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Council of Europe decisions / documents

- Letter addressed by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on 8 September 2015 to the governments of the member States of the Council of Europe and the attached guidance document “Protection of migrants and asylum-seekers: states’ main legal obligations under the Council of Europe conventions
- Information Document of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe “Migration challenges for Europe: need for collective action”
- Decision of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe taken at its 1236th (DH) meeting on 22-24 September 2015 concerning the thematic debate: “Migration challenges for Europe: need for collective action”
- Council of Europe Development Bank Governor’s letter to President of the Congress offering member States support in establishing or rehabilitating transit and reception centers
- Resolution of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) “After Dublin – the urgent need for a real European asylum system”
- Resolution and Recommendation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) on “Countries of transit: meeting new migration and asylum challenges”

Convention and Charter

- Convention on the participation of foreigners in public life at local level
- Urban Charter II – Manifesto for a new urbanity

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Resolutions et Recommendations

- Promoting diversity through intercultural education and communication strategies
[Resolution 375 \(2014\)](#) - [Recommendation 365 \(2014\)](#)
- Migrants' access to regional labour markets
[Resolution 362 \(2013\)](#) - [Recommendation 347 \(2013\)](#)
- Integration through self-employment: promoting migrant entrepreneurship in European municipalities
[Resolution 358 \(2013\)](#) - [Recommendation 343 \(2013\)](#)
- Meeting the challenge of interfaith and intercultural tensions at local level"
[Resolution 323 \(2011\)](#) - [Recommendation 304 \(2011\)](#)
- Education for democratic citizenship: tools for cities
[Resolution 332 \(2011\)](#)
- Cultural integration of Muslim women in European cities
[Resolution 318 \(2010\)](#)
- Equality and diversity in local authority employment and service provision
[Resolution 281 \(2009\)](#) - [Recommendation 262 \(2009\)](#)
- Intercultural cities
[Resolution 280 \(2009\)](#) - [Recommendation 261 \(2009\)](#)
- Social approach to the fight against racism at local and regional level
[Resolution 264 \(2008\)](#) - [Recommendation 246 \(2008\)](#)
- Improving the integration of migrants through local housing policies
[Resolution 270 \(2008\)](#) - [Recommendation 252 \(2008\)](#)
- The development of social cohesion indicators - The concerted local and regional approach
[Resolution 226 \(2007\)](#) - [Recommendation 207 \(2007\)](#)
- Effective access to social rights for immigrants: the role of local and regional authorities
[Resolution 218 \(2006\)](#) - [Recommendation 194 \(2006\)](#)
- Intercultural and inter-faith dialogue: initiatives and responsibilities of local authorities
[Resolution 202 \(2005\)](#) - [Recommendation 170 \(2005\)](#)
- Cultural Identity in peripheral urban areas: the role of local and regional authorities
[Resolution 205 \(2005\)](#) - [Recommendation 177 \(2005\)](#)
- A pact for the integration and participation of people of immigrant origin in Europe's towns, cities and regions
[Resolution 181 \(2004\)](#) - [Recommendation 153 \(2004\)](#)
- The participation of foreign residents in local public life - consultative bodies
[Resolution 141 \(2002\)](#) - [Recommendation 115 \(2002\)](#)
- Social cohesion in towns
[Resolution 70 \(1998\)](#) - [Recommendation 51 \(1998\)](#)

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

The voice of Cities and Regions in Europe

- The Congress is a political assembly composed of 636 elected officials – mayors, governors, councillors, etc. – representing the 200 000 local and regional authorities of the 47 Council of Europe member states.

It speaks for Europe's local and regional elected representatives.

- The Congress promotes devolution through transfer of political powers and financial resources to the municipalities and regions.

It ensures that policy decisions are made at a level closest to the citizens.

- The Congress guarantees civic participation and fosters a positive perception of local identities.

It strives for living grassroots democracy in an ever more globalised world.

- The Congress reinforces local and regional democracy by permanently monitoring the due application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government, observing local and regional elections, and issuing recommendations to the governments of the 47 Council of Europe member states.

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