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**Embedding democratic values at grassroots level**

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*co-organised by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, the Icelandic Association of Local Authorities and the City of Reykjavik*

**15 May 2023**

**Venue: City Hall, Reykjavik**

**live streamed**

Interpretation: English, French

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

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| **9:00 – 9:30** | **Registration**  |
| **9:30 – 10:00** | **OPENING SESSION**Moderated by Mathieu MORI, Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities **Remarks by:*** Sigurður Ingi JÓHANNSSON, Minister of Infrastructure of Iceland
* Leen VERBEEK, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
* Bjørn BERGE, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
* Dagur B. EGGERTSSON, Mayor of Reykjavik, Iceland
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| **10:00 – 10:40** | **SESSION ONE: Human rights-centred approach in local and regional governance**Moderated by Bernd VÖHRINGER, President of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress of Local and Regional AuthoritiesSpeakers: * Representative of the European Committee of the Regions
* Gunn Marit HELGESEN, President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions
* Cees LOGGEN, President of Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions
* Rachid MADRANE, President of Conference of Regional Legislative Assemblies of Europe
* Jón Jakob JÓNSSON, Alumni Congress youth delegate
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| **10:40 – 11:00** | **Q&A** |
| **11:00 – 11:20** | **Break** |
| **11:25 – 12:00** | **SESSION TWO:**  **Building strong and inclusive democracies with youth as the driving force for change**Moderated by Harald SONDEREGGER, President of the Chamber of Regions of the Congress of Local and Regional AuthoritiesSpeakers: * Peter van't Hoog, Vice-President of the Association of European Border Regions
* Jean-Luc VANRAES, Vice-President of the Assembly of European Regions
* Elias DRAY, Vice-President of the European Youth Forum
* Remigiusz SEPIAŁ, Congress youth delegate
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| **12:00 – 12:25** | **Q&A** |
| **12:25 – 12:35** | **CONCLUDING SESSION**Moderated by Mathieu MORI, Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities**Remarks by:*** Heida Bjorg HILMISDOTTIR, Chair of the Icelandic Association of Local Authorities
* Leen VERBEEK, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
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| **12:35 – 12:45** | **Signing of Call for Action** **Family photo** |
| **13:00** | **Meeting with the press** |