

CG35(2018)OJprov

5 November 2018

35th Session of the Congress

Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe

6-8 November 2018


**DRAFT AGENDA
PUBLIC MEETING**


THEME FOR THE 35TH SESSION:

Integrity and ethical behaviour of local and regional elected representatives

**Celebrating 30 years of the
European Charter of Local Self-Government**

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 Local Authorities). Voting in

Room 1 (Chamber of Regions 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 Regions.

- 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): each member should limit herself/himself to one question per guest speaker. Please refer to the agenda for the deadlines.
- The conditions and deadlines for tabling amendments (Office 1081) (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 the texts to be debated on Tuesday 6 November 2018 for which the deadline is **16.00 on Monday 5 November 2018**. Amendments must be signed by five 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.
- Registration of speakers: 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 5 November 2018 (eve of the session)¹

Bureaux meetings

Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities	9.00-10.00, Room 6
Bureau of the Chamber of Regions	9.00-10.00, 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 outside Room 8

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

¹ Please refer to page 8 for the times of bureaux meetings on Thursday 8 November 2018

Tuesday 6 November 2018

9.00-12.30, Hemicycle

Plenary sitting

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Monday 5 November*

30 years of the Charter

Opening of the 35th Session by the President of the Congress Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM

Verification of new members' credentials [CG35(2018)23]

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

Presentation by Michail ANGELOPOULOS

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG35(2018)02]*



Election of the President of the Congress [deadline for candidatures: 9.00 Monday 5 November]

Presentation of the candidates - Electronic voting¹ - Results announced



Acceptance speech by the newly-elected President

Adoption of the draft agenda of the session [CG35(2018)OJ]

Adoption of the draft minutes of the last sitting of the 34th Session (29 March 2018)
[CG34(2018)PV02]

Adoption of the composition of Congress committees [CG35(2018)05]



Congress presidency 2016-2018: activities and achievements [CG35(2018)08]

Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, outgoing President

Debate

European Local Democracy Week (ELDW): a new momentum

Presentation by the rapporteur: Gaye DOGANOGLU, Turkey (L, EPP/CCE), Congress Spokesperson on the European Local Democracy Week

Statements by:

John WARMISHAM, United Kingdom (L, SOC)

Rita JONUSAITE, member of the Reflection Group on the European Local Democracy Week, Lithuania

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG35(2018)11]*



Voting rights at local level as an element of successful long-term integration of migrants and IDPs in Europe's municipalities and regions

Presentation by the rapporteur: Jos WIENEN, Netherlands (L, EPP/CCE), Congress Spokesperson on Observation of Local and Regional Elections

Statement by: Harald JEPSEN, International Senior Adviser, IFES Ukraine

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [CG35(2018)17]*



End of the sitting

¹ If voting is not carried out electronically the sitting shall be suspended from 9.30 to 10.30

Tuesday 6 November 2018

Chamber of Local Authorities

14.00-17.00, Hemicycle

* Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Monday 5 November

30 years of the Charter

Opening of the session by the President of the Chamber

Anders KNAPE



Election of the President of the Chamber

[deadline for candidatures: 12.00 Tuesday 6 November]

Presentation of the candidates

Electronic voting - Results announced

Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber [CPL35(2018)OJ]

Election of the 7 vice-presidents of the Chamber

[deadline for candidatures: 12.00 Tuesday 6 November]

Presentation of the candidates - Vote

Statement by the outgoing President [CPL35(2018)01]

Anders KNAPE



Local democracy in Lithuania

Co-rapporteurs: Artur TORRES PEREIRA, Portugal (L, EPP/CCE) and

Sigurdur Bjorn BLONDAL, Iceland (R, ILDG)

Presentation by: Sigurdur Bjorn BLONDAL

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CPL35(2018)02]*

Statement by Darius URBONAS, Vice-Minister, Ministry of the Interior, Lithuania

Exchange of views



Local democracy in Slovenia

Co-rapporteurs: Henrik Brade JOHANSEN, Denmark, (L, ILDG) and Gaye DOGANOGLU,

Turkey (L, EPP/CCE)

Presentation by: Gaye DOGANOGLU

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CPL35(2018)03]*

Information report on the municipal elections in the Netherlands (21 March 2018)

[CPL35(2018)04]

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

Spokesperson on Observation of Local and Regional Elections

Debate

Mayors under pressure

Statements by:

Jean-Yves CAMUS, Special Advisor to the Delegate General for International Relations, City of Paris, France

Andrzej PORAWSKI, Executive Director, Association of Polish Cities, Poland

Nebojsa ZELENOVIĆ, Mayor of Šabac, Serbia

Debate

Dates of the next session

Close by the President of the Chamber

Committee meetings

Monitoring Committee

Room 1, 17.15-19.00

Current Affairs Committee

Room 9, 17.15-19.00

Governance Committee

Room 5, 17.15-19.00

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Chamber of Regions

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Vote

Statement by the outgoing President [CPR35(2018)01]

Gunn Marit HELGESEN

Border regions facing migration phenomena

Statements by:

Martin GUILLERMO-RAMÍREZ, Secretary General of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR)

Laura FERRARA, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs of the European Parliament, rapporteur on the Common Procedure for Asylum

Fatma SAHIN, Mayor of Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality, President of the Union of Turkish Municipalities and President of UCLG-MEWA, Turkey

Presentation by the rapporteur: Eirini DOUROU, Greece (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [[CPR35\(2018\)02](#)]*

Territorial solidarity: regional self-government or regional selfish government?

Statements by:

Jean-Pierre GRIN, 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

Romain PASQUIER, Director of research at the National Centre of Scientific Research (CNRS), Chair, Territorial Governance and changes in public policy, Institute of Political Studies, University of Rennes, France

Thomas MÜTZE, former Member of the Bavarian State Parliament, Germany

Debate

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Wednesday 7 November 2018

9.00-12.30, Hemicycle

30 years of the Charter

Plenary sitting

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 6 November 2018*

Formal adoption of texts approved by the chambers [CG35(2018)09]

Adoption of the draft minutes of the sitting of the Congress on Tuesday 6 November 2018 [CG35(2018)PV01]

Integrity and ethical behaviour of elected representatives

Introduction by Andreas GALSTER, Germany (L, EPP/CCE), Congress Spokesperson on Promoting Public Ethics and Preventing Corruption at the Local and Regional Levels

- **European Code of Conduct for all persons involved in local and regional governance**

Presentation by the rapporteur: Manuela BORA, Italy (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [[CG35\(2018\)12](#)]*

- **Conflicts of interest at local and regional levels**

Presentation by the rapporteur: Peter JOHN, United Kingdom (L, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [[CG35\(2018\)13](#)]*

- **Transparency and open government**

Presentation by the rapporteur: Andreas GALSTER, Germany (L, EPP/CCE), Congress Spokesperson on Promoting Public Ethics and Preventing Corruption at the Local and Regional Levels

Statements by:

Peter VARGA, Open Government Partnership, Senior Regional Co-ordinator for Europe
Joao FERREIRA, youth delegate

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [[CG35\(2018\)14](#)]*

- **A Code of Conduct for Congress members - revision of the Congress Rules and procedures**

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

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [[CG35\(2018\)16](#)]*

Suspension of the sitting

12.30 *EVENT: Reception offered by the Permanent Representation of Armenia to launch the Exhibition "Yerevan 2800" organised by the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development of Armenia and the Armenian Delegation to the Congress*

Meeting between the youth delegates and Congress members - 13.15-14.15

Portuguese Gallery (Restaurant Bleu) Open to youth delegates, Congress members, secretaries of delegation and advisers
Finger sandwiches and refreshments provided

Wednesday 7 November 2018

14.30-19.00, Hemicycle

Plenary sitting

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Croatian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (18 May 2018-21 November 2018)

Statement by Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers
Oral reply to written questions [CG35(2018)15]

Deadline for tabling written questions: 16.00 Friday 2 November 2018



Revision of the Congress Charter

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

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [[CG35\(2018\)25](#)]*

Presentation of the youth delegates' grass-roots projects for 2018

[CG35(2018)06]

Debate



Local and regional democracy in Georgia

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Michalis ANGELOPOULOS, Greece (L, EPP/CCE), and Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CG35(2018)18]*

Statement by Maya TSKITISHVILI, Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Regional Development and Infrastructure, Georgia

Oral reply to written questions [CG35(2018)19]

Deadline for tabling written questions: 15.00 Monday 5 November

Information report on the observation of early elections in seven municipalities of the Republic of Moldova (20 May 2018) [CG35(2018)22]

Presentation by the rapporteur: Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, EPP/CCE)

Debate

End of the sitting

At the end of the sitting

EVENT: Reception offered by the Croatian Permanent Representation to the Council of Europe and the Croatian Delegation to the Congress in the framework of Croatia's Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers - presentation of the Municipality of Rijeka and a dance group from Dubrovnik

Thursday 8 November 2018

Bureaux meetings

Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities

Room 6, 8.00-8.40

Bureau of the Chamber of Regions

Room 10, 8.00-8.40

Bureau of the Congress

Room 8, 8.45-9.45

Thursday 8 November 2018

10.00-12.45, Hemicycle

Plenary sitting

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Adoption of the draft minutes of the sessions of the chambers on 6 November and of the sitting of the Congress on 7 November 2018

[CPL35(2018)PV], [CPR35(2018)PV], [CG35(2018)PV02am] and [CG35(2018)PV02pm]

Ceremony awarding the Congress medal to honorary members

Artur TORRES PEREIRA, former Head of the Portuguese delegation and former President of the EPP/CCE Group in the Congress

Herwig VAN STAA, former Congress President, former Head of the Austrian delegation and former President of the EPP/CCE Group in the Congress



The consultation of local authorities by higher levels of government

Presentation by the rapporteur: Anders KNAPE, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [[CG35\(2018\)20](#)]*



Coping with the debt burden: local authorities in financial difficulty

Presentation by the rapporteur: Heather MCVEY, United Kingdom (L, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation

[[CG35\(2018\)21](#)]*

Information report on the municipal elections in Tunisia (6 May 2018)

[CG35(2018)10]

Presentation by the rapporteur: Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC)

Debate

Close of the 35th Session by the President of the Congress