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From 14:00
16:00-16:45



Welcome and registration at Rybnik Cultural Centre

Opening of the Congress

Video in celebration of CEMR's 60th anniversary

Welcome addresses

- Bronisław Komorowski, President of the Republic of Poland
- Ryszard Grobelny, President of the Association of Polish Cities
- Adam Fudali, Mayor of Rybnik
- Wolfgang Schuster, President of CEMR, European Vice-President of Stuttgart

16:45-18:45

Plenary session

Opening: Ylva Tiveus, Director of Citizens & Institutions, Directorate-General for Citizenship and Institutions, European Commission

Round Table: "Tomorrow's European citizenship"

Moderator: Frédéric Vallier, CEMR Secretary General

- **"Europe at a crossroads - what concrete Europe's future?"** by Enrique Baron Crespo, Member of the European Parliament, President of the European Society
- **"For a diverse and inclusive Europe"** by Mirjana Marković, Mayor of the City of Strasbourg in charge of women rights
- **"Towards new types of partnerships at local level"** by Roberto Baglio, Head of Unit "Civil Society and Local Authorities", European Commission for Development and cooperation – EuropeAid,

With the participation of Marek Szczepanski, Polish sociologist
Debate open to the floor

Balloon launch at the occasion of CEMR's 60th anniversary celebration

19:00 Concert at the Rybnik Cultural Centre
 20:00 Reception
 From 22:00 Transport to hotels

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8:30 Departure from hotels
 10.00-11.00 **Remembrance ceremony at Auschwitz-Birkenau:**
"From the duty of remembrance to the Europe of hope"

With the participation of:

- Bronisław Komorowski, President of the Republic of Poland [tbc]
- Wolfgang Schuster, President of CEMR, European Vice-President of UCLG, Mayor of Stuttgart
- Bogdan Zdrojewski, Polish Minister of Culture and National Heritage [tbc]

11:00-12:30 Visit of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum (optional)
 12:30 Departure for Rybnik
 13:45-14:30 Buffet lunch
 14:30-16:00 1st workshops session

A Europe without borders: what reality(ies) for citizens?

Chair: Jan Olbrycht, MEP

Contributions:

- Pier Virgilio Dastoli, former Parliamentary Assistant of Alterio Spinelli, former Secretary General of the European Movement International
- Juan De Dios Ramirez Heredia, former MEP, President of the Spanish Rromani Union
- Diogo Pinto, Secretary General of the European Movement International
- Helena Pihlajasaari, Vice Chair of the Municipal Council of Laukaa, Chair of the Board, Regional Council of Keski-Suomi (Finland)
- Apostolos Kimissis, member of the Administrative Board of the Central Union of Municipalities and Communities of Greece (KEDKE), Mayor of Amfilochia [tbc]

Gender equality... But what kind of equality?

Chair: Ewa Samuelson, vice-Mayor of the city of Stockholm (Sweden)

Contributions:

- Françoise Gaspard, sociologist and politician
- Virginija Langbakk, Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality
- Nekane Alonso, Council Member of Bilbao Municipality and Member of EUDEL's Equality Committee
- Hervé Pichelin, Officer for sustainable development, equality and diversity, City of Genève (Switzerland)
- Anne Hidalgo, first Deputy Mayor of Paris responsible for Urban Planning and Architecture [tbc]

Twinning: bridges bringing Europeans together

Chair: Frédéric Valletoux, Secretary General of AFCCRE, Mayor of Fontainebleau, Regional Councillor of Ile-de-France

Contributions:

- Andreas Wolter, Council Member of the City of Cologne and Deputy Head of the International Committee (Germany)
- Sophie Beernaerts, Head of Europe for Citizens Unit, DG Communication, European Commission [tbc]
- Bülent Tanik, Vice-President of CEMR, Mayor of Çankaya (Turkey)
- Alain Philibert, Mayor of Saint-Vallier (France)
- Peter Nilsson, *Spinning Twinning* project manager, Association of Local Authorities in Skåne (Suède)

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-18:00 2nd workshops session

European citizenship education and the transmission of memory

Chair: Claude du Granrut, former Regional Councillor of Picardie (France)

Contributions:

- Małgorzata Pakier, academic and educator, Museum of the History of Polish Jews and Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities
- Pavel Tychtl, Europe for Citizens Programme Manager, DG Communication, European Commission
- Françoise Vergès, Chair of the Committee for the Memory and History of Slavery
- Taras Kuzio, academic and expert in Ukrainian political, economic and security affairs
- Marek Miros, Mayor of Goldap and Vice-president of the Association of Polish Cities

An intergenerational society for cohesive development

Chair: Marjan Sedmak, President of AGE-Platform

Contributions:

- Czesława Ostrowska, Undersecretary of State at the Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Polish national coordinator of the European Year of Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity 2012
- Yoei Bellemans, Project Manager at the Hogeschool-Universiteit Brussel
- Aitziber Zubillaga, Active Ageing Area Director, Matia Innova
- Bernd Vöhringer, Mayor of Sindelfingen (Germany)

Europe XXL - Opening-up to its neighbours

Chair: Tansel Kaya, Member of Istanbul Municipal Assembly (Turkey) [tbc]

Contributions:

- A representative of the City of Belgrade (Serbia) [tbc]
- Wiktor Anuszkiewicz, Mayor of Iwano-Frankiwnsk (Ukraine)
- Sami Adouani, Director of the Tunisian organisation "Relais pour l'Emergence d'une Jeunesse Sociale Organisée"
- Zakia Mrini, Mayor of Guéliz district of the City of Marrakech, Chair of the Moroccan Institute for Local Development (IMADEL)

18:00-20:00	Final Declaration drafting committee "Citizenship Avenue" Information sessions
20:00	Gala dinner
From 23:00	Transport to hotels

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8:30	Departure from hotels
9:30-11:00	<u>3rd workshops session</u>

The active citizen's toolbox

Moderator: Keith Whitmore, President of the Congress of the Council of Europe, Manchester Municipal Councillor (United Kingdom)

Contributions:

- Laurence Aubron, Director of Eur@dioNantes
- Reinder Rustema, initiator and manager of the national petitioning website "Petities.nl", teacher in new media at the University of Amsterdam
- Rik Baeten, Federal Urban Policy Department, Belgian Federal Government
- Geoffroy Coomans de Brachène, member of the municipal council of Brussels (Belgium)

Diversity, an opportunity and a challenge for Europe

Moderator: Julio Andrade Ruiz, Deputy Mayor of Malaga in charge of participation, cooperation and immigration (Spain)

Contributions:

- Ayse Özbabacan, Coordinator of the European city network CLIP (Cities for Local Integration Policies for Migrants, co-founded by the city of Stuttgart)
- Bashy Quraishy, Secretary General of the European Muslim Initiative for Social Cohesion, former President of the European network against Racism
- Jan Robert Suesser, Vice-president of the European Civic Forum
- A representative of URBACT programme [tbc]

A Europe open to the world

Moderator: Hubert Julien-Lafferrière, Vice-President of the Urban Community of Lyon (France) [tbc]

Contributions:

- Håkan Gustafsson, Managing Director of SKL International
- Ionut Sibian, Executive Director of the Civil Society Development Foundation (Romania)
- Mario David, MEP [tbc]
- Josephine Kasya, Vice-President for the Eastern Africa region, Network of local elected women in Africa, chairperson of Kanungu district (Uganda) [tbc]

11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-13:30	<u>Plenary session</u>
13:30-15:00	Buffet lunch
From 14.00	Departure - transport to airports Social programme: one-way transfer to Krakow or visit to 'GUIDO' Historic Coal Mine in Zabrze (optional)

Sunday 2 October 2011

Morning Departure - transport to airports