



Round table

LET'S TALK LOCAL: CITIES AND CITIZENS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

contribution of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities to the
World Forum for Democracy

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Opening statement

- ▶ **Leendert VERBEEK**, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Participants

- ▶ **Session 1: Learning Locally – Cities and citizens coming together to combat climate change**
 - **Moderator: Gerhard ERMISCHER**, Vice Chair, Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges Committee, Conference of International NGOs
 - **Kirstine BILLE**, Municipal Councillor in Syddjurs, Congress Member, Denmark (SOC/G/PD)
 - **Jérôme LHOTE**, Steering of the Climate Mandate, France

- **Saara ILVESSALO**, Municipal Councillor in Turku, Congress Member, Finland (SOC/G/PD)
- **Siobhan LEESE**, Member of the Leeds Climate Change Citizens' Jury, United Kingdom

► **Session 2: Going Beyond Local – Bringing local expertise to the (inter) national level**

- **Moderator: Jean-Philippe LIOUVILLE**, Regional Councillor of the Region Grand Est, Congress member, France (SOC/G/PD)
- **Vasco CORDEIRO**, Member of the Autonomous Region of Azores, Member of the environment, climate change and energy Commission of the EU Committee of the Regions, Portugal (SOC/G/PD)
- **Natasa VUCKOVIC**, Member of European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA)
- **Martin HORN**, Mayor of Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany
- **José BENLLOCH FERNANDEZ**, Mayor of Vila-real, Member of the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FEMP), Congress member, Spain (SOC/G/PD)
- **Gunn Marit HELGESEN**, County Councillor of Telemark, Congress Vice-President, Norway (EPP/CCE)

Closing statement

- **Vladimir PREBILIČ**, Spokesperson of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities on Climate Change and Environment, Mayor of Kocevje, Slovenia (SOC/G/PD)

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