

Committee on the Monitoring of the implementation of the European Charter of Local Self-Government and on the respect of Human Rights and the Rule of Law at local and regional levels (Monitoring Committee)

CG-MON(2024)03-OJannot

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

(updated 27 June 2024)

2 July 2024 from 09:00 to 17:00

Hotel Radisson Blue Iveria, 1 Rose Revolution Square
Tbilisi, Georgia

Interpretation in English, French, German and Italian

Additional language: Turkish

1. WELCOMING SPEECHES

Welcoming speeches by the host authorities

The host authorities will address the Committee with welcoming speeches.

2. OPENING OF THE MEETING

Thibaut GUIGNARD, France (L, EPP/CCE), Chair of the Monitoring Committee, will open the meeting.

3. AGENDA

[Decision] [CG-MON(2024)03-OJprov] [CG-MON(2024)03-OJANNOT]

Members are invited to approve the draft agenda as set out in the document [CG/MON(2024)03-OJprov].

4. COMMUNICATION BY THE CHAIR

[Info]

The Chair will address the Committee.

5. LOCAL AND REGIONAL DEMOCRACY IN EUROPE

5.1 Monitoring report for adoption

[Debate]
[Vote
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Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Iceland (visit on 23-25 January 2024)
Co-rapporteurs: Matthias GYSIN, Switzerland (L, ILDG) and Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, Austria (R, SOC/G/PD)
[CG/MON(2024)10prov]

The monitoring visit was carried out to Iceland from 23 to 25 January 2024 in order to assess the implementation of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in this country.

The rapporteurs will present the draft explanatory memorandum, which includes information on recent developments regarding local self-government in Iceland and an analysis of the implementation of the Charter article by article.

Members are invited to participate in an exchange of views, to adopt the draft explanatory memorandum and to approve the preliminary draft recommendation.

[Debate]
[Vote
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Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Latvia (visit on 20-22 February 2024)
Co-rapporteurs: Jorge SEQUEIRA, Portugal (L, SOC/G/PD) and Gobnait NI MHUIMNEACAIN, Ireland (L, ILDG)
[CG/MON(2024)11prov]

The monitoring visit was carried out to Latvia from 20 to 22 February 2024 in order to assess the implementation of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in this country.

The rapporteurs will present the draft explanatory memorandum, which includes information on recent developments regarding local self-government in Latvia and an analysis of the implementation of the Charter article by article.

Members are invited to participate in an exchange of views, to adopt the draft explanatory memorandum and to approve the preliminary draft recommendation.

Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Finland
(visit on 16-18 April 2024)

[Debate]
[Vote
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Co-rapporteurs: Konstantinos KOUKAS, Greece (L, EPP/CCE) and Rachel BAILEY, United Kingdom (R, ECR)

[CG/MON(2024)12prov]

The monitoring visit was carried out to Finland from 16 to 18 April 2024 in order to assess the implementation of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in this country.

The rapporteurs will present the draft explanatory memorandum, which includes information on recent developments regarding local self-government in Finland and an analysis of the implementation of the Charter article by article.

Members are invited to participate in an exchange of views, to adopt the draft explanatory memorandum and to approve the preliminary draft recommendation.

5.2 Monitoring reports in progress

Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Liechtenstein
(visit on 18-19 June 2024)

[Info]

Co-rapporteurs: Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/PD) and Marjorie CROVETTO, Monaco (L, NR)
[final programme]

One of the co-rapporteurs will inform the Committee about the monitoring visit which took place from 18 to 19 June 2024 in Liechtenstein.

5.3 Post-monitoring activities

Post-monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Türkiye
(visit on 13 June 2024)

[Info]

Co-rapporteurs: Vladimir PREBILIC, Slovenia (L, SOC/G/PD) and David ERAY, Switzerland (R, EPP/CCE)
[final programme]

One of the co-rapporteurs will inform the Committee about the second part of the post-monitoring visit to Türkiye which took place on 13 June 2024 in order to assess the implementation of the last Congress recommendations in this country.

6. LOCAL AND REGIONAL ELECTION OBSERVATION

6.1 Report for adoption

[Debate]
[Vote
REP
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Local Elections in Türkiye (31 March 2024)

Head of election observation delegation: David ERAY, Switzerland (R, EPP/CCE)
[CG/MON(2024)13prov]

David Eray, Head of election observation delegation, will present the draft explanatory memorandum on local elections in Türkiye held on 31 March 2024. Members are invited to participate in an exchange of views, to adopt the draft explanatory memorandum and to approve the preliminary draft recommendation.

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6.2 Situation on local elections in Romania

Co-rapporteurs: David ERAY, Switzerland (R, EPP/CCE) and Marc COOLS, Belgium (L, ILDG)

[Letter-elections Romania]

One of the rapporteurs will inform the Committee about the letter received on 13 June 2024 concerning the local elections in Romania, held on 9 June 2024.

7. COMPLIANCE WITH THE EUROPEAN CHARTER OF LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT AND ELECTORAL STANDARDS BY MEMBER STATES

7.1 Situation of local and regional democracy in Member States

[Exchange of views] Situation of local and regional democracy in Albania
[Letter from Enriketa Pandelejmoni, Democratic Party Councillors Caucus]

The Committee will be informed about the letter from Enriketa PANDELEJMONI, Democratic Party Councillors Caucus, on the situation of local democracy in Albania.

Members are invited to hold an exchange of views and to decide on the follow-up to be given to this letter/issue.

[Exchange of views] Situation of local and regional democracy in the Republic of Moldova
[Letter from Ion Ceban, General Mayor of Chisinau Municipality]

The Committee will be informed about letter from Ion CEBAN, General Mayor of Chisinau Municipality, concerning the situation of local democracy in the Republic of Moldova.

Members are invited to hold an exchange of views and to decide on the follow-up to be given to this letter.

[Debate] **7.2 Recurring issues based on assessments resulting from Congress monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-Government and election observation missions (reference period 2021-2024)**
[Vote
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Rapporteurs: Thibaut GUIGNARD, France (L, PPE/CCE) and Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG)

Members are invited to participate in an exchange of views, to adopt the draft explanatory memorandum and to approve the preliminary draft recommendations. on the Recurring issues based on assessments resulting from Congress monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-Government and election observation missions (reference period 2021-2024).

[For approval] **7.3 Terms of Reference “Preserving grassroots democracy– Combating violence against local and regional elected representatives”**

Co-rapporteurs: Bernd VÖHRINGER, Germany (L, PPE/CCE) and a rapporteur on regional democracy (tbd)
[TOR-CG/MON 2024-01]

Terms of reference to be adopted and a rapporteur on regional democracy to be nominated by the Committee.

8. HUMAN RIGHTS AND RULE OF LAW AT LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEVEL

[Exchange of views] **8.1 Preparation of the general report on the situation of human rights at local and regional level**

Human rights standing rapporteur: Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRSNTRÖM, Austria (L, SOC/G/PD)

Members are invited to participate in an exchange of views on the general report on the situation of human rights at local and regional level.

[Exchange of views] **8.2 Preparation of the 5th volume of the Human Rights Handbook for Local and Regional Authorities**

Human rights standing rapporteur: Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRSNTRÖM, Austria (L, SOC/G/PD)

Members are invited to participate in an exchange of views and decide on the preparation of the next volume of Human Rights Handbook for local and regional authorities.

8.3 Execution of judgements of the European Court of Human Rights at local and regional level – state of play

[Info] Congress visit to Bulgaria on 25 June 2024
Human rights standing rapporteur: Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRSNTRÖM, Austria (L, SOC/G/PD)
[Final programme]

Members will be informed about the results of the visit to Bulgaria of the Congress Human Rights Standing Rapporteur on the execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights in the country at local level.

[Exchange
of views]

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9. FOLLOW-UP TO THE REPORT ON “A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO THE ENVIRONMENT: A MATTER FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES: TOWARDS A GREEN READING OF THE EUROPEAN CHARTER OF LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT” - TOWARDS AN ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL ON THE ENVIRONMENT?

Rapporteur: Belinda GOTTARDI, Italy (L, SOC/G/PD)

Members are invited to participate in an exchange of views on the follow-up to the report on “A fundamental right to the environment: a matter for local and regional authorities: towards a green reading of the European Charter of Local Self-Government” and decide on the follow-up to be given to this report.

[Exchange
of views]

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10. CURRENT SITUATION IN MUNICIPALITIES AND REGIONS IN UKRAINE

The Ukrainian delegation will be invited to provide information on the current situation in Ukrainian municipalities and regions.

Members are invited to participate in an exchange of views.

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11. WORK PLAN 2024 – 2025 (Monitoring visits and Local Elections Observation)

[CG/MON(2024)2-01]

Members are invited to take note of the work plan of the Monitoring Committee for 2024-2025 as set out in the above-mentioned document.

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12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None at the moment

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13. VENUES AND DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

15 October 2024 – Congress 47th Session (Strasbourg, France)

February 2025 – date and venue tbc

March 2025 – Congress 48th Session (Strasbourg, France)

June/July 2025 – date and venue tbc

[DOC: meetings of the monitoring committee outside of Strasbourg - cost sharing estimation]

[Vote]

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ADOPTION OF THE ABRIDGED REPORT OF THE MEETING

[CG/MON(2024)03-DECprov]

Members are invited to adopt the abridged report of the meeting.