

# THE CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES

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## Recommendation 306 (2011)<sup>1</sup> Budget and resources of the Congress in 2012-2013

1. The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe considering:

*a.* the review it has carried out since 2008, of its mission, priorities, activities and working methods and the subsequent changes to its structures, carried out in the framework of the reform of the Council of Europe, focusing on the core values of the Organisation;

*b.* the resulting amendments to the Congress Charter and Statutory Resolution, approved by the Committee of Ministers on 19 January 2011.

2. Bearing in mind the request of the Secretary General that Council of Europe bodies draw-up a 2012-2013 budget lower than the current year and that the Congress has been asked to prepare a budget with an overall reduction of 0.75%.

3. Convinced that the budget proposal presented by the Secretary General constitutes an indispensable tool to implement the objectives of the reform and priorities of the Council of Europe and the Congress, as the basis for

implementing the policy choices and for achieving these objectives at local and regional level.

4. Therefore asks the Committee of Ministers to:

*a.* acknowledge the savings achieved in the past years;

*b.* adopt the 2012-2013 budget of the Congress as proposed by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;

*c.* encourage member states to consider funding, by means of voluntary contributions, post-monitoring activities with regard to the monitoring by the Congress of the implementation of the European Charter of Local Self-Government, and of local and regional elections;

*d.* ensure, through its dialogue with the Congress, consistency between the priorities adopted by the Congress and its budgetary allocations in order to achieve critical mass and impact;

*e.* take note of the reaffirmed willingness of the Congress to co-operate in ensuring the successful reform of the Council of Europe and of the Congress itself;

*f.* continue to involve the Congress fully in the discussions concerning the future of the Organisation and grant it its rightful place in this context.

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1. Discussed and adopted by the Statutory Forum for the Congress on 17 June 2011 (see document CG(20)16, explanatory memorandum presented by: J.-C. Frécon, France (L, SOC) and S. Orlova, Russian Federation (R, PPE/DC) rapporteurs).