

# SIDE EVENTS

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## **EXHIBITIONS & RECEPTIONS**

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# Reception by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

**Tuesday 18 October 2011 at 8 pm**  
**Blue Restaurant, *Palais de l'Europe*, Strasbourg, France**

On the occasion of the 21<sup>st</sup> session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, has the pleasure of inviting all the Congress members to his reception.



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## Dosta! Enough! Go beyond prejudice, meet the Roma!

Dosta, a Romani word meaning "enough", is a Council of Europe campaign which aims to bring non-Roma closer to Roma citizens by breaking down the barriers caused by prejudices and stereotypes.

Over recent years some progress has been made for improving the economic and social development of Roma in Europe. However, these efforts are often facing severe obstacles caused by deeply-rooted beliefs and prejudices.

"Dosta!" means that we want to stop prejudices and stereotypes not by denouncing them but by breaking them, showing who the Roma are. They are not perfect, of course, but "who is perfect?".



Keith Whitmore, President of the Congress,  
requests the pleasure of your company to attend the

3rd Dosta! Congress Prize for municipalities ceremony

**Wednesday 19 October, 6.30 p.m**  
**Hemicycle Lobby, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, France**

## Signature of the Co-operation Agreement between the Congress and the Conference of European Regions with Legislative Power (REGLEG)

The ceremony of Signature  
of the Co-operation Agreement  
between the President of the Congress and  
the President of Conference of European Regions with Legislative Power  
(REGLEG)  
will take place on

**Tuesday 18 October 2011, at 1.00 p.m.  
Hemicycle, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, France**



## Development of local and regional democracy in Ukraine

Local self-government is recognized and guaranteed by the Constitution of Ukraine and national legislation. It is exercised by territorial communities both directly and through bodies of local self-government: village, town and city councils (first level of self-government in Ukraine) and district and region councils (second level of self-government in Ukraine, that represent the common interests of territorial communities of villages, towns and cities).

The exhibition on local and regional democracy in Ukraine presents the view of Ukrainian municipalities and regions on their state of development as well as cultural, historical and industrial potential.



You are invited to attend the inauguration of the exhibition about local and regional democracy in Ukraine, followed by a reception

**Tuesday 18 October 2011, at 6.45 p.m.  
Hemicycle Lobby, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, France**

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Unity of Italy

On the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Unity of Italy, the Province of Padua and the Province of Turin present exhibitions about their specificities.

The exhibition organised by the Province of Padua is dedicated to the Count of Cavour, well-known as the father of the unity of Italy. He was born 200 years ago.



You are invited to attend the inauguration of the exhibitions about the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Unity of Italy, followed by a reception

**Tuesday 18 October 2011, at 7.15 p.m.**  
**Committee of Ministers' ante-room, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg,**  
**France**

## Armenia: 20 years of independence

Armenia presents during the 21<sup>st</sup> Congress session two exhibitions in order to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Republic of Armenia, the 10th anniversary of membership of Armenia to the Council of Europe and the 15th anniversary of local self-governance in Armenia.

The first exhibition is dedicated to the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the communities of Armenia and is entitled: "A Wealth of Traditions: towards New Heights".

The second one celebrates the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Armenian book printing and is entitled "2012 Armenia-World Book Capital".



## 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL SELF-GOVERNANCE

**Wednesday 19 October 2011 at 1 p.m.  
Hemicycle Lobby, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, France**

You are invited to attend the inauguration of  
the exhibition followed by a reception and a concert  
to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Republic of Armenia  
& the 15th anniversary of local self-governance in Armenia  
& the 10th anniversary of its accession to the Council of Europe

## Exhibition on Ivanovo City as finalist of the contest “ European Youth Capital 2014”

Ivanovo city (Russian Federation) is finalist of the contest “European Youth Capital 2014”.

The exhibition, presented by the Government of Ivanovo Region during the 21<sup>st</sup> Session of the Congress will tell you more about Ivanovo City.

*“We are glad to present our city as a centre, convenient for Youth’s speed of life. 1/3 of total population in Ivanovo city is people under 35, who are really creative, energetic, communicative and friendly. We are dreaming to share our experience concerning science, education and employment, international cooperation, patriotism and dialogue of generations, diversity and equality, urban culture and contribution to society with you. We cordially invite young people and their friends from all over Europe to join activities during 2014 in Ivanovo city”.*



On the occasion of the opening of the exhibition on Ivanovo City as finalist of the contest “European Youth Capital 2014”

Ms Svetlana Orlova, Head of the Russian delegation to the Congress

requests the pleasure of your company at a reception

**on Wednesday 19 October 2011 at 6.45 p.m.  
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## **STANDS**

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## The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe has been the guarantor of local and regional democracy in Europe for over 50 years.

During the 21<sup>st</sup> Session, the Congress presents its action through leaflets, documents and various other tools. The aim is to increase awareness of its uniqueness and its activities such as the monitoring of local democracy, election observation, and the European Local Democracy Week .

**Furthermore, the Council of Europe makes available to journalists and members of the Congress a MediaBox comprising a mobile multimedia resource studio and a radio studio, enabling live remote radio interviews and video interviews for Internet use.**



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## European Local Democracy Week (ELDW)

The “European Local Democracy Week” (ELDW) is an annual event with simultaneous local activities organised by participating local authorities in all Council of Europe member states.

Its aim is to foster the knowledge of local democratic institutions and to strengthen the links between populations and their local representatives.

**The leading theme for the 2011 ELDW (10-16 October) is “Human rights at local level”.**

The stand provides documents and resources about the ELDW and its projects.



[www.coe.int/demoweek](http://www.coe.int/demoweek)

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## Life-quality in Strasbourg

Strasbourg is famous in France and abroad as regards its quality of life. Moreover it is a cosmopolitan city with a European dimension. As mentioned by the scenari-writer David-André Lang who lived in Strasbourg, Strasbourg, the 7th largest French town, is the biggest small-sized town.

Indeed, Strasbourg is an important city as regards its European status, its harbour (2<sup>nd</sup> French harbour) and its cultural life (26% of its budget).

But Strasbourg still keeps its human dimension, a place where you can easily move from one place to another on foot, by public transport or riding your bicycle.

While dealing with the issues of urban development and environmental practices, Strasbourg thinks its future in a European, optimistic and competitive perspective.

[www.strasbourg.eu](http://www.strasbourg.eu)



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## One in five Campaign to stop sexual violence against children

The Council of Europe « One in five Campaign to stop sexual violence against children » reminds us that according to available data, about 1 out of 5 children in Europe is victim of some form of sexual violence.

The Campaign has two main objectives :

First, to achieve further signature, ratification and implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Convention).

Secondly, to equip children, their families and societies at large with the knowledge and tools to prevent and report sexual violence.

Local and regional authorities are invited to join the Campaign by undertaking action to fight against sexual abuse, and collaborating for instance with local education and child protection decision-makers.

[www.coe.int/oneinfive](http://www.coe.int/oneinfive)

**Council of Europe** campaign  
**to stop sexual violence**  
against children



**one in five**  
**un sur cinq**

Campagne du **Conseil de l'Europe**  
**contre la violence sexuelle**  
à l'égard des enfants

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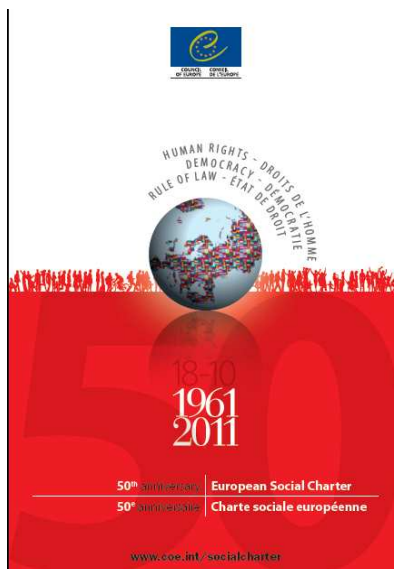
[www.coe.int/congress](http://www.coe.int/congress)

## The European Social Charter

18 October 2011 marks the date of the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the European Social Charter (ESC). The Council of Europe is celebrating this anniversary in different ways throughout the year.

The Committee, for its part, has launched a discussion on how the visibility and impact of the Charter can be improved, and for this purpose it is examining existing procedures and working methods. It also invites the States' Parties to consider how a wider application of the Charter can be ensured and in this respect it wishes to encourage those States who have not already done so to take steps to ratify the Revised Charter and the Collective Complaints procedure.

[www.coe.int/socialcharter](http://www.coe.int/socialcharter)



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## Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues, Council of Europe

Some 10 - 12 million Roma people are estimated to live in European countries. They are amongst the most deprived of all communities.

In 2010, television bulletins showed Roma families awaiting expulsion from Western Europe. These events prompted Council of Europe Secretary General, Thorbjorn Jagland, to call together in a High Level Meeting, the governments, the European Union and the Roma themselves. It resulted in a joint pledge to cooperate on Roma issues and build a better future.

Since 2011, a team dedicated to Roma and Travellers, led by Jeroen Schokkenbroek, the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma issues (SRSGR), deals with the implementation of activities and programmes such as:

- The European Roma Mediators Training Programme (ROMED)
- The Dosta! Campaign
- European database of good practices concerning the social insertion of the Roma.

[www.coe.int/lportal/web/coe-portal/roma](http://www.coe.int/lportal/web/coe-portal/roma)



### **Date and Place**

Wednesday 19 October 2011, afternoon  
Hemicycle Lobby, *Palais de l'Europe*, Strasbourg, France

## Regain

Regain, French association with its headquarter in Strasbourg, acts in 3 main fields:

Hosting, accomodating and giving social and therapeutic counselling to women (with or without children) who are victims of violence within the family ;

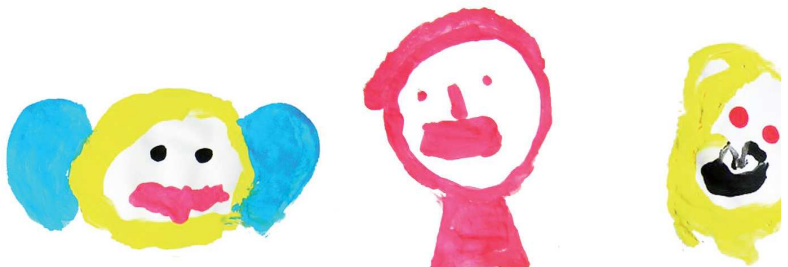
counselling for children exposed to violence within the family;

counselling for those responsible for violence within the family.

Regain has chosen to deal with violence within the family in a global and transversal approach, taken into account not only the victim of violence but the whole family.

Regain aims at developing in a European context its projet of dealing with family-violence in a integrated perspective.

[www.regain.association.org](http://www.regain.association.org)



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## The European Forum for Urban Security

Created in 1987 under the auspices of the Council of Europe, the European Forum for Urban Security (Efus) is the oldest non-governmental organisation of territorial bodies working in the field of urban security.

Today, it brings together 300 members, 22 of which are also member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities. Through its conferences, training programmes, technical assistance to cities, its role of expert within political authorities, Efus has contributed to raise awareness of the political and social issues surrounding urban security.

Efus members share the idea that urban security is the concern of everyone and that it needs to be achieved through prevention, law enforcement and solidarity - a vision that has also become part of the European Urban Charter. In this framework, Efus deals with all issues of urban security. Efus acts for its network and through its network.

It aims to be a focus-point for inter-city study, dialogue and cooperation, to identify and to share good practices and to assist cities in their everyday analysis and the improvement of the effectiveness of their action.

[www.efus.eu](http://www.efus.eu)



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## **PRESS CONFERENCE**

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## The Congress President meets the press

**Tuesday 18 October 2011 from 10 to 10.30 a.m.  
Room 4, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, France**

On the occasion of the 21<sup>st</sup> session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Keith Whitmore, President of the Congress, will answer questions from the press.



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