

THE CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES

Resolution 427 (2018)¹ Promoting human rights at local and regional level

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 countries;

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 the explanatory memorandum (see footnote);

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 to help 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 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](#), explanatory memorandum), rapporteur: Harald BERGMANN, Netherlands (L, ILDG), Congress Spokesperson on Human Rights at Local and Regional Level.