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Democracy, Social Cohesion
and Global Challenges Committee
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Draft Agenda
Wednesday 28 June 2017
14:30 – 18:00
Room G03, Agora

1. **Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**
2. **Adoption of the synopsis of the meeting of 25 January 2017** [[CONF/PLE\(2017\)SYN1](#)]
3. **Message of Eladio Fernandez Galiano**, Head of the Culture, Nature and Heritage Department, Former Head of the Democratic Initiatives Department
4. **2014-2017**
Three years in which our countries have been marked by terrorism, the shockwave of conflicts followed by migratory chaos, the Paris Climate Agreements, Brexit and hesitant steps of our democracies.

How can we efficiently mobilise and join forces today?

4.1. =>> To rebuild our societies facing violence

Alexandra-Luminita PETRESCU (FITRAM), Former Secretary of State at the Ministry for Public Consultation and Civil Dialogue in Romania, President of Foundation for Pluralism

Abdel BELMOKADEM, Founder of Nes et Cité, Former Deputy Mayor of Vaux en Velin (France)

Exchange of views

4.2. =>> To address the migratory cycle

Florence KIM, Spokesperson of the International Organisation for Migrations (IOM)

Jean-Claude GONON (AEDE), Coordinator of the working group Europe Mediterranean

Discussion

4.3. =>> To consolidate the Paris Agreements and the place of human rights in COP23
(Bonn 6-17 November 2017)

Karl DONERT (EUROGEO), Vice-Chair of the Committee,

Edith WENGER (BEE) initiator of the working group on Climate and Human Rights

Discussion

4.4. =>> To improve territorial governance promoting tools of cohesion and democracy

Annick de MONTGOLFIER, Vice-President of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council of the Grand-Est Region, President of the Social Cohesion Committee

Gerhard ERMISCHER, Vice-President of CIVILSCAPE, Coordinator of the Working Group on Social Cohesion and Shared Territories

Discussion

5. Our Committee's commitments in the participatory democracy field in 2017

- In the drafting process of the **Guidelines for the participation of civil society in political decision-making** with the European Committee on Democracy and Good Governance, (CDDG)

Discussion

- In the **European Democracy Week (ELDW)** from 9 to 15 October 2017 under the theme "*Citizen participation, consultation and commitment for a thriving local democracy*" with the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

Discussion

6. Conclusions of the working groups

- *Europe-Mediterranean* by Jean-Claude GONON (AEDE),
- *European Cultural Alliances* by H  l  ne PICHON (CEPS),
- *Gender perspectives in political and democratic processes, particularly dealing with conflicts* by Anje WIERSINGA (IAW)
- *Health* by Thierry MATHIEU (AIRHH),
- *Inclusive societies* by Anne Marie CHAVANON (IFHP)
- *Social Cohesion and Shared Territories* by Gerhard ERMISCHER (CIVILSCAPE),

7. End-of-mandate interventions

- Anne-Marie CHAVANON, Chair
- Karl DONERT, Vice-Chair
- Thierry MATHIEU, Vice-Chair

8. Any other business

9. Next meeting