



ELDW ANNUAL COORDINATION MEETING

26 FEBRUARY 2021

WEBINAR

Background

To promote citizen participation in Council of Europe member states, the European Local Democracy Week (ELDW) was launched in 2007, aimed at bringing together local authorities and community residents in the week of 15 October – chosen to pay tribute to the opening for signature of the European Charter of Local Self-Government on 15 October 1985. Through public events organised in the framework of this annual pan-European initiative, local authorities from the 47 member states of the Council of Europe and beyond are encouraged to meet and engage with their citizens on issues of common interest for their community development.

In the 2020 Edition, 204 local and regional authorities and their associations from 19 countries have participated in the ELDW, and a record-breaking number of activities, 508, have been reported. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, ELDW participants worked hard to enhance democratic participation and use their resources to keep citizens' safe and involved.

The annual coordination meeting brings together local elected representatives, municipal officials and the National Coordinators. The meeting provides a platform for participants to exchange views and share their best practices, as well as to propose a new biennial theme for 2021 and 2022.

Participants

The list of invited participants:

- Congress Spokespersons on the ELDW
- Secretary General of the Congress
- ELDW National Coordinators
- ELDW 2020 Edition Participants
- Secretaries of the Moroccan and Tunisian Delegations to the Congress
- ELDW Team

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(10:00-12:30 and 14:30-17:00)

KUDO Online System

Interpretation: English, French and Turkish

AGENDA

10.00 Introduction

Dmitri MARCHENKOV, *Head of the Co-operation and External Relations Division (a.i.)*

10.10 Welcoming remarks

Andreas KIEFER, *Secretary General of the Congress*

10.20 Opening of the Meeting

Bryony RUDKIN (UK), *Congress Thematic Spokesperson on the ELDW*

Mihkel JUHKAMI (Estonia), *Congress Thematic Spokesperson on the ELDW (tbc)*

10.30 Evaluation of the ELDW 2020 Edition

Ayben OKKALI AKTAŞ, *ELDW Coordinator*

Roundtable – implementing activities to support the ELDW in 2020

10.40 Presentations of good practices (Part 1)

Moderated by Bryony RUDKIN (UK), Congress Thematic Spokesperson on the ELDW

1. Valongo Municipality, Portugal
2. Büyükçekmece Municipality, Turkey
3. Kharkiv City Council, Ukraine

4. Konak Municipality, Turkey
 5. Fondouk Djedid Selten Municipality, Tunisia
 6. Ramnicu Valcea Municipality, Romania
 7. Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities, Serbia
 8. Lüleburgaz Municipality, Turkey
 9. Huddinge Municipality, Sweden
 10. Muratpaşa Municipality, Turkey
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12.30–14.30 Lunch Break

14.30 Presentations of good practices (Part 2)

Moderated by Bryony RUDKIN (UK), Congress Thematic Spokesperson on the ELDW

11. Buca Municipality, Turkey
 12. Vranje City, Serbia
 13. Çiğli Municipality, Turkey
 14. Lviv City Council, Ukraine
 15. Beşiktaş Municipality, Turkey
 16. Edremit Municipality, Turkey
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15.30 Proposal of a possible theme for the ELDW Editions 2021 and 2022

Presentation of proposals on a possible biennial theme

Dmitri MARCHENKOV, *Head of the Co-operation and External Relations Division (a.i.)*

Presentation of the World Forum for Democracy 2020, “Can Democracy Save the Environment?”

Lana COP, World Forum for Democracy Secretariat

(15.50) Exchange of views with participants

16:30

Online Award Ceremony

“Partner of the European Local Democracy Week 2020”

Presentation of Certificates to the awarded municipalities and associations

16.50

Closing remarks

Bryony RUDKIN (UK), *Congress Thematic Spokesperson on the ELDW*