

CONGRESS ELECTORAL ASSESSMENT MISSION
21 March 2018 Municipal elections in the Netherlands
Final PROGRAMME

Monday, 19 March 2018

Various times **Arrival of the Congress' Delegation in The Hague**

Tuesday, 20 March 2018

- 8:00 – 8:30 Breakfast briefing for the Delegation with the Congress Secretariat
Venue: Stadsvilla Hotel Mozaic, Laan Copes van Cattenburch 38
- 9:15 – 11:00 Briefing with **Mr Eric STOKKINK, Department Head of Democracy, Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, Ms Janna van der VELDE, Department Head at the Directorate EU, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Mr Melle BAKKER, Secretary-Director, and Mr Edward BRÜHEIM, Senior Legal Adviser, Electoral Council (Kiesraad)**
Venue: Ministry of the Interior, Turfmarkt 147
- 11:30 – 12:30 Meeting with **Mr Jan-Kees WIEBENGA, Chair of the Electoral Council (Kiesraad)**
Venue: Kiesraad, Herengracht 21
- 13:00 – 14:00 Meeting with **Mr Simon RIJSDIJK, Chairman of the Board and Mr Raymond MOORIK, Director, Dutch Association for Civil Affairs - NVVB (Nederlandse Vereniging voor Burgerzaken)**
Venue: Boerhaavelaan 14, Zoetemeer
- Lunch break
- 16:00 – 16:45 Meeting with **Mrs Jantine KRIENS, Chair of the Board of Directors, Chair of the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG)**
Venue: VNG, Nassaulaan, 12
- 17:00 – 17:30 Technical briefing for Election Day
Venue Stadsvilla Hotel Mozaic, Laan Copes van Cattenburch 38

Wednesday, 21 March 2018 – ELECTION DAY

- Around 7:00 **Deployment** of four **Congress** teams from The Hague
(cf. "Deployment plan")
- Around 23:00 **Debriefing** with the Congress teams in The Hague
Venue: Stadsvilla Hotel Mozaic, Laan Copes van Cattenburch 38

Thursday, 22 March 2018

Various times **Departure of the Congress Delegation**

DELEGATION

Congress members

Mr Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (ILDG, R)

Thematic Spokesperson on observation of local and regional elections (Head of Delegation)

Ms Barbara TOCE, Italy (SOC, L), Vice-President of the Congress

Mr Robert-Csongor GRUMAN, Romania (EPP-CCE, R)

Mr Mihkel JUHKAMI, Estonia (EPP-CCE, L)

Mr Jean-Pierre LIOUVILLE, France (SOC, R)

Expert

Mr Nikos CHLEPAS, Congress' Group of Independent Experts on the European Charter of Local Self-Government, expert on electoral matters

Congress Secretariat

Ms Renate ZIKMUND, Head of Division, Local and Regional Election Observation

Ms Ségolène TAVEL, Election observation Officer

Ms Martine ROUDOLFF, Assistant, Local and Regional Election Observation