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[Programme]



Conseil des Communes
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Council of European
Municipalities and Regions

FIT FOR THE FUTURE?
how Europe's local and regional
governments are preparing

15:00

Opening session

Ilmar Reepalu, Mayor of Malmö

Hilde Zach, Mayor of Innsbruck

Michael Häupl, President of CEMR, Mayor and Governor of Vienna, President of Österreichischer Städtebund

Jerker Swanstein, President of the Executive Board, Region of Skåne

15:30

Intermission, with film "*Fit for the Future?*"

15:45

Forum: Thriving or Surviving? – meeting the international and European challenges

Introduced by **Anders Knape**, First Vice-President of CEMR, President of the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions

Moderated by: **Beate Weber**, former Mayor of Heidelberg, former member of the European Parliament

Address by Cecilia Malmström, Minister for European Union Affairs of Sweden

Address by Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, former President of France, President Emeritus of CEMR

Address by Eva Srejber, Vice President of the European Investment Bank

Panel:

Robert Manchin, Chairman and Managing Director of Gallup Organisation Europe

Nikitas Kaklamanis, Mayor of Athens, Executive-President of CEMR, President of the Central Union of Municipalities and Communities of Greece

Bärbel Dieckmann, Mayor of Bonn, Executive-President of CEMR, Chair of the World Mayors Council on Climate Change

Håkan Buskhe, Chief Executive Officer and President of E.ON Nordic AB and E.ON Sverige AB

18:00

Reception (Congress Centre)



8:30/
9:30

Meetings of national delegations

9:30/
11:00

Parallel sessions:

*Democracy and Governance session 1: **Participation and inclusion – towards a deeper democracy***

Moderated by: **Aina Simonsen**, Director of International Affairs, the Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities

Equality of women and men in local life – the example of CEMR's Charter:

Jocelyne Bougeard, Deputy Mayor of Rennes, Chair of CEMR's Committee of women elected representatives (F)

Rosa Aguilar Rivero, Mayor of Cordoba, Vice President of Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (E)

Patrizia Dini, Regional Secretary of the Tuscan Federation of the Italian section of CEMR (I)

New partnerships for social inclusion:

Annemarie Jorritsma, Mayor of Almere, Vice President of CEMR, President of the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (NL)

Richard Kemp, member of the Liverpool City Council, Vice-Chair of the Local Government Association (UK)

Jokin Bildarratz Sorron, Mayor of Tolosa, President of the Association of Basque Municipalities (E)

Carlos Dias Teixeira, Mayor of Loures (P)

Risto Raivio, Head of Unit "Citizenship policy, Europe for citizens", DG Education and culture, European Commission

Quality services for tomorrow's Europe, session 1:

Demographic change – what impact on our services and workforces?

Chaired by: **Carl Cederschiöld**, President of the European Centre of Enterprises with Public Participation and of Enterprises of General Economic Interest (CEEP)

Lenia Samuel, Deputy Director General of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission

Ilija Batljan, Mayor of Nynäshamn (S)

Jolanta Barska, Mayor of Nysa (PL)

Carola Fischbach-Pyttel, General Secretary, European Federation of Public Service Unions

Markku Jalonen, Director General of the Commission for Local Authority Employers in Finland (FI)

11:30/
13:00

Parallel sessions:

Democracy and Governance, session 2:

Local and regional government facing change

Moderated by **Christophe Chaillou**, Director General of the French Association of CEMR (F)

Daniel Liljeberg, Political Adviser to the State Secretary of Local Government and Public Administration of Sweden

Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir, Mayor of Reykjavik (IS)

Roberto Di Giovan Paolo, Senator, Secretary General of the Italian section of CEMR (I)

Emile Eicher, Mayor of Munshausen, Vice-President of the Association of Luxembourg Towns and Municipalities (L)

Mårten Johansson, Mayor of Raseborg (FI)

Hellmut Wollmann, Professor emeritus, Humboldt University Berlin

Quality services for tomorrow's Europe, session 2:

Focus on quality – improving and evaluating what we do

Moderated by **Angelika Poth-Mögele**, CEMR Director of Policy

Håkan Sörman, Chief Executive Officer of the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (S)

Philippe Laurent, Mayor of Sceaux, member of the Conseil Général of the department Hauts-de-Seine, Executive President of the French Association of CEMR (F)

Andrzej Porawski, Executive Director, Association of Polish Cities (PL)

Gunnar Schwarting, Managing Director of the Association of Cities in Rheinland-Pfalz, member of the Executive Committee of the Deutscher Städte - und Gemeindebund (D)

Cllr Derek Vaughan, Deputy Leader of the Welsh Local Government Association (UK)

13:00/
14:30

Lunch



14:30/
16:00

Parallel sessions: ***Europe and the Territorial Dimension***

Priorities for a new cohesion policy - beyond the urban-rural divide

Moderated by **Åsa Ehinger Berling**, Director of the International Section of the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (S)

Michele Pasca-Raymondo, Deputy Director General of DG for Regional Policy, European Commission

Louis Le Pensec, Vice-President of CEMR, President of the French Association of CEMR (F)

Jana Fišerová, Mayor of Havlíčkův Brod, Member of the Committee for Foreign Cooperation of the Union of Towns and Communities of the Czech Republic (CZ)

Johannes Peinsteiner, Mayor of St. Wolfgang, member of the Bureau of the Austrian Association of Municipalities (A)

Paul Bevan, Secretary General of Eurocities

The EU and its neighbours: co-operation for peace, stability and integration

Moderated by **Dušica Perišić**, Executive Director of ZELS - Association of the Units of Local Self Government of Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)

Gisela Gauggel-Robinson, Head of Unit, Information and Communication, DG Enlargement, European Commission

Omar El Jazouli, Mayor of Marrakech, co-President of the UCLG Interregional Mediterranean Committee (MA)

Serhiy Odarych, Vice-President of the Association of Ukrainian Cities, Mayor of Cherkassy (UA)

Tarzan Milošević President of the Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe (NALAS)

Ahmad Al Adsani, Assistant General Secretary of the Arab Towns Organisation

Fabio Pellegrini, First Vice-President of the Italian section of CEMR (I)



16:15/
18:00

Plenary session: *New roles, new partnerships for international development*

Moderated by **Sandra Ceciari**, CEMR Director of citizenship and international cooperation

Introduction by **Wolfgang Schuster**, European Vice-President of United Cities and Local Governments, Vice-President of CEMR, Mayor of Stuttgart

Angelo Baglio, Head of Unit, Relations with Civil Society and Co-ordination, EuropeAid Co-operation office, European Commission

Nandi Mayathula Khoza, member of the Board of the South African Local Government Association, member of the Johannesburg city council (ZA)

Pierre Schapira, Deputy Mayor of Paris, Member of the European Parliament's Committee on Development (F)

Elisabeth Gateau, Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments

Olivier Consolo, Director of the European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development (CONCORD)

Fernando Ruas, Mayor of Viseu, President of the National Association of Portuguese Municipalities (P)

Ronald Bandell, Mayor of Dordrecht, Vice-Chair of the International Committee of the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (NL)

17:30/
19:00

Resolution committee

19:30

Gala evening (Malmö Opera House)

FRIDAY 24TH APRIL

9:15/
10:30

Plenary session: *Climate change – what can we do, what must we do?*

Moderated by **Emilio D'Alessio**, Vice Mayor of Ancona, Steering Committee of European Sustainable Cities & Towns Campaign

Lars-Erik Liljelund, Director General at the Swedish Prime Minister office (S)

Ronan Dantec, Vice-President of the Communauté Urbaine of Nantes Métropole, Chair of the "Europe and Sustainable Development" Committee of the French association of CEMR (F)

Wolfgang Steiger, Group External Affairs, Director Future Technologies at Volkswagen AG

Pedro Castro Vázquez, Mayor of Getafe, Vice-President of CEMR, President of the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (E)

Henning Jensen, Mayor of Naestved, 1st Vice-President of the Commission for Sustainable Development of the Committee of the Regions (DK)

10:30/
11:30

Keynote address: Economic recovery: leading the way to a third Industrial Revolution

Jeremy Rifkin, President of the Foundation on Economic Trends

11:30/
12:30

Plenary session: New Horizons for Twinning in a Changing Europe: – Special session to mark the 20th anniversary of the EU's support for twinning

Chaired by **Janusz Marszałek**, Chair of CEMR's twinning network, Mayor of Oświęcim (PL)

Odile Quintin, Director General, DG Education and Culture, European Commission

Francisco Javier León De La Riva, Mayor of Valladolid, President of International Relations Commission of the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (E)

Nils Bell, Deputy Mayor of Aalborg (DK)

12:30/
13:15

Final plenary session: The future starts now!

Moderated by **Jeremy Smith**, Secretary General of CEMR

Luc Van den Brande, President of the Committee of the Regions

Ian Micaleff, President ad interim of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Adoption of Final Declaration

Representative of host city for the 2012 Assembly

Ilmar Reepalu, Mayor of Malmö

13:15

Lunch

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL

Post-congress visits

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