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14 October 2016

31st Session of the Congress



Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe
19-21 October 2016

DRAFT AGENDA
PUBLIC MEETING

THEME FOR 2016:

ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY AT LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEVEL

Members' attention is drawn to:

- Electronic voting on texts and for individual elections will take place in the Hemicycle and in Room 1. Members' **badges**  will be used for electronic voting in the hemicycle (Congress and Chamber of Local Authorities). Voting in Room 1 (Chamber of Regions session) will be done using the voting **handsets**  which will be distributed at the entrance to the room upon signature of the attendance register. Voting handsets should be handed in to the secretariat at the end of the session of the Chamber of Regions.
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- Access to the hemicycle is strictly limited to holders of badges which indicate the specific hemicycle symbol. Seating in the hemicycle during plenary sittings will be allocated according to the seating plan available for consultation by the entrance.
- Tabling written questions for oral reply (Office 1081) (congress.session@coe.int): each member should limit herself/himself to one question per guest speaker. Please refer to the agenda for the deadlines.
- The conditions and deadlines for tabling amendments (Office 1081) (congress.session@coe.int): at the latest at **10.00 on the eve** of the day when the texts to which they refer are to be discussed, except for texts to be debated on Wednesday 19 October for which the deadline is **16.00 on Tuesday 18 October**. Amendments must be signed by 5 delegates from at least two delegations for texts debated in plenary sittings or by any five delegates from at least two national delegations sitting in the Chamber of Local Authorities for debates in that chamber and by any five delegates from at least two national delegations sitting with full capacity in the Chamber of Regions for debates in that chamber. Each amendment must specify the name of the delegate who will submit it.
- The form for registration of speakers for the debates, available at the entrance of the hemicycle and Room 1 (plenary sittings and chamber sessions) must be submitted to the Table Office secretariat seated in front of the President's rostrum for sittings in the hemicycle or to the secretariat of the President for the chamber meeting in Room 1.
- **Finance Office:** Offices 1040 and 1035.
- **Table Office** for any further questions: Office 1081.

Tuesday 18 October 2016 (eve of the session)

Bureaux meetings

Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities	8.00-9.00, Room 6
Bureau of the Chamber of Regions	9.00-10.00, Room 7
Bureau of the Congress	10.00-12.00 and 13.30-15.30, Room 8

Training seminar on observation of local and regional elections by the Congress

13.00-15.25, Room 1

Secretaries of delegations coffee meeting

16.30-17.30, Room 4

Political group meetings

15.30-17.30

European People's Party Group in the Congress (EPP/CCE)	Room 9
Socialist Group (SOC)	Room 11
Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG)	Room 10
European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR)	Room 6

Wednesday 19 October 2016

9.00 -12.15 Hemicycle

Plenary sitting

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Tuesday 18 October*

Opening of the 31st Session of the Congress

by the oldest member present

Verification of new members' credentials and official procedures for appointing national delegations to the Congress

Presentation by the co-rapporteurs:

Gaye DOĞANOĞLU, Turkey (L, EPP/CCE), and Leen VERBEEK, Netherlands (R, SOC)



Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG31(2016)02-prov]* [CG31(2016)03]
[CG31(2016)25]

Election of the President of the Congress

[deadline for candidatures: 9.00 Tuesday 18 October]

Presentation of the candidatures

Commencement of voting



If voting is not carried out electronically the sitting shall be suspended from 9.15 to 10.15

Statement by the newly-elected President

Adoption of the draft agenda of the session

[CG31(2016)OJprov]

Adoption of the draft minutes of the last sitting of the 30th Session (24 March 2016)

[CG30(2016)PV03prov]

Adoption of the composition of Congress committees

[CG31(2016)04prov]

Congress presidency 2014-2016: Statement by the outgoing President Jean-Claude FRECON

Debate

Statement by Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Oral reply to questions from the floor

Joint reflection document on follow-up to the Congress Strategy to combat radicalisation at grass-roots level



Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Bert BOUWMEESTER, Netherlands (L, ILDG), and Josef NEUMANN, Germany (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG31(2016)15prov]*

Suspension of the sitting

12.15 *"Family photo" of Congress members in the hemicycle*

12.30 *EVENT: Inauguration of the ISKEP stand and reception offered by the Union of Municipalities of Turkey*

Wednesday 19 October 2016

14.15 -17.15, Hemicycle

Plenary sitting

** Deadline for tabling amendments: 16.00 Tuesday 18 October*

Presentation of local and regional projects undertaken by youth delegates

Statements by youth delegates

Debate

Ethics and transparency at local and regional level

- **Preventing corruption/promoting public ethics at local and regional level**

Presentation by the rapporteur: Herwig VAN STAA, Austria (R, EPP/CCE)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG31(2016)06prov]*



- **The misuse of administrative resources during electoral processes: the role of local and regional elected representatives and public officials**

Presentation by the rapporteur: Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG)

Statement by 1 guest speaker

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG31(2016)07prov]*



End of the sitting

Committee meetings

17.20 -19.20

Room 1 Monitoring Committee (votes in Room 2)

Room 6 Current Affairs Committee (votes in Room 7)

Room 8 Governance Committee (votes in Room 9)

[deadline for candidatures for committee chairmanships and vice-chairmanships: 18.00 Tuesday 18 October]

Thursday 20 October 2016

Chamber of Local Authorities

9.00 – 12.00, Hemicycle

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 19 October*

Opening of the session by the oldest member present

Election of the President of the chamber

[deadline for candidatures: 7.00 Thursday 20 October]

Presentation of the candidatures

Commencement of voting

If voting is not carried out electronically the sitting shall be suspended from 9.15 to 10.00



Adoption of the draft agenda of the chamber

[CPL31(2016)OJprov]

Election of the 7 vice-presidents of the chamber

[deadline for candidatures: 7.00 Thursday 20 October]

Presentation of the candidates

Vote

Statement by the outgoing President [CPL31(2016)01]

Anders KNAPE

Information report on the observation of local by-elections in Armenia (18 September 2016) [CPL31(2016)02]

Presentation by the rapporteur: Liisa ANSALA, Finland (L, ILDG)

Debate

The situation of Roma and Travellers in the context of rising racism and xenophobia

Presentation by the rapporteur: John WARMISHAM, United Kingdom (L, SOC)

Statements by:

Valeriu NICOLAE, Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues

Laura BOSNEA, Local Councillor of Riscani, Moldova

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [CPL31(2016)03prov]*



Local democracy in Cyprus

Co-rapporteurs: Bernd VOEHRINGER, Germany (L, EPP/CCE) and Randi MONDORF, Denmark (R, ILDG)

Presentation by rapporteur: Bernd VOEHRINGER, Germany (L, EPP/CCE)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CPL31(2016)05prov]*



Dates of the next session

Close by the President of the chamber

12.00 *EVENT: Inauguration of the exhibition "Autumn Rhapsody" and reception offered by the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Moldova*

Thursday 20 October 2016

Chamber of Regions

9.00 – 12.00, Room 1

** Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 19 October*

Opening of the session by the oldest member present

Election of the President of the chamber

[deadline for candidatures: 7.00 Thursday 20 October]

Presentation of the candidatures

Commencement of voting

If voting is not carried out electronically the sitting shall be suspended from 9.15 to 10.00



Adoption of the draft agenda of the chamber

[CPR31(2016)OJ-prov]

Election of the 7 vice-presidents of the chamber

[deadline for candidatures: Thursday 20 October 7.00]

Presentation of the candidates

Vote

Statement by the outgoing President [CPR31(2016)01]

Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM

Thematic debate: “Social Rights in Europe: the implementation of the European Social Charter at regional level”

Introductory statement by Luis JIMENA QUESADA Judge, Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Valencia

Presentation of best practices / round table with the participation of the members of the Bureau and of the Chamber.

Dates of the next session

Close by the President of the chamber

12.00

EVENT: *Inauguration of the exhibition “Autumn Rhapsody” and reception offered by the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Moldova*

Meeting between the youth delegates and Congress members

13.00 -13.45

Room 11 Open to youth delegates, members of the Congress, secretaries of delegation and advisers

Thursday 20 October 2016

14.00 – 19.30, Hemicycle

Plenary sitting

** Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 19 October*

Adoption of the draft minutes of the sittings of the Congress on 19 October 2016
[CG31(2016)PV01am-prov] [CG31(2016)PV01pm-prov]

**Chairmanship by Estonia of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
(18 May 2016 – 22 November 2016)**

Statement by Hanno PEVKUR, Minister of the Interior, on behalf of the Estonian
Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers

Oral reply to written questions [CG31(2016)08]

Deadline for tabling written questions: 16.00 Friday 14 October 2016

Women's political participation and representation at local and regional levels

Presentation by the rapporteur: Inger LINGE, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE)



Statement by:

Ibon URIBE ELORRIETA, Mayor of Galdakao, Spain, Chair of the Standing Committee for
Equality of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)

Elisabeth FEICHTINGER, Mayor of Altmünster, Austria

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [CG31(2016)09prov]*

Gender budgeting



Presentation by the rapporteur: Cathy BENNETT, Ireland (L, NR)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG31(2016)10-prov]*

Political dialogue with the Armenian authorities

Exchange of views with Davit LOKYAN, Minister of Territorial Administration and
Development of Armenia

Oral reply to questions from the floor

**Information report on the observation of local and provincial elections in Serbia (24
April 2016)** [CG31(2016)21]

Presentation by the rapporteur: Karim VAN OVERMEIRE, Belgium (R, NR)

Local and regional democracy in Croatia

Co-rapporteurs: Luzette KROON, Netherlands (L, EPP/CCE) and Ole HAABETH, Norway
(R, SOC)

Presentation by: Luzette KROON, Netherlands (L, EPP/CCE)

Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CG31(2016)11-prov]*

End of the sitting

19.30

*EVENT: Reception offered by the national delegation of Armenia to the Congress on the
occasion of the 20th anniversary of local self-governance in Armenia*

Friday 21 October 2016

Bureau meetings

8.00 – 8.30, Room 6

Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities

8.00 – 8.30, Room 7

Bureau of the Chamber of Regions

8.40 – 9.45, Room 8

Bureau of the Congress

Friday 21 October 2016

10.00-12.30, Hemicycle

Plenary sitting

** Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Thursday 20 October*

Formal adoption of texts approved by the chambers [CG31(2016)12]

Adoption of the draft minutes of the sittings of the chambers and of the Congress on 20 October 2016 [CPL31(2016)PVprov], [CPR31(2016)PVprov] and [CG31(2016)PV02prov]

Congress priorities for 2017-2020



Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Anders KNAPE, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE), and Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, Austria (R, SOC)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG31(2016)13prov]*

Good governance in metropolitan areas

Presentation by the Chair of the Governance Committee



Statement by Luis LEITE RAMOS, General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities of the Parliamentary Assembly, Member of Parliament of Portugal

Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [CG31(2016)17prov]*

Venice Commission Rule of Law Checklist



Presentation by the rapporteur Jos WIENEN, Netherlands (L, PPE/CCE)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG31(2016)24prov]

Revision of the Rules and Procedures of the Congress



Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Marc COOLS, Belgium (L, ILDG), and Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, EPP/CCE)

Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG31(2016)16prov]*

Close of the 31st Session by the President of the Congress