

**CG34(2018)OJprov**  
26 March 2018



## 34th Session of the Congress

Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe  
27 and 28 March 2018

**DRAFT AGENDA  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**THEME: RIGHTS-BASED GOVERNANCE AT LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEVEL**

### 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 (English or French only) 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 27 March 2018 for which the deadline is **16.00 on Monday 26 March 2018**. 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 26 March 2018 (eve of the session)

### Bureaux meetings

Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities	9.30– 10.00, Room 6
Bureau of the Chamber of Regions	9.30 – 10.00, Room 10
Bureau of the Congress	10.00 – 12.15 and 13.45 – 15.30, Room 8

### Secretaries of delegations meetings

Information meeting	15.45 – 16.30, Room 8
Coffee break	16.30 – 17.30, 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 7
Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG)	Room 10
European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR)	Room 6

**Tuesday 27 March 2018**

## **Committee meetings**

Current Affairs Committee	8.45 – 10.45, Room 9
Governance Committee	8.45 – 10.45, Room 5

**Tuesday 27 March 2018**

11.00-12.30, Hemicycle

## **Plenary sitting**

*\* Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Monday 26 March*

### **Opening of the 34th Session by the President of the Congress**

Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM

### **Verification of new members' credentials** [\[CG33\(2017\)03\]](#) [\[CG34\(2018\)20\]](#)

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



Debate and vote on the draft resolution [\[CG34\(2018\)02\]](#)\*

### **Adoption of the draft agenda of the session**

[CG34(2018)OJ]

### **Adoption of the draft minutes of the last sitting of the 33rd Session (20 October 2017)**

[CG33(2017)PV03]

### **Adoption of the composition of Congress committees**

[CG34(2018)05]

### **Communication by the President of the Congress**

[CG34(2018)08]

Debate

### **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 [\[CG34\(2018\)06\]](#)\*

### **Suspension of the sitting**

**12.30** ***EVENT:** Inauguration of the stand on the 25th anniversary of the Union of Russian Cities followed by a reception offered by the Union of Russian Cities – lobby of the hemicycle*

Tuesday 27 March 2018

14.00-19.00, Hemicycle

## Plenary sitting

\* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Monday 26 March*

### **Exchange of views with Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, President of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) and signature of a revised co-operation agreement between the CoR and the Congress**

Debate

### **Fact-finding mission on the situation of local elected representatives in the Republic of Moldova**

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Marc COOLS, Belgium (L, ILDG), and Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, EPP/CCE)



Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CG34\(2018\)09](#)]\*

### **Statement by Michele NICOLETTI, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe**

Oral reply to questions from the floor

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

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

Statements by:

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

Roland-François WEIL, Representative, UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg



Debate and vote on the draft resolution [[CG34\(2018\)10](#)]\*

### **Local and regional democracy in Latvia**

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



Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CG34\(2018\)11](#)]\*

Statement by Jānis EGLĪTS, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia

Oral reply to written questions [CG34(2018)21]

*Deadline for tabling written questions: 16.00 Monday 26 March*

### **End of the sitting**

**19.30**

**EVENT:** Reception offered by the City of Strasbourg – Hôtel de Ville, Place Broglie (departure by shuttle bus to the Hôtel de Ville at 19.00 and 19.10)

**Wednesday 28 March 2018**

**Chamber of Regions**

9.00-12.00, Hemicycle

*\* Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 27 March*

**Opening of the session by the President of the Chamber**

Gunn Marit HELGESEN

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

[CPR34(2018)OJprov]

**Election of a Vice-President of the Chamber**

**Communication by the President of the Chamber**

[CPR34(2018)01]

**Regional identity and integrity of the nation-State**

Statements by:

- Luís LEITE RAMOS, General Rapporteur on local and regional authorities of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Portugal
- Ana Luísa PEREIRA LUIS, President of the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE) and President of the Parliament of the Açores, Portugal

Debate

**Regional referendum, a tool for democracy: challenges and risks**

Statements by:

- Simona GRANATA-MENGHINI, Deputy Secretary of the European Commission for Democracy through Law of the Council of Europe (the Venice Commission)
- Marthe FATIN-ROUGE STEFANINI, Director of Research of the National Centre of Scientific Research (CNRS), Aix-Marseille University, France
- Stefano BONACCINI, President of the Emilia Romagna Region, Italy, President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions

Debate

**Dates of the next session**

**Close by the President of the Chamber**

**Wednesday 28 March 2018**

**Chamber of Local Authorities**

9.00-12.00, Room 1

*\* Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 27 March*

**Opening of the session by the President of the Chamber**  
Anders KNAPE

**Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber**  
[CPL34(2018)OJprov]

**Communication by the President of the Chamber**  
[CPL34(2018)01]

**Local elections in “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” on 15 October 2017**

Presentation by the rapporteur: Karim VAN OVERMEIRE, Belgium (R, NR)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CPL34\(2018\)02](#)]\*



**Information report on the local elections in Georgia on 21 October 2017**  
[[CPL34\(2018\)03](#)]

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

Debate

**Mayors under pressure**

Statements by:

Patrick KLUGMAN, Deputy Mayor of Paris in charge of International Relations and Francophonie, International Observatory of Mayors in Danger

Elena GRITCO, Councillor, Balti Municipal Council, Republic of Moldova

Leyla IMRET, Former Mayor of Cizre, Turkey

Debate

**Dates of the next session**

**Close by the President of the Chamber**

Wednesday 28 March 2018

14.00-19.00, Hemicycle

## Plenary sitting

\* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 27 March*

### **Danish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (15 November 2017 – 18 May 2018)**

Statement by Simon Emil AMMITZBØLL-BILLE, Minister for Economic Affairs and the Interior, on behalf of the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers

Oral reply to written questions [CG34(2018)12]

*Deadline for tabling written questions: 16.00 Friday 23 March*

### **Unaccompanied refugee children: the role and responsibilities of local authorities**

Presentation by the rapporteur: Nawel RAFIK-ELMRINI, France (L, SOC)

Statements by:

- Tomáš BOČEK, Special Representative of the Secretary General on migration and refugees
- Line OSTAD, youth delegate

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [[CG34\(2018\)13](#)]\*

### **The European Charter of Local Self-Government and smaller member States**

#### **Local democracy in Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco and San Marino**

- Presentation of the report on **local democracy in Andorra** by the co-rapporteurs: Gaye DOGANOGLU, Turkey (L, EPP/CCE), and Zdenek BROZ, Czech Republic (L, ECR)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CG34\(2018\)14](#)]\*

- Presentation of the report on **local democracy in Liechtenstein** by the co-rapporteurs: Artur TORRES PEREIRA, Portugal (L, EPP/CCE), and Marie KAUFMANN, Czech Republic (R, ILDG)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CG34\(2018\)15](#)]\*

- Presentation of the report on **local democracy in Monaco** by the co-rapporteurs: Michalis ANGELOPOULOS, Greece (L, EPP/CCE), and Marianne HOLLINGER, Switzerland (L, ILDG)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CG34\(2018\)16](#)]\*

- Report on **local democracy in San Marino**  
Co-rapporteurs: Gunnar Axel AXELSSON, Iceland (L, SOC), and Harald BERGMANN, Netherlands (L, ILDG)

Presentation by Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG), Vice-chair of the Monitoring Committee

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CG34\(2018\)17](#)]\*

#### **Common challenges faced by smaller States in implementing the European Charter of Local Self-Government**

Introduction by Tania GROPPi, member of the Group of Independent Experts on the European Charter of Local Self-Government (GIE)

Statements by:

- Antoni MARTÍ PETIT, Head of Government of the Principality of Andorra
- Patrice CELLARIO, Minister of the Interior of the Principality of Monaco
- Guerrino ZANOTTI, Minister of Internal Affairs, San Marino
- Silvio PARNIS, Parliamentary Secretary for Local Government and Communities, Malta

Debate

### **Adoption of the draft minutes of the sitting of the Congress on 27 March 2018**

[CG34(2018)PV01am] [CG34(2018)PV01pm] and of the sessions of the chambers on 28 March 2018 [CPL34(2018)PV], [CPR34(2018)PV]

Formal adoption of texts approved by the chambers [CG34(2018)18]

### **Close of the 34th Session by the President of the Congress**

**SPEAKING TIMES APPLIED IN THE DEBATES – Rule 30 paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Rules and Procedure of the Congress**

6. Speaking time for delegates is limited as follows:
  - a. Single rapporteurs presenting reports: 10 minutes;
  - b. Co-rapporteurs presenting reports: six minutes each;
  - c. Single rapporteurs replying to debates: five minutes;
  - d. Co-rapporteurs replying to debates: three minutes each;
  - e. Chairs of committees replying to debates (at their request); three minutes;
  - f. Other speakers (except on personal statements; on setting the agenda; on any procedural question or on amendments): three minutes;
  - g. Speakers on personal statements; on setting the agenda; on any procedural question or on amendments or sub-amendments: one minute.
  
7. When sufficient time is not available for all speakers to be heard for the times provided under Rule 30.6, the president may decide that speaking time will be reduced or that not all those who have entered their name in the register may speak.