webpage dedicated to the event](#)

## IX. REGIONALISATION

### Conventions and Preparatory texts

- [Helsinki Declaration on Regional Self-Government, 2002](#)
- [European regional/spatial planning Charter](#)
  - [Final Conclusions & Final Declaration of the Pan-European Conference \(3-5 April 1997\)](#)
- [European Charter for regional or minority languages](#) (1998 - ETS. N°148)
- [Reference framework for regional democracy](#) (16-17 November 2009)
- [Convention on transfrontier cooperation](#) (1980 – ETS. N°106)
  - [Additional Protocol](#) (ETS N°159)
  - [Protocol n°2](#) (ETS N°169)
  - [Model inter-states Agreements](#)
  - [Protocol n°3](#) (ETS N°206)
  - [Outline Agreements, Statutes and Contracts](#)

### Congress texts

- Autonomy and borders in an evolving Europe
  - [Resolution 398\(2016\) and Recommendation 385 \(2016\)](#),  
[Explanatory memorandum CPR30\(2016\)02](#)
- Trends in regionalisation in Council of Europe member States
  - [Report CPR/2015\(29\)2](#)
  - [Resolution 390 \(2015\)](#)

- Inter-regional cooperation in Europe
  - [Resolution 373 \(2014\)](#)
- Regions and territories with special status in Europe
  - [Resolution 361 \(2013\) & Recommendation 346 \(2013\)](#)
- The governance of macro-regions in Europe
  - [Resolution 349 \(2012\) & Recommendation 311 \(2012\)](#)
- Regions with legislative powers: towards multi-level governance
  - [Resolution 293 \(2009\) & Recommendation 278 \(2009\)](#)
- Challenges for regionalisation in South-East Europe
  - [Resolution 190 \(2004\) & Colloquy about Romania & Colloquy about Slovak Republic](#)
- Draft of the European Charter of regional self-government
  - [Resolution 161 \(2003\) & Resolution 146 \(2002\) & Resolution 37 \(1995\) & Recommendation 156 \(2004\) & Recommendation 34 \(1997\) & Recommendation 22 \(1996\) & Final Declaration of the International Conference & Final Declaration of the Conference on Federalism, Regionalism, Local Autonomy and Minorities](#)
- International co-operation at regional level
  - [Resolution 119 \(2001\) & Recommendation 99 \(2001\)](#)
- Evaluation of regionalisation in central Europe
  - [Resolution 102 \(2000\) & Recommendation 83 \(2000\)](#)
- Current state of and prospects for regionalisation in Europe
  - [Resolution 83 \(1999\)](#)

- Regionalisation in Europe: evaluation and perspectives
  - [Resolution 8 \(1994\)](#) & [Recommendation 65 \(1999\)](#) & [Recommendation 6 \(1994\)](#)
- Current issues in the field of regional policy in the member states
  - [Resolution 166 \(1985\)](#)
- Co-operation between European frontier regions
  - Resolution 165 (1985) E (not online)
- Problems of regionalisation in Europe
  - [Resolution 67 \(1970\)](#)
- European regional planning
  - [Resolution 44 \(1964\)](#) & [Resolution 47 \(1964\)](#) & [Resolution 38 \(1962\) E](#) & [Resolution 13 \(1960\)](#) & [Resolution 14 \(1960\)](#) & Resolution 8 (1958) E (not online)
- The concept of “Regions”
  - [Resolution 12 \(1960\)](#)
- Challenges for regionalisation in South-East Europe
  - [Recommendation 158 \(2004\)](#)

## Other texts

- Regionalisation trends in European countries
  - [Study, Group of independent Experts](#)



- Reference framework for regional democracy & regionalisation
  - [Council of Europe Reference Framework for Regional Democracy](#)
  - [Interview Herwig VAN STAA](#)
- Debates in the Chamber of Regions
  - [Regionalisation in Europe: a stalled process](#)
  - [Effects of the economic crisis on regionalisation](#)
  - [Regionalisation and devolution in Europe in a context of economic crisis](#)
- Reinforcing Regionalism and Regionalisation in Europe
  - [CALRE 2015 Plenary Assembly \(Intervention by Clemens Lammerskitten\)](#)
- Achievement of the Chamber of Regions – a need for regionalization
  - [Speech by Gudrun Mosler-Toernstroem](#) (23 March 2016)
- Political developments at regional level
  - [Information note, march 2016](#)
- Launch of the “Black Sea Euroregion” (2008)
  - [Varna Final Declaration](#) & [Samsun Final Declaration](#)
- Launch of the Adriatic Euroregion (2006)
  - [Joint Declaration](#) & [Protocol of establishment](#)
- Conference on Regionalisation in Ukraine (3 April 2008)
  - [Final Declaration](#) & [Conclusions](#)

## **X. ROMA AND TRAVELLERS**

### **Council of Europe Action plans**

- Thematic Action Plan on the Inclusion of Roma and Travellers (2016-2019)
  - [SG/Inf\(2015\)38](#)
- Roma Youth Action Plan: Combating discrimination and supporting the participation of Roma young people (2016 – 2020)
  - [Roma Youth Action Plan](#)
  - [Guidelines for implementation of the Roma Youth Action Plan](#)

### **European Alliance of Cities and Regions for Roma Inclusion**

- [Orientations stratégiques 2016-2019](#)
- Sommet des maires sur les Roms : Bâtir la confiance mutuelle sur le terrain (Strasbourg, France, 22 septembre 2011)
  - [Déclaration finale](#)

### **Congress texts**

- The situation of Roma and Travellers in the context of rising extremism, xenophobia and the refugee crisis in Europe
  - [Resolution 403 \(2016\)](#) ; [Recommendation 388 \(2016\)](#);  
[Recommendation 388 \(2016\)](#);

- Empowering Roma youth through participation: effective policy design at local and regional levels
  - [Resolution 366 \(2014\)](#); [Recommendation 354 \(2014\)](#); [Explanatory memorandum 26\(8\)](#)
- The situation of Roma in Europe: a challenge for local and regional authorities
  - [Resolution 333 \(2011\)](#); [Recommendation 315 \(2011\)](#) ; [Explanatory memorandum CG\(21\)8](#)
- Towards a tolerant Europe: the contribution of Roma
  - [Resolution 44 \(1997\)](#)
- Towards a Tolerant Europe: the contribution of Roma (Gypsies)
  - [Resolution 16 \(1995\)](#); [Recommendation 11 \(1995\)](#)
- Gypsies in Europe: the role and responsibility of local and regional authorities
  - [Resolution 249 \(1993\)](#)
- The role and responsibility of local and regional authorities in regard to the cultural and social problems of populations of nomadic origin
  - [Resolution 125 \(1981\)](#)

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### Charter

- [Revised European Charter](#) on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life (available in other languages)
- Leaflets and brochures about the Charter:  
[http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/youth/Coe\\_youth/Youth\\_Participation\\_Charter\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/youth/Coe_youth/Youth_Participation_Charter_en.asp)

### Reports

- Social rights of young people: the role of local and regional authorities
  - [Report CG\(2019\)12](#), [Resolution 442 \(2019\)](#);  
[Recommendation 433 \(2019\)](#)
- Bringing down barriers to youth participation: adopting a lingua franca for local and regional authorities and young people (2015)
  - [Report CG32\(2017\)11](#)
- “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” (2017)
  - [Report CG29\(2015\)7](#)

### Congress texts

- Voting at 16 – Consequences on youth participation at local and regional level
  - [Resolution 387 \(2015\)](#)
- Empowering Roma youth through participation: effective policy design at local and regional levels
  - [Resolution 366 \(2014\)](#), [Recommendation 354 \(2014\)](#)

- Youth and democracy: the changing face of youth political engagement
  - [Resolution 346 \(2012\)](#), [Recommendation 327 \(2012\)](#)
- Integration of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods
  - [Resolution 319 \(2010\)](#)
- Integration and participation of young people at local and regional level
  - [Resolution 259 \(2008\)](#), [Recommendation 242 \(2008\)](#)
- On young people and new information and communication technologies: a new opportunity for local democracy
  - [Resolution 207 \(2006\)](#)



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