

The President a.i.

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Dear Madam / Sir,

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and the Committee of the Regions of the European Union are organising a high-level conference on "Fighting corruption at local and regional level" in Messina (Italy) on 7 May 2010.

I am pleased to invite you to take part in this Conference and I should be grateful if you could inform the authorities, member of your Association, of the Messina event.

The conference will look into the roles elected representatives, civil servants, media and civil society, at local and regional level, play in the fight against corruption. The conference shall furthermore provide participants with good practice examples and information on how corruption can be addressed in local and regional administrations. It is our objective that the results of this conference will be developed into a code of good administrative practices.

The audience will be made up of members of the Committee of the Regions and the Congress, heads of local and regional administrations, representatives of associations of local and regional authorities as well as of civil society and the media. The conference will moreover be open to the interested public.

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You will find in appendix a draft programme of the conference. Please note that travel and subsistence expenses for the participation should be covered by the participants.

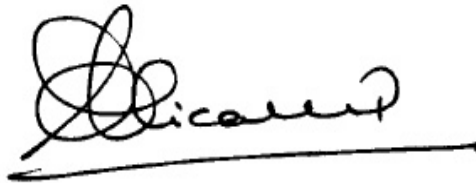
Detailed information and registration procedures concerning the event are available on the following website:

<http://cor.europa.eu/pages/EventTemplate.aspx?view=detail&id=0eeb3c70-c734-423a-9ef8-c551a639773b>

I sincerely hope you will be in a position to accept our invitation and contribute, through your network, to give information about this Conference

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Giampaolo CORDIALE (giampaolo.cordiale@coe.int or +33 3 88 41 31 02)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I. Micallef', written over a horizontal line.

Ian Micallef

Circular letter to National Associations of local and regional authorities

Encl.: draft programme draft FR, draft EN and Pdf format