

34th SESSION

Promoting human rights at local and regional level

Resolution 427 (2018)¹

1. The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe refers to:
 - a. Resolution 365 (2014) on the “Best practices of implementation of human rights at local and regional level in member States of the Council of Europe and other States”;
 - b. Resolution 296 (2010) Revised and Recommendation 280 (2010) Revised on the “Role of local and regional authorities in the implementation of human rights”;
 - c. The reply adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 6 July 2011 at the 1118th meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies on the role of local and regional authorities in the implementation of human rights (CM/Cong(2011)Rec280 final) whereby the Committee of Ministers welcomes the Congress initiatives in the field of human rights at local level;
 - d. The first volume of the Handbook on Human Rights attached to this resolution;
2. The Congress, convinced that the application of human rights in grass-roots’ policies will serve to achieve the goal of strengthening local and regional democracy throughout Europe:
 - a. endorses the Handbook on Human Rights as a user-friendly compendium of good practice for local and regional authorities and their administrations to respond to human rights challenges – concerning refugees, asylum seekers and migrants; Roma and travellers and LGBTI – in their municipalities and regions in an effective and sustainable manner;
 - b. invites local and regional authorities and their administrations in member States and non-member States of the Council of Europe with whom the Organisation carries out co-operation activities to disseminate, promote and use this Handbook on Human Rights in their local and regional policies for the benefit of the citizens of their communities;
 - c. asks its Monitoring Committee, in co-operation with other Congress bodies and relevant bodies of the Council of Europe, to prepare the second volume of the Handbook on Human Rights.

¹ Debated and adopted by the Congress on 27 March 2018, 1st sitting (see Document [CG34\(2018\)10](#), Promoting human rights at local and regional level), rapporteur: Harald BERGMANN, Netherlands (L, ILDG), Congress Spokesperson on Human Rights at Local and Regional Level.