



## **The role of the Council of Europe Congress in the promotion of local democracy in Georgia**

24 September 2019

Tbilisi City Assembly

*(Working languages: French, English and Georgian)*

### **10:00 – Registration of participants**

10:15 - Visit to ELDW stand by Mayor Kakha Kaladze, photo Session

**10:30 – Welcoming speeches** Facilitated by Ms Tamar Taliashvili, Vice-President of the Congress, Vice-President of NALAG

**Mr Kakha Kaladze** – Mayor of Tbilisi, Head of the Georgian delegation to the Congress, President of NALAG

**Ms Maya Tskitishvili** – Vice-Premier, Minister for Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia (MRDI)

**Mr Xavier Cadoret** – Vice-President of the Congress

**Mr Zaza Gabunia** – MP, Head of the Committee on Regional Policy and Local Self-Governance, Parliament of Georgia

**Mr Vahag Muradyan** – Deputy Head of Office, Council of Europe Office in Georgia

**Mr Giorgi Tkemaladze** – Head of Tbilisi City Assembly

### **Keynote address**

**Mr Andreas Kiefer** – Secretary General of the Congress

### **Signing Ceremony**

*Signature of the European Charter for Equality of Women and Men in Local Life by the City of **Kutaisi** and the municipalities of **Lagodekhi, Ozurgeti and Rustavi***

**11:45-13:00 – Panel on local democracy and equal participation** Facilitated by David Melua

**Ms Mzia Giorgobiani** – Deputy Minister of MRDI – New Decentralisation Strategy

**Ms Tamar Taliashvili** – Vice-President of the Congress – European Charter for Equality of Women and Men in Local Life

**Mr Xavier Cadoret** – Vice-President of the Congress

**Ms Bryony Rudkin** – Congress Thematic Spokesperson on European Local Democracy Week

**Ms Lela Akiashvili** – Project manager, UNDP Joint Programme for Gender Equality

### **Questions and Answers**

**13:00 – Buffet lunch served at the Hotel Courtyard Marriott Tbilisi**