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Conference of national associations of local and regional authorities

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Under the auspices of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers

The Congress and national associations: Building a stronger grassroots democracy together

Draft programme

Date:	12 – 13 September 2024
Venue:	Palais de l'Europe - Strasbourg – Hemicycle (1 st floor) and Room 1 (2nd Floor)
Time:	12 September: 15.00 - 21.00 and 13 September: 9.30 –16.30
Languages:	French and English
Time	Programme 12 September 2024 – 15.00 – 21.00 Hemicycle of the Palais de l'Europe
11.00 - 14.55	Distribution of participants' badges at the Palais de l'Europe (main entrance)
14.30 – 14.55	Arrival of the participants (Hemicycle – 1st floor)
15.00 – 16.30	<u>Opening session</u> Moderated by Mathieu Mori , Secretary General of the Congress <u>Presentations:</u> Marc Cools , President of the Congress Arnoldas Abramavičius , Vice-Minister of Interior, on behalf of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers Bjørn Berge , Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe <u>Keynote speech:</u>

	<p>Bernard Cazeneuve, former Prime Minister of France, former Mayor of Cherbourg-Octeville and member of the Council of Europe's High-Level Reflection Group (TBC)</p> <p><u>Debate</u></p>
16.35 – 18.00	<p><u>Round Table: « resilience, reconstruction and reform of Ukraine »</u></p> <p>Moderated by Thibaut Guignard, Chair of the Congress Committee on the implementation of the European Charter of Local Self-Government and on the respect of Human Rights and the Rule of Law and Mayor of Plœuc-L'Hermitage (France)</p> <p><u>Presentations</u></p> <p><u>Debate</u></p>
18.05-19.00	<p>Workshop: The Council of Europe Development Bank and the financing of local projects</p> <p><u>Presentations</u></p> <p><u>Debate</u></p>
19.30 - 21.00	<p>Reception 30th anniversary of the Congress [Hôtel de Ville - Strasbourg]</p>
<p>Programme 13 September 2024 – 09.30 – 16.30</p> <p>Room 1 of the Palais de l'Europe (2nd floor)</p>	
09.30 - 11.00	<p><u>Round Table I "Boosting democracy by engaging all citizens"</u></p> <p>Moderated by Bryony Rudkin, Chair of the Congress Committee on Social Inclusion and Human Dignity and Councillor at Ipswich Borough Council (United Kingdom)</p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <p>Participation of young people in local and regional life Combating sexism in local and regional politics Free and democratic local and regional elections Citizens' assemblies: the example of Mostar</p> <p><u>Debate</u></p>
11.00 – 11.30	<p>Coffee break</p>
11.35 – 12.35	<p>Workshop: European Local Democracy Week (ELDW) and the European Label of Governance Excellence ELoGE - European labels to encourage local democracy</p>

	<p><u>Presentations</u></p> <p><u>Debate</u></p>
12.45 – 14.00	Buffet lunch offered by the Congress (lobby of the Hemicycle TBC)
14.05 – 15.35	<p><u>Round Table II “Local innovation for stronger local authorities”</u></p> <p>Moderated by Jelena Drenjanin, Chair of the Congress Committee on Governance, Civic Engagement and the Environment and Member of Huddinge Municipal Assembly (Sweden)</p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <p>Raising awareness on human rights at local level Local responses to climate and environmental challenges Resilience and sustainability of cities Digitalisation of public services by local and regional authorities</p> <p><u>Debate</u></p>
15.40-16.00	Conclusions of the Conference
16.00 - 16.30	<p>Adoption of a Joint Declaration and Closing of the Conference</p> <p>by Bernd Vöhringer, President of the Chamber of Local Authorities and Mayor of Sindelfingen (Germany)</p>