

**CG36(2019)OJprov**  
1 April 2019

## 36th Session of the Congress

Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe  
2-4 April 2019

### **DRAFT AGENDA PUBLIC MEETING**

THEME FOR 2019:  
MAYORS SAFEGUARDING DEMOCRACY

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- Registration for 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 1 April 2019 (eve of the session)

### Bureaux meetings

Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities [EN/FR/DE]	9.00-10.00, Room 6
Bureau of the Chamber of Regions [EN/FR/DE/RU]	9.00-10.00, Room 10
Bureau of the Congress [EN/FR/DE/RU]	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 with the youth delegates	16.30-17.30, Parliamentarians' Bar

### Political group meetings

	15.30-17.30
European People's Party Group in the Congress (EPP/CCE) [EN/FR/DE/RU/TR]	Room 9
Socialist Group (SOC) [EN/FR/DE]	Room 7
Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG) [EN/FR/DE]	Room 10
European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) [EN/TR]	Room 6

## Tuesday 2 April 2019

### Committee meetings

Monitoring Committee	8.45-10.45, Room 1 [EN/FR/DE/RU/TR]
Current Affairs Committee	8.45-10.45, Room 9 [EN/FR/DE/TR]
Governance Committee	8.45-10.45, Room 5 [EN/FR/DE/RU/TR]

## Tuesday 2 April 2019

11.00-13.00, Hemicycle

### Plenary sitting [EN/FR/DE/RU/TR]

\* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Monday 1 April*

#### **Opening of the 36th Session of the Congress by the President of the Congress** Anders KNAPE

#### **Verification of new members' credentials and new official procedures for appointing national delegations to the Congress** [CG36(2019)06] [CG36(2019)21]

Co-rapporteurs: Michail ANGELOPOULOS, Greece (L, EPP/CCE), and Johan VAN DEN HOUT, Netherlands (R, SOC)



Presentation by Johan VAN DEN HOUT

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG36(2019)02]\*

#### **Adoption of the draft agenda of the session** [CG36(2019)0J]

#### **Adoption of the draft minutes of the last sitting of the 35th Session (8 November 2018)** [CG35(2018)PV03]

#### **Adoption of the composition of Congress committees** [CG36(2019)03]

#### **Communication by the President of the Congress** [CG36(2019)05]

Debate

#### **Request for Partner for Local Democracy status by the Kingdom of Morocco**

Presentation by the Congress Spokesperson on the South-Mediterranean Partnership: Piero FASSINO, Italy (L, SOC)



Debate and vote on the draft resolution [[CG36\(2019\)07](#)]\*

#### **Fighting nepotism within local and regional authorities**

Presentation by the rapporteur: Wilma DELISSEN VAN TONGERLO, Netherlands (L, ILDG)



Debate and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation [[CG36\(2019\)16](#)]\*

#### **Suspension of the sitting**

**13.00** **EVENT:** *Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Congress followed by a reception offered by the Kingdom of Morocco*

**Tuesday 2 April 2019**

14.30-19.00, Hemicycle

## Plenary sitting [EN/FR/DE/RU/TR]

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### Mayors safeguarding democracy

Statements by:

- Ignacio SANCHEZ AMOR, Secretary of State of Territorial Policy, Spain
- Vanik BERBERIAN, President of the Association of Rural Mayors of France (AMRF)

Debate

### Reflection on the future of the Council of Europe (Helsinki process): the Congress' contribution

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Xavier CADORET, President of the Chamber of Local Authorities, and Gunn Marit HELGESEN, President of the Chamber of Regions



Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [\[CG36\(2019\)08\]](#)\*

### Budget and resources of the Congress for the next biennium (2020-2021)

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Anna MAGYAR, Hungary (R, EPP/CCE), and Barbara TOCE, Italy (L, SOC)



Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [\[CG36\(2019\)09\]](#)\*

### Local and regional democracy in Poland

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: David BARO RIBA, Andorra (L, NR), and Pascal MANGIN, France (R, EPP/CCE)



Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [\[CG36\(2019\)13\]](#)\*

### Statement by Renata SZCZECH, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Administration, Poland

Oral reply to written questions [CG36(2018)24]

*Deadline for tabling written questions: 15.00 Monday 1 April*

### Information report on the assessment of local government elections in Poland (21 October 2018) [\[CG36\(2019\)18\]](#)

Presentation by the rapporteur: Jos WIENEN, Netherlands (L, EPP/CCE)

Debate

### End of the sitting

**19.00** **EVENT:** - *Inauguration of an exhibition on culture, folklore and tourism in Covasna County and reception offered by Covasna County (Romania)*

Wednesday 3 April 2019

Chamber of Regions [EN/FR/DE/RU/TR]

9.00-12.30, Hemicycle

\* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 2 April*

**Opening by the President of the Chamber**  
Gunn Marit HELGESEN

**Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber**  
[CPR36(2019)OJ]

**Communication by the President of the Chamber**  
[CPR36(2019)01]

**Report on the elections of the Cantonal Assemblies in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (7 October 2018)**



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

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [\[CPR36\(2019\)02\]](#)\*

**Open government at regional level**

- Transparency in procedures and in communication
- Mechanisms for greater dialogue and involvement of citizens

Statements by:

- Donatella PORZI, President of the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE) and President of the Legislative Assembly of Umbria, Italy
- David GOESSMANN, Policy Analyst of the Public Governance Directorate of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Luis PETRIKORENA ARBELAIZ, Director of "Gobierno Abierto", Presidency of the Government of the Basque Country, Spain

Debate

**Free debate**

**Date of the next session**

**Close by the President of the Chamber**

**12.30**

**EVENT:** *Reception in the framework of the Finnish Presidency with a concert by the artist IDA ELINA and a photo exhibition on Roma*

Wednesday 3 April 2019

Chamber of Local Authorities [EN/FR/DE/RU/TR]

9.00-12.30, Room 1

\* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 2 April*

**Opening by the President of the Chamber**

Xavier CADORET

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

[CPL36(2019)OJ]

**Communication by the President of the Chamber**

[CPL36(2019)01]

**Thematic debate: Mayors under pressure**

Statements by:

- Jos WIENEN, Mayor of Haarlem, Netherlands
- Andreas HOLLSTEIN, Mayor of Altena, Germany

Debate

**Ad-hoc assessment mission – local elections in the Republic of Slovenia  
(18 November 2018)**

[\[CPL36\(2019\)02\]](#)

Presentation by the rapporteur: Robert GRUMAN, Romania (R, EPP/CCE)

Debate

**Thematic debate: Addressing the urban/rural divide: solutions for territorial renewal**

Statements by:

- Dr Karl KOESSLER, Senior Researcher and Group Leader, Institute for Comparative Federalism - EURAC research (European Academy of Bolzano), Italy
- Jane ATTERTON, Rural Policy Centre Manager and Policy Researcher, Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)
- Anni AHLAKORPI, Member of the Municipal Council of Utsjoki, Finland

Debate

**Date of the next session**

**Close by the President of the Chamber**

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**Wednesday 3 April 2019**

14.30-19.30, Hemicycle

**Plenary sitting** [EN/FR/DE/RU/TR]

\* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 2 April*

**Adoption of the draft minutes** of the sittings of the Congress on 2 April 2019  
[CG36(2019)PV01am] [CG36(2019)PV01pm]

**Finnish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe  
(21 November 2018- 17 May 2019)**

Statement by Jari PARTANEN, State Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Finland, on behalf of the Presidency of the Committee of Ministers

Oral reply to written questions [CG36(2019)11]

*Deadline for tabling written questions: 16.00 Friday 29 March 2018*

**Social rights of young people: the role of local and regional authorities**



Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Liisa ANSALA, Finland (L, ILDG), and Piero FASSINO, Italy (L, SOC)

Statement by Sophia KIRCHER, Austria, youth delegate

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation [[CG36\(2019\)12](#)]\*

**Financial compensation of local and regional elected representatives in the exercise of their office**



Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Marta CAMPANARI-TALABER, Hungary (L, EPP/CCE), and Robert GRUMAN, Romania (R, EPP/CCE)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation [[CG36\(2019\)10](#)]\*

**Partnership for local democracy**

Presentation by the Congress Spokespersons on the South-Mediterranean Partnership: Piero FASSINO, Italy (L, SOC) and Constance DE PELICHY, France (L, EPP/CCE)

Statements by:

- Mohand LAENSER, President of the Fes-Meknes Region and President of the Association of Regions of Morocco (ARM), Head of Delegation, Morocco
- Abdelouahhab EL JABRI, Governor, Head of Co-operation and Documentation at the General Directorate of Local Authorities of the Ministry of Interior, Morocco

Debate

**The protection of whistle-blowers**



Presentation by the rapporteur: Josan MEIJERS, Netherlands (R, SOC)

Statement by Thorhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Pirate Party, Parliament of Iceland, Chairperson of the PACE Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation [[CG36\(2019\)14](#)]\*

**Ceremony awarding the Congress medal to an honorary member**

Svetlana ORLOVA, former Vice-President of the Congress and former Head of the Russian delegation

**End of the sitting**

**20.00** *EVENT: Reception offered by the City of Strasbourg – Hôtel de Ville, Place Broglie (departure by shuttle bus to the Hôtel de Ville at 19.30 and 19.40)*

## Thursday 4 April 2019

Bureau meeting [EN/FR/DE/RU]

8.30-9.15, Room 8 Bureau of the Congress

## Thursday 4 April 2019

9.30-12.30, Hemicycle

Plenary sitting [EN/FR/DE/RU/TR]

*\* Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 3 April*

**Formal adoption of texts approved by the chambers** [CG36(2019)22]

**Adoption of the draft minutes of the sessions of the chambers and of the sitting of the Congress on 3 April 2019** [CPR36(2019)PV], [CPL36(2019)PV] and [CG36(2019)PV02]

**Statement by Liliane MAURY PASQUIER, President of the Parliamentary Assembly**

Oral reply to questions from the floor

**Local and regional democracy 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 [[CG36\(2019\)15](#)]\*

**Statement by Adrian ERMURACHI, Deputy Secretary General of the Government of the Republic of Moldova**

Oral reply to written questions [CG36(2019)23]

*Deadline for tabling written questions: 15.00 Tuesday 2 April*

**Statement by Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe**

Oral reply to questions from the floor

**Close of the 36th Session by the President of the Congress**