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Contribution of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



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Who we are

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities is an assembly of grassroots elected politicians representing 150,000 territorial communities in the 47-member States of the Council of Europe. It is a consultative organ for the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly and a forum of exchange for politicians from the wider Europe.

Its primary mission is to monitor the implementation of the European Charter of Local Self-Government across the continent and to promote, defend and improve the rights of local and regional authorities and the working conditions of local and regional elected representatives as well as citizen participation. This is being achieved in permanent dialogue with national governments.

The Congress regularly assesses the quality of local and regional democracy. It prepares monitoring reports, organises missions to observe local and regional elections and implements cooperation programmes in several member States in the framework of the Council of Europe Action plans. These activities on the ground provide local and regional politicians, cities and regions as well as their associations with the means to acquire new skills and know-how, and to strengthen their institutional capacities. Handbooks and guidelines on Human Rights at local level and a toolkit for organising intercultural and interreligious activities, a strategy on preventing corruption and promoting public ethics and transparency and the European Alliance of Cities and Regions for Roma inclusion complement the reports and legal and policy recommendations which are prepared by the Congress members and adopted in its sessions. All this aims at contributing to building more inclusive and sustainable societies.

Our focus on the SDGs

Based on its mandate as an international organisation with a focus on democracy, human rights and the rule of law, the Council of Europe contributes especially to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 17, defined in the United Nations Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development¹.

The Congress believes that several key principles must form the basis of the action in achieving Sustainable Development Goals through integrated community development in a broader sense. These principles are the following:

Achieving SDGs is a shared responsibility of all levels of government: global, European, national, local and regional. The final objective of SDGs is improving the well-being of the citizens and of the communities where they live. It is impossible to implement a policy nationally if its implementation fails

¹ **Goal 1:** End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Goal 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries

Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Goal 17: Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

locally. National governments must therefore establish a constant dialogue with regional and local authorities on implementing SDGs, through proper consultation mechanisms.

Local and regional authorities must have proper autonomy of action and decision making to achieve SDGs – which includes proper competences, financial and budget autonomy, and freedom to make decisions on the use of local resources and planning local development.

Citizens must always remain at the heart of the action for achieving SDGs. Local and regional authorities bear the primary responsibility for addressing citizens' needs, as the authorities closest to them. Citizens must therefore be engaged in local decision making on the issues of community development. They must be co-owners of the decisions on integrated territorial planning and the use of resources of their communities.

Our partners

Within the Council of Europe, the Congress contributes to the implementation of 12 of the 17 objectives at the local and regional level and co-operates closely with the Parliamentary Assembly, the Commissioner for Human Rights and the inter-governmental sector.

In order to facilitate the implementation of the SDGs and in the spirit of SDG 17 “Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development”, the Congress cooperates with international actors and networks representing local and regional authorities or their associations, such as United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR); the Assembly of European Regions (AER); the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE); the Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe (NALAS) and with European Union institutions such as the European Committee of the Regions.

The adopted texts, publications and handbooks listed in this information note give an overview of the Congress' work and its contribution to the implementation of the SDGs in the framework of the Council of Europe. Recommendations (REC) are addressed to member states and Resolutions (RES) to local authorities as well as their national and European associations.

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SDG 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere



Congress action

By its local dimension, the Congress battles against poverty, by promoting policies ensuring sustainable livelihood and equality. The Congress adopted the following texts in relation with the SDG 1:

[REC381 \(2015\)](#) and [RES391 \(2015\)](#) - Fighting the increasing poverty of women: the responsibility of local and regional authorities

[REC210 \(2007\)](#) and [RES229 \(2007\)](#) - The evolution of extreme poverty in European towns

SDG 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages



Congress action

The Congress adopted the following texts in relation with SDG 3:

[REC437 \(2019\)](#) and [RES448 \(2019\)](#) - The role of local and regional governments in protecting internally displaced persons (IDPs)

[REC414 \(2018\)](#) and [RES428 \(2018\)](#) - Unaccompanied refugee children: the role and responsibilities of local and regional authorities

[REC406 \(2017\)](#) - A better future for Europe's rural areas

[REC223 \(2007\)](#) and [RES242 \(2007\)](#) - Balanced distribution of healthcare in rural regions

[REC224 \(2007\)](#) and [RES243 \(2007\)](#) - Ensuring territorial continuity of social services in rural regions

[REC212 \(2007\)](#) and [RES231 \(2007\)](#) - E-health and democracy in the regions

[REC175 \(2005\)](#) - Outermost regions: a challenge to the balanced and sustainable development of European territory

[REC107 \(2002\)](#) and [RES128 \(2002\)](#) - The problems of Europe's countryside

[REC26 \(1996\)](#) and [RES41 \(1996\)](#) - Health and citizenship: care for the poorest in Europe

SDG 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

Congress action



The Congress encourages public authorities to make education accessible to all: free, equitable and of quality. In relation with the SDG, the Congress adopted the following texts:

[REC433 \(2019\)](#) and [RES442 \(2019\)](#) Social rights of young people: the role of local and regional authorities

[RES414 \(2017\)](#) - 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

[REC365 \(2014\)](#) and [RES375 \(2014\)](#) - Promoting diversity through intercultural education and communication strategies

[RES332 \(2011\)](#) - Education for democratic citizenship – tools for cities

[REC174 \(2005\)](#) and [RES204 \(2005\)](#) - Youth education for sustainable development: the role of the regions

[REC17 \(1996\)](#) and [RES28 \(1996\)](#) - Responsibilities and initiatives of cities in respect of education

Publications:

Revised European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life

[Human Rights Handbook](#)

Congress website:

[Human Rights](#)

[Youth participation](#)

SDG 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls



Congress action

The Congress actively supports efforts to achieve gender equality and empower women and girls at the local and regional level through both the adoption of texts and participation by its members in events/conferences.

To strengthen gender equality, the Congress has developed activities and encourage local authorities to provide political efforts to: increase the decision-making power of women, guarantee women's rights and guarantee the integration of women from religious and cultural minorities.

Furthermore, The Congress is undertaking work on women participation to public life, equality between men and women, as well as on women's rights, for example by introducing quotas in its national delegations, adopting resolutions and recommendations on gender equality, and contributing to actions fighting violence against women. Through its co-operation activities, it also stresses the importance of adopting and implementing the European Charter for Equality of Women and Men in Local Life as a sound step towards gender equality, gender mainstreaming and the promotion of equal opportunities for women and men in local political and public life.

In relation with SDG 5, the Congress has adopted the following texts:

[RES405 \(2016\)](#) - Gender Budgeting

[REC390 \(2016\)](#) and [RES404 \(2016\)](#) - Women's political participation and representation at local and regional levels

[REC370 \(2015\)](#) and [RES380 \(2015\)](#) - Guaranteeing lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people's rights: a responsibility for Europe's towns and regions

[RES318 \(2010\)](#) - Cultural Integration of Muslim Women in European Cities

[REC288 \(2010\)](#) and [RES303 \(2010\)](#) - Achieving sustainable gender equality in local and regional political life

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[REC260 \(2009\)](#) and [RES279 \(2009\)](#) - Combating domestic violence against women

[REC211 \(2007\)](#) and [RES230 \(2007\)](#) - Freedom of assembly and expression for lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgendered persons

[REC148 \(2004\)](#) and [RES176 \(2004\)](#) - Gender mainstreaming at local and regional level: a strategy to promote equality between women and men in cities and regions

[REC111 \(2002\)](#) and [RES134 \(2002\)](#) - Women's individual voting rights: a democratic requirement

[REC68 \(1999\)](#) and [RES85 \(1999\)](#) - Women's participation in political life in the regions of Europe

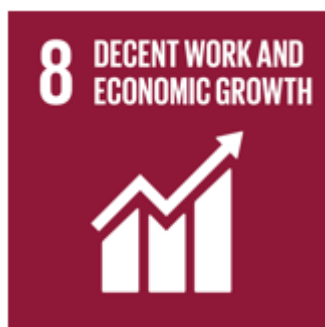
Congress website:

[Human Rights](#)

[Gender Equality](#)

[Cooperation programmes](#)

SDG 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all



Congress action

The Congress has adopted a few texts relating to the economic inclusion:

[REC438 \(2019\)](#) and [RES449 \(2019\)](#) - Fair distribution of taxes in transfrontier areas. Potential conflicts and possibilities for compromise

[RES414 \(2017\)](#) - 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

[REC394 \(2017\)](#) and [RES411 \(2017\)](#) - From reception to integration: the role of local and regional authorities facing migration

[REC381 \(2015\)](#) and [RES391 \(2015\)](#) - Fighting the increasing poverty of women: the responsibility of local and regional authorities

[REC347 \(2013\)](#) and [RES362 \(2013\)](#) - Migrants' access to regional labour markets

[REC343 \(2013\)](#) and [RES358 \(2013\)](#) - Integration through self-employment: promoting migrant entrepreneurship in European municipalities

[REC315 \(2011\)](#) and [RES333 \(2011\)](#) - The situation of Roma in Europe: a challenge for local and regional authorities

[REC262 \(2009\)](#) and [RES281 \(2009\)](#) - Equality and diversity in local authority employment and service provision

[REC129 \(2003\)](#) and [RES153 \(2003\)](#) – Employment and vulnerable groups

[REC62 \(1999\)](#) and [RES81 \(1991\)](#) – Local authorities and employability

[REC52 \(1998\)](#) and [RES72 \(1998\)](#) - The regions and employment: contribution to social cohesion in Europe

[REC25 \(1996\)](#) and [REC40 \(1996\)](#) - Unemployment/employment: new activities and occupations

Publications:

[Making Public Procurement transparent at local and regional levels](#)

Congress website:

[Migrants and integration](#)

SDG 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation



Congress action

In relation with the SDG, the Congress adopted the following texts:

[RES394 \(2015\)](#) - E-media: game changer for local and regional politicians

[REC287 \(2010\)](#) and [RES302 \(2010\)](#) - Intra-regional transport: a challenge for sustainable development and territorial cohesion

[REC274 \(2009\)](#) and [RES290 \(2009\)](#) - E-democracy: opportunities and

risks for local authorities

[REC263 \(2009\)](#) and [RES282 \(2009\)](#) - The digital divide and e-inclusion in the regions

[REC249 \(2008\)](#) and [RES267 \(2008\)](#) - Electronic democracy and deliberative consultation on urban projects

[REC248 \(2008\)](#) and [RES266 \(2008\)](#) - E-tools: a response to the needs of local authorities

[REC212 \(2007\)](#) and [RES231 \(2007\)](#) - E-health and democracy in the regions

[RES137 \(2002\)](#) – Integrated transport policies

SDG 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries



Congress action

In 2014, the [European Alliance of Cities and Regions for the Inclusion of Roma and Travellers](#) was set up to encourage inclusive policies, bringing together 130 cities from 29 countries. The Congress promotes the Declaration against Anti-Gypsyism which, to date, has been signed by 122 local and regional authorities from 34 countries, indicating their determination to fight discrimination against Roma. The Congress also awards the [Dosta! Prize](#) biannually to municipalities that implement innovative initiatives to ensure long-term inclusion of Roma.

The Congress has adopted the following texts relating to social inclusion:

[REC441 \(2019\)](#) and [RES453 \(2019\)](#) - The use of languages by local and regional authorities

[REC438 \(2019\)](#) and [RES449 \(2019\)](#) - Fair distribution of taxes in transfrontier areas. Potential conflicts and possibilities for compromise

[REC433 \(2019\)](#) and [RES442 \(2019\)](#) - Social rights of young people: the role of local and regional authorities

[REC422 \(2017\)](#) and [RES432 \(2018\)](#) - Border regions facing the migration phenomenon

[REC419 \(2018\)](#) and [RES431 \(2018\)](#) - Voting rights at local level as an element of successful long-term integration of migrants and IDPs in Europe's municipalities and regions

[REC414 \(2018\)](#) and [RES428 \(2018\)](#) - Unaccompanied refugee children: the role and responsibilities of local and regional authorities

[REC394 \(2017\)](#) and [RES411 \(2017\)](#) - From reception to integration: the role of local and regional authorities facing migration

[REC388 \(2016\)](#) and [RES403 \(2016\)](#) - The situation of Roma and travellers in the context of rising extremism, xenophobia and the refugee crisis in Europe

[REC354 \(2014\)](#) and [RES66 \(2014\)](#) - Empowering Roma youth through participation: effective policy design at local and regional levels

[REC315 \(2011\)](#) and [RES333 \(2011\)](#) - The situation of Roma in Europe: a challenge for local and regional authorities

[RES319 \(2010\)](#) - Integration of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods

[RES270 \(2008\)](#) - Improving the integration of migrants through local housing policies

[REC246 \(2008\)](#) and [RES264 \(2008\)](#) - Social approach to the fight against racism at local and regional level

[REC194 \(2006\)](#) and [RES218 \(2006\)](#) - Effective access to social rights for immigrants: the role of local and regional authorities

[REC153 \(2004\)](#) and [RES181 \(2004\)](#) - A pact for the integration and participation of people of immigrant origin in Europe's towns, cities and regions

[REC115 \(2002\)](#) and [RES141 \(2002\)](#) - The participation of foreign residents in local public life: consultative bodies

[REC76 \(2000\)](#) and [RES92 \(2000\)](#) - The participation of foreign residents in local public life

[REC11 \(1995\)](#) and [RES44 \(1997\)](#) - Towards a tolerant Europe: the contribution of Roma (Gypsies)

Publications:

[Local Voting rights for the integration of migrants and IDPs](#)

[Human Rights Handbook](#)

Congress website:

[Human Rights](#)

[Migrants and integration](#)

[Roma and Travellers](#)

[Cooperation programmes](#)

SDG 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable



Congress action

In 2015, faced with the rise of hate speech and the terrorist threat, the Congress has adopted a Strategy to fight radicalisation at grassroots level and developed a [Toolkit](#) (for the use by local authorities) to promote intercultural and interreligious dialogue. Furthermore, it organised 3 [Summits of Mayors for the Alliance of European Cities against Violent Extremism](#). It also developed the first edition of a human rights handbook for local and regional authorities on the right of non-discrimination towards refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and IDPs, Roma and

Travellers and LGBTI people and adopted a Declaration against Anti-Gypsyism which it proposes for signature to the local and regional authorities over Europe.

To support local public administrations in leading in a more informed manner, addressing the needs of their communities, and developing demand-driven and responsive policies, the Congress has developed the "[Management of Change: Tool Guide for Local and Regional Authorities](#)".

In relation with the SDG, the Congress has adopted the following texts:

[RES452 \(2019\)](#) - Revised Code of Good Practice for Civil Participation in the Decision-making Process

[REC406 \(2017\)](#) - A better future for Europe's rural areas

[REC392 \(2016\)](#) and [RES407 \(2016\)](#) - Good governance in metropolitan areas

[RES384 \(2015\)](#) - Guidelines for local and regional authorities on preventing radicalisation and manifestations of hate at the grassroots level

[RES339 \(2012\)](#) - Making cities resilient

[REC253 \(2008\)](#) and [RES271 \(2008\)](#) - The social reintegration of children living and working on the streets

[REC251 \(2008\)](#) and [RES269 \(2008\)](#) - European Urban Charter II - Manifesto for a new urbanity

[REC249 \(2008\)](#) and [RES267 \(2008\)](#) - Electronic democracy and deliberative consultation on urban projects

[REC241 \(2008\)](#) and [RES258 \(2008\)](#) – Child in the city

[REC232 \(2008\)](#) and [RES249 \(2008\)](#) - Biodiversity policies for urban areas

[REC230 \(2008\)](#) – Local and regional accounting for responsible local action

[REC225 \(2007\)](#) and [RES245 \(2007\)](#) - Challenges and opportunities for peripheral and sparsely populated regions

[REC220 \(2007\)](#) and [RES240 \(2007\)](#) - Environmental accounting for responsible local action

[REC197 \(2006\)](#) and [RES220 \(2006\)](#) – Urban security in Europe

[REC191 \(2006\)](#) and [RES215 \(2006\)](#) - Chernobyl, 20 years on: local and regional authorities dealing with disasters

[REC188 \(2006\)](#) – Good governance in European metropolitan areas

[REC175 \(2005\)](#) - Outermost regions: a challenge to the balanced and sustainable development of European territory

[REC134 \(2003\)](#) and [RES159 \(2003\)](#) - Tackling terrorism – the role and responsibilities of local authorities

[REC80 \(2000\)](#) and [RES99 \(2000\)](#) - Crime and urban insecurity in Europe: the role of the local authorities

[REC51 \(1998\)](#) and [RES70 \(1998\)](#) – Social cohesion in towns

[REC36 \(1997\)](#) and [RES57 \(1997\)](#) - Crime and urban insecurity in Europe

[RES33 \(1996\)](#) - Crime and urban insecurity in Europe

[REC19 \(1996\)](#) and [RES32 \(1996\)](#) – Aspects of urban policies in Europe

Publications:

[Toolkit for organising intercultural and interreligious activities](#)

[Urban Charter](#)

[Compendium of texts on Promoting human rights at local and regional level](#)

[Human Rights Handbook](#)

[Management of Change: Tool Guide for Local and Regional Authorities](#)

Congress website:

[Preventing radicalisation and building inclusive societies](#)

[Migration and integration](#)

[Cooperation programmes](#)

SDG 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns



Congress action

In relation with the SDG, the Congress adopted the following texts:

[REC266 \(2009\)](#) and [RES284 \(2009\)](#) - The future of cultural tourism – towards a sustainable model

[REC259 \(2009\)](#) and [RES278 \(2009\)](#) - Public water and sewer services for sustainable development

[REC244 \(2008\)](#) and [RES263 \(2008\)](#) - Responsible consumption and solidarity-based finance

[REC230 \(2008\)](#) and [RES247 \(2008\)](#) - Local and regional authorities committed to sustainable consumption

SDG 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts



Congress action

The Congress recognizes the right to a healthy environment. In relation with the SDG, the Congress adopted the following texts:

[RES335 \(2011\)](#) - Energy supply and energy efficiency at local and regional level: promoting energy transition

[REC298 \(2010\)](#) and [RES317 \(2010\)](#) - Coastal towns and cities tackling threats from the sea

[REC281 \(2010\)](#) and [RES298 \(2010\)](#) - After Copenhagen, cities and regions take up the challenge

[REC276 \(2009\)](#) and [RES292 \(2009\)](#) - Improving indoor air quality: a new challenge for local authorities

[REC271 \(2009\)](#) and [RES288 \(2009\)](#) - The global challenge of climate change: Local responses

[REC243 \(2008\)](#) and [RES262 \(2008\)](#) - Public local and regional action: for a new energy culture

[REC231 \(2008\)](#) and [RES248 \(2008\)](#) - Climate change: building adaptive capacity of local and regional authorities

[REC220 \(2007\)](#) and [RES240 \(2007\)](#) – Environmental accounting for responsible local action

[REC215 \(2007\)](#) and [RES236 \(2007\)](#) - Climate change: approaches at local and regional level

[REC191 \(2006\)](#) and [RES215 \(2006\)](#) - Chernobyl, 20 years on: local and regional authorities dealing with disasters

[REC189 \(2006\)](#) and [RES213 \(2006\)](#) - Local and regional waste management and the siting of landfills

[RES183 \(2004\)](#) - The quality and the quantity of drinking water

[REC174 \(2005\)](#) and [RES204 \(2005\)](#) - Youth education for sustainable development: the role of the regions

[REC169 \(2005\)](#) and [RES201 \(2005\)](#) - Major oil spills: the role of local authorities

[REC168 \(2005\)](#) and [RES200 \(2005\)](#) - Natural and industrial disasters: local authorities facing emergencies

[REC166 \(2005\)](#) and [RES197 \(2005\)](#) - The regeneration of mining and industrial areas

[REC161 \(2005\)](#) and [RES193 \(2005\)](#) - Local and regional authorities and renewable energy sources

[REC160 \(2005\)](#) and [RES192 \(2005\)](#) - Coastal management and local and regional authority policy in Europe

[REC138 \(2003\)](#) and [RES164 \(2003\)](#) - Sustainable regions under global rules

[REC108 \(2002\)](#) and [RES129 \(2002\)](#) – Local authorities confronting natural disasters and emergencies

[REC106 \(2002\)](#) and [RES127 \(2002\)](#) – Sustainable development and the liberalization of the energy market

[REC57 \(1999\)](#) - Local and regional economic instruments for the environment

[RES55 \(1997\)](#) - Local and regional financial instruments for the environment

[RES54 \(1997\)](#) - Sustainable development at local and regional levels

SDG 16: Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels



Congress action

The Congress acts for the promotion of inclusive and sustainable societies, by fostering regional democracy, based on human rights, respectful of its citizens rights, liberties and freedoms. It also monitors the situation of local and regional democracy in the 47 Member States of the Council of Europe in the light of the European Charter on Local Self-Government and provides recommendations to all governments in order to improve local self-government in Europe and, pending an official invitation, it observes local and regional elections on a peer-to-peer basis, involving local and regional politicians from the 47 Council of

Europe member States.

To enable a better understanding of the role and responsibilities of local authorities in promoting public ethics and in the prevention and fight of political and administrative corruption, the Congress has recently adopted a series of thematic reports which propose mechanisms to report any wrongdoings. The Congress has also developed country-specific [Handbooks on Transparency and Citizen Participation](#) and a guide for local authorities on the [misuse of administrative resources and fair elections](#). These publications provide local authorities with guidance to develop more effective, accountable and transparent institutions and thus regain the trust of their constituencies.

In relation with the SDG, the Congress has adopted the following texts:

[RES451 \(2019\)](#) - Congress resolution to endorse the Principles on the Protection and Promotion of the Ombudsman Institution (“The Venice Principles”)

[RES452 \(2019\)](#) - Revised Code of Good Practice for Civil Participation in the Decision-making Process

[REC441 \(2019\)](#) and [RES453 \(2019\)](#) - The use of languages by local and regional authorities

[REC435 \(2019\)](#) and [RES444 \(2019\)](#) - The protection of whistleblowers: challenges and opportunities for local and regional government

[REC428 \(2019\)](#) and [RES441 \(2019\)](#) - Fighting nepotism within local and regional authorities

[REC424 \(2018\)](#) and [RES435 \(2018\)](#) - Transparency and open government

[REC423 \(2018\)](#) and [RES434 \(2018\)](#) - Conflicts of interest at local and regional level

[RES433 \(2018\)](#) - European Code of Conduct for all persons involved in local and regional governance

[RES430 \(2018\)](#) - European Local Democracy Week (ELDW) : a new momentum

[RES427 \(2018\)](#) - Promoting human rights at local and regional level

[REC419 \(2018\)](#) - Voting rights at local level as an element of successful long-term integration of migrants and IDPs in Europe’s municipalities and regions

[REC405 \(2017\)](#) and [RES421 \(2017\)](#) - Making public procurement transparent at local and regional levels

[REC398 \(2017\)](#) and [RES417 \(2017\)](#) - Open data for better public services

[REC395 \(2017\)](#) and [RES412 \(2017\)](#) - Recurring issues based on assessments resulting from Congress monitoring and election observation missions (reference period 2010-2016)

[REC394 \(2017\)](#) and [RES411 \(2017\)](#) - From reception to integration: the role of local and regional authorities facing migration

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

[RES402 \(2016\)](#) - The misuse of administrative resources during electoral processes: the role of local and regional elected representatives and public officials

[RES401 \(2016\)](#) - Preventing corruption and promoting public ethics at local and regional levels

[RES394 \(2015\)](#) - E-media: game changer for local and regional politicians

[REC383 \(2015\)](#) and [RES393 \(2015\)](#) - Conditions of office of elected representatives

[REC382 \(2015\)](#) and [RES392 \(2015\)](#) - Championing children’s rights in times of austerity

[RES389 \(2015\)](#) - New forms of local governance

[RES387 \(2015\)](#) - Voting at 16 – Consequences on youth participation at local and regional level

[REC376 \(2015\)](#) and [RES386 \(2015\)](#) - Bringing down barriers to youth participation: adopting a lingua franca for local and regional authorities and young people

[RES385 \(2015\)](#) - Fostering active citizenship by building partnerships with civil society

[REC369 \(2015\)](#) and [RES378 \(2015\)](#) - Electoral lists and voters residing de facto abroad

[REC364 \(2014\)](#) and [RES374 \(2014\)](#) - The role of regional media as a tool for building participatory democracy

[REC361 \(2014\)](#) and [RES371 \(2014\)](#) - Promoting equal opportunities for people with disabilities and their participation at local and regional levels

[RES368 \(2014\)](#) - Strategy on the right of local authorities to be consulted by other levels of government

[REC332 \(2012\)](#) and [RES350 \(2012\)](#) - Regional legislation and action to combat sexual exploitation and abuse of children

[REC328 \(2012\)](#) and [RES347 \(2012\)](#) - The right of local authorities to be consulted by other levels of government

[REC327 \(2012\)](#) and [RES346 \(2012\)](#) - Youth and democracy: the changing face of youth political engagement

[RES343 \(2012\)](#) - Policy of the Council of Europe towards neighbouring regions: the role of the Congress

[REC325 \(2012\)](#) and [RES342 \(2012\)](#) - The changes underway in the Arab countries – opportunities for local and regional democracy

[RES332 \(2011\)](#) - Tools for democratic citizenship

[REC309 \(2011\)](#) and [RES327 \(2011\)](#) - The office of Ombudsman and local and regional authorities

[REC307 \(2011\)](#) and [RES326 \(2011\)](#) - Citizen participation at local and regional level in Europe

[RES316 \(2010\)](#) - Rights and duties of local and regional elected representatives: the risks of corruption

[REC278 \(2009\)](#) and [RES293 \(2009\)](#) - Regions with legislative powers: towards multi-level governance

[REC274 \(2009\)](#) and [RES290 \(2009\)](#) - E-democracy: opportunities and risks for local authorities

[REC273 \(2009\)](#) - Equal access to local and regional elections

[REC272 \(2009\)](#) and [RES289 \(2009\)](#) - Preventing violence against children

[REC265 \(2009\)](#) and [RES283 \(2009\)](#) - Good governance: a key factor for the sustainable economic development of regions

[REC263 \(2009\)](#) and [RES282 \(2009\)](#) - The digital divide and e-inclusion in the regions

[REC253 \(2008\)](#) and [RES271 \(2008\)](#) - The social reintegration of children living and/or working on the streets

[REC249 \(2008\)](#) and [RES267 \(2008\)](#) - Electronic democracy and deliberative consultation on urban projects

[REC248 \(2008\)](#) and [RES266 \(2008\)](#) - E-tools: a response to the needs of local authorities

[REC242 \(2008\)](#) and [RES259 \(2008\)](#) - Integration and participation of young people at local and regional level

[RES244 \(2007\)](#) - The Principles governing Regional Democracy: proposals and strategy

[REC209 \(2007\)](#) and [RES228 \(2007\)](#) - Intergenerational co-operation and participatory democracy

[REC208 \(2007\)](#) and [RES227 \(2007\)](#) - Access to public spaces and amenities for people with disabilities

[REC159 \(2004\)](#) and [RES191 \(2004\)](#) - Regional Ombudspersons: an institution in the service of citizens' rights

[REC153 \(2004\)](#) and [RES141 \(2004\)](#) - A pact for the integration and participation of people of immigrant origin in Europe's towns, cities and regions

[REC115 \(2002\)](#) and [RES141 \(2002\)](#) - The participation of foreign residents in local public life: consultative bodies

[REC76 \(2000\)](#) and [RES92 \(2000\)](#) - The participation of foreign residents in local public life

[REC61 \(1999\)](#) and [RES80 \(1999\)](#) - The role of local and regional mediators/ombudsmen in defending citizens' rights

[REC59 \(1999\)](#) and [RES78 \(2000\)](#) - Europe 2000 - Youth participation: the role of young people as citizens

[REC53 \(1999\)](#) and [RES74 \(1999\)](#) - Policies for deprived children/adolescents and families

[REC5 \(1994\)](#) - Europe and its elderly people: towards a pact between generations and Conclusions of the Sienna Conference

Publications:

[Local voting rights for the integration of migrants and IDPs](#)

[Conflicts of interest at local and regional levels](#)

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The Congress plays an active role in the field by promoting cooperation at all levels. In this context, the Congress has a vital function as a pan-European political assembly of local and regional elected representatives from the 47 Council of Europe member States, debating common interests and challenges and seeking common solutions to many of the issues addressed in the SDGs. The Congress is also working towards the implementation of Objective 17 by working with partners such as UCLG or the Open Government Global Summit and by networking with NGOs and elected officials in different discussion forums. The Congress also cooperates closely with national associations of local and regional authorities. This partnership allows to establish a truly inclusive dialogue.

Also, within the Council of Europe the Congress focuses on the local and regional dimension of the action of its institutions, organs and bodies.

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In relation with the SDG, the Congress has adopted the following text:

[RES452 \(2019\)](#) - Revised Code of Good Practice for Civil Participation in the Decision-making Process

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<https://www.coe.int/en/web/congress/sdg>

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<https://www.coe.int/en/web/un-agenda-2030/home>

Parliamentary Assembly website on SDGs

<http://www.assembly.coe.int/nw/xml/News/News-View-EN.asp?newsid=7575&lang=2&cat=15>

Commissioner for Human Rights on SDGs:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/the-new-development-agenda-should-fulfil-human-rights>

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