

THE CURRENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The work of the Congress is organised in three Committees:

MONITORING

GOVERNANCE

CURRENT AFFAIRS



Meetings



once/twice a year at the beginning of Congress Sessions



across the 47 Member States

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

Le Congrès des pouvoirs locaux et régionaux du Conseil de l'Europe



GENERAL MANDATE

CURRENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Studies the role of local and regional authorities

with regard to the major challenges of our societies.

Prepares work on thematic issues

based on Council of Europe's core values.

Organises debates on current affairs and urgent situations and crises

in order to recommend concrete responses.



DELEGATION COMPOSITION



Chair of the Committee

Gabriele NEFF (Germany, ILDG)
Councillor, Munich City Council

Vice-Chairs

1ST

Mr NIRO Vincenzo
ITALY



2nd

Mrs RAFIK-ELMRINI Nawel
FRANCE



3th

Mr RABL Andreas
AUSTRIA



4th

Mr METSHIN Ilсур
RUSSIAN FEDERATION



5th

Mr SIMMONDS David
UNITED KINGDOM



87 Members from
the 47 Member States

the Chamber of Local and regional authorities and the Chamber of Regions



COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

Committee Secretary
Sedef Cankoçak



Assistant



Ruth CATHERIN

Co-Secretary



CRICHIGNO Antonella



Working methods



The Committee **PROPOSES** a subject



The Congress Bureau **APPROVES** the subject



One or two **rapporteurs ARE DESIGNATED** to draft the report and present it



The Committee **ADOPTS** the draft report



The Congress **ADOPTS**
a recommendation and/or a resolution, during its plenary Session



Thematic Activities

The Committee's work aims at ensuring the respect of **human rights at local and regional levels** and at promoting **just, peaceful and inclusive societies**.

Youth



Gender equality



Inclusive societies





Sustainable Development Goals

- The thematic work of the Congress is in line with the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** of the United Nations Agenda 2030.
- The Congress focuses on **12 SDGs (out of 17)**.





Latest topics on the agenda



The Current Affairs Committee is currently working on the following reports

- Fighting sexism against women in politics at local and regional level
- Youth work in local and regional authorities
- The situation of LGBTI+ persons in Europe in the context of rising extremism and homophobia
- Cultural heritage as a tool to foster local and regional development
- Local and regional governments' role and responsibilities on tackling climate change and environmental issues