



# THE CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES



- A **POLITICAL ASSEMBLY** of local and regional elected with **612** mayors, governors, councillors, etc.
- **REPRESENTING 130 000** local and regional authorities from all **46** Council of Europe member States.
- **PROMOTING** the local and regional dimension of the Council of Europe values: human rights, democracy and rule of law.
- **CONTRIBUTING** to the development of legal instruments in the field of territorial democracy



The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Le Congrès des pouvoirs locaux et régionaux du Conseil de l'Europe



## Some key dates since 1952...



**1952** | 26 September  
Creation of a Special Committee on Municipal and Regional Affairs within the Parliamentary Assembly

**1957** | 12 January  
First session of the "European Conference of Local Authorities" in Strasbourg.

**1975** | 19 February  
The Conference becomes the "**Conference of Local AND REGIONAL Authorities of Europe**".

**1985** | 15 October  
The European Charter of Local Self-Government is opened for signature.

**1994** | 14 January  
The Conference is replaced by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities.



**2003** | 21 May  
Adoption of the Revised European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life.

**2013** | 23 October  
The European Charter of Local Self-Government ratified by the 47 Council of Europe member States.

**2019** |  
The Congress votes to grant the status of partner of local democracy to the Kingdom of Morocco and Tunisia.



## Structure & Functioning

**THE CONGRESS**



**THE BUREAU**  
Executive Body

**2 Chambers**

**CHAMBER OF LOCAL  
AUTHORITIES**

**CHAMBER OF REGIONS**

**THE STATUTORY FORUM**

**3 STATUTORY Committees**

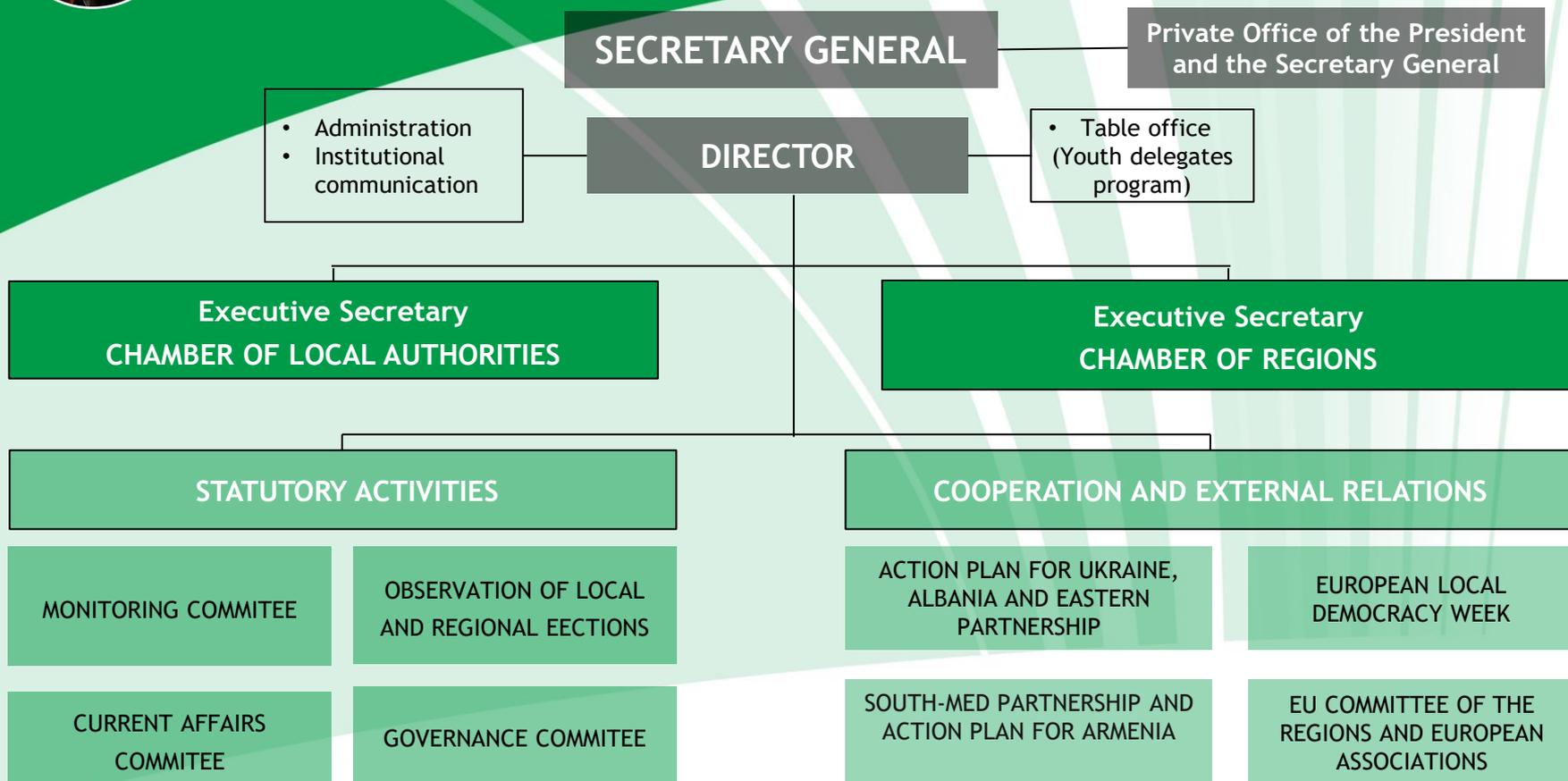
The **MONITORING  
COMMITTEE**

The **GOVERNANCE  
COMMITTEE**

The **CURRENT  
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**



# Secretariat





## National Delegations

**CONGRESS MEMBERS**  
306 representatives and 306 substitute  
⌚ 4 years

Grouped by the 46 National delegations



Divided between Chambers & Political groups

**CHAMBER OF LOCAL  
AUTHORITIES**



**CHAMBER OF  
REGIONS**

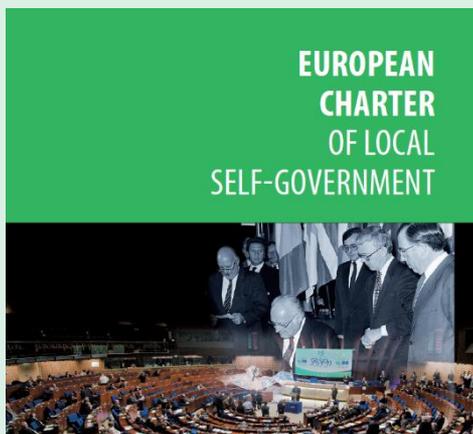


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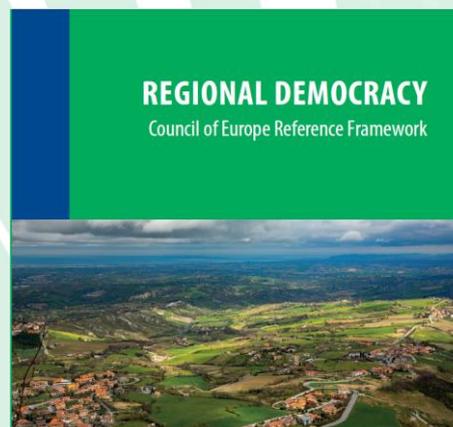


## A Normative body

### MAIN LEGAL INSTRUMENTS AND REFERENCE TEXTS



Standards for protecting  
the rights of local  
authorities



Principles of regional  
democracy: structure,  
organisation, place in  
State, ect...

## Monitoring local and regional democracy

### MONITORING COMMITTEE

Monitoring the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government and its additional Protocol



- **Regular Monitoring visit** (every 5 years)
- **Examine** the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government
- **Country-by-country reports** & particular aspect of the Charter.

### OBSERVATION OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL ELECTIONS

Complementary activity to the political follow-up process of the Charter



- **Observation mission on invitation by member States**
- **Reports** on pre-electoral situation and voting process
- **Cooperation with European institutions**

## Governance and Current Affairs

### GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Congress' statutory affairs



- Governance and public ethics
- Public finance
- Cross-border and Interregional co-operation
- E-democracy
- Citizen participation, etc

### CURRENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

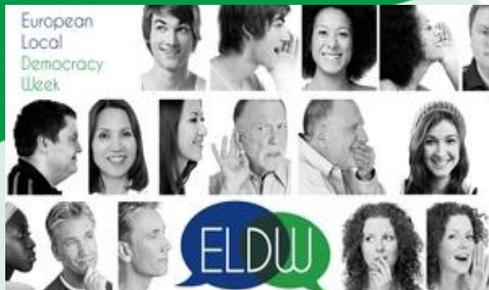
Thematic on the challenges of today's societies



- Social cohesion
- Development of inclusive societies
- Education
- Intercultural dialogue
- Youth and protection of children
- Integration of migrants, etc



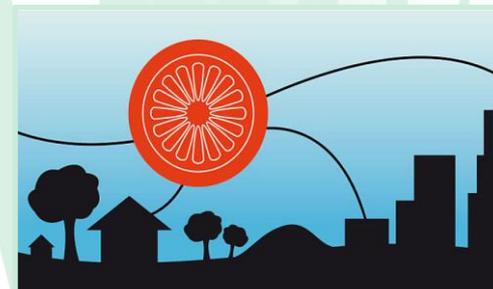
## Thematic and field activities



European Local Democracy Week



South-Med Partnership

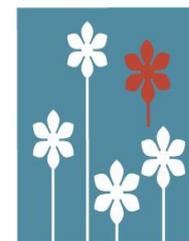


European Alliance of cities and regions for Roma Inclusion



Cooperation programmes

one in five  
un sur cinq



Children rights



## Political dialogue

### Political Dialogue with Council of Europe Institutions



**Committee of Ministers**  
Decision-making body



**Parliamentary Assembly**  
Forum for debates and proposals

### Partnerships

- The **Committee of the Regions** of the European Union
- **National associations** of local and regional authorities
- **International associations** of local and regional authorities