



## European Local Democracy Week

What is the main theme of the 2016 edition?

**Living together in culturally diverse societies: respect, dialogue, interaction**

*The European Local Democracy Week (ELDW) is an initiative co-ordinated by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe. This pan-European event takes place every year during the week of the 15 October.*

*The 2016 Week of Local Democracy will take place between 10 and 16 October. However, should this coincide with other events or local elections, local authorities may choose to organise the ELDW on more convenient dates around October where possible.*

*The main theme of the 2016 edition is "Living together in culturally diverse societies: respect, dialogue, interaction". The 2016 theme follows on from that in 2015, with a stronger focus on education for democratic citizenship and human rights.*

*Local and regional authorities, their associations and civil society organisations wishing to participate in the 2016 edition of the ELDW are invited to register during the period of March-October 2016.*

*If you want to know more about the mission, background, the previous editions and the added value of the ELDW initiative, please visit the ELDW website: <http://www.congress-eldw.eu/>.*

What concrete examples of ELDW initiatives ?





# GERMANY, CITY OF CHEMNITZ

Chemnitz, also known as "City of Modernity", is a town with many faces. The third largest city in Saxony with about 246,000 inhabitants possesses modern architecture drawing a line to jewels of classical modernism, the Bauhaus school and Art Nouveau. To these belong important treasures like Villa Esche, the houses of Gruenderzeit in the Kassberg district and the redeveloped Schlossberg quarter.



## Reading of the book *Meine 7000 Nachbarn* by Eva Ruth Wemme

Lesecafé Odradek  
 12/10/2015

## Reading of the book *Let's Beat Up the Poor*

Lesecafé Odradek  
 From 14/10/2015 to 14/10/2015

## Instrument Building Workshop

Waldorfschule  
 From 17/10/2015 to 18/10/2015



# GREECE, FORUM FOR INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE & LEARNING

The Forum on Intercultural Dialogue and Learning is a network of university departments, schools, academics, researchers, teachers, and state agents which discusses social inclusion, learning and citizenship education through intercultural circles dialogue and collaborative action.



## Educating refugee children: Intercultural education at a crossroads

University of Patras  
 From 07/10/2016 to 08/10/2016

## Cartoon student competition: "Intercultural perspectives of the other"

Greece - International  
 From 07/10/2016 to 31/01/2017



# ROMANIA, CITY OF MIOVENI



Mioveni is a modern, well-organised and prosperous town located in Arges County, Romania. An ancient monastery dated from 1573 in a green forested area and a new modern cathedral located in the middle of the urban area of the town are its main symbols. Local authorities have a clear vision on a common Europe, on democracy and individual liberty.



For this reason, and as recognition for its intense activity for promoting European values, our city obtained the European Diploma in 2012 and the Flag of Honour in 2013.

*The city of Mioveni is a 12 star City*

*It has twinning cities in France, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Greece and Portugal. Its local administration seeks to satisfy citizens' needs and support youth to participate in the decision-making processes and in the community's life.*

## **Presentation on : "Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights"**

Mioveni

From **10/10/2016** to **10/10/2016**

## **Composition contest:**

Mioveni

From **15/10/2016** to **15/10/2016**

## **Visit in Europe (online photo contest)**

Mioveni

From **14/10/2016** to **14/10/2016**

## **ELDW event promotion campaign**

Mioveni

From **03/10/2016** to **07/10/2016**

## **Seminar on "Cultural diversity can lead to society development"**

Mioveni

From **11/10/2016** to **11/10/2016**



How to take part in the European Local Democracy Week?

## Registration

- 1 fill in the online registration form [www.coe.int/demoweeek-registration](http://www.coe.int/demoweeek-registration) and create your own ELDW account,
- 2 plan and organise events related to the main theme of the year and to topical issues in your community, using the visual identity of the ELDW,
- 3 make your activities visible through the ELDW website by uploading them to your account.

### Choose your status

#### Partners

Local and regional authorities which implement activities within the framework of the European Local Democracy Week (ELDW) without fulfilling all the criteria of the "12-STAR" status may apply as a PARTNER.

#### 12 Stars

Each municipality or association can apply as "12-STAR" if it undertakes to comply with the 5 specific criteria in the implementation of the European Local Democracy Week (ELDW).

#### Associations

The ASSOCIATIONS of local and regional authorities, as well as NGOs and other European and international associations are invited to take part in the ELDW and encourage initiatives to be held in the communities.

### Any questions ? We are here for you !

- Visit us during the the 31st Session of the Congress at the stand in front of the hemicycle
- Or contact us using the information below

#### Contact

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 [www.coe.int/demoweeek](http://www.coe.int/demoweeek)



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