

CG-BUR(2021)41-DECfin  
28 October 2021

**Meetings of the Bureau of the Congress  
Strasbourg  
25 and 28 October 2021  
Abridged report – List of items discussed and decisions taken**

1. The President of the Congress, Mr Leendert VERBEEK, opened the meeting. The list of participants appears in Appendix 1.
2. The Bureau adopted the agenda as set out in Appendix 2.
3. The Bureau took note of the communication by the President of the Congress.
4. The Bureau took note of the communication by the Secretary General of the Congress.
5. The Bureau held an exchange of views with Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe.
6. The Bureau approved the preliminary draft resolution on the verification of new members' credentials and new appointment procedures as set out in Document CG-BUR(2021)41-42. The Bureau approved the changes in the composition of national delegations as set out in Document CG-BUR(2021)41-40.
7. The Bureau took note of the timetable of meetings and adopted the draft agenda of the 41st Session of the Congress as set out in Documents CG(2021)41-01 and CG(2021)41-OJ. The Bureau also took note of the chairing of the plenary sittings, the side events and the list of youth delegates for 2021 as set out respectively in Documents CG-BUR(2021)41-INF59, CG-BUR(2021)41-INF67 and INF68, and CG-BUR(2021)40-INF55.
8. The Bureau took note of the co-operation activities of the Congress in member States and neighbouring regions as set out in Document CG-BUR(2021)41-INF58.
9. The Bureau took note of the information on the European Local Democracy Week (ELDW) on "Protecting the environment: local communities take action", which was held on 11-16 October 2021.
10. The Bureau held a discussion on the follow-up to the brainstorming on the functioning and working methods of the Congress.
11. The Bureau took note of the composition of the Bureau as set out in Document CG-BUR(2021)41-INF64.
12. The Bureau took note of the information on local and regional elections as set out in Document CG-BUR(2021)41-INF63.
13. The Bureau took note of the information on the election of the Secretary General of the Congress and appointed Mrs Martine DIESCHBURG-NICKELS and Mrs Lia MONTALTI to the pre-selection committee in accordance with Rule 99.3.c of the Congress Rules and Procedures.
14. The Bureau took note of the list of Congress meetings in 2021 as set out in Document CG-BUR(2021)41-INF62 and of the approved calendar of meetings for 2022 as set out in Document CG-BUR(2021)40-INF57.
15. The Bureau adopted the present Abridged report of the meeting – List of items discussed and decisions taken as set out in Document CG-BUR(2021)41-DECprov.

## **Appendix 1 – List of participants**

### **Members of the Bureau**

Leendert VERBEEK, Netherlands, (R, SOC/G/PD), President of the Congress  
Bernd VÖHRINGER, Germany, (L, EPP/CCE), President of the Chamber of Local Authorities  
Harald SONDEREGGER, Austria, (R, EPP/CCE), President of the Chamber of Regions  
Xavier CADORET, France, (L, SOC/G/PD)  
Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, EPP/CCE)  
Konstantinos KOUKAS, Greece, (L, EPP/CCE) – only on 25 October  
Martine DIESCHBURG-NICKELS, Luxembourg, (L, ILDG)  
Sevdia UGREKHELIDZE, Georgia, (L, EPP/CCE) – only on 28 October  
Lia MONTALTI, Italy (R, SOC/G/PD)  
John WARMISHAM, United Kingdom (L, SOC/G/PD) – only on 28 October  
Cecilia DALMAN EEK, Sweden, (R, SOC/G/PD)  
Oksana DERKACH, Ukraine (L, EPP/CCE) – only on 28 October  
Alexander DROZDENKO, Russian Federation, (R, EPP/CCE)

### **Chairs of committees**

Thomas ANDERSSON, Sweden, (R, ILDG), Current Affairs Committee  
Jelena DRENJANIN, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE), Governance Committee – only on 25 October  
Gudrun MÖSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, Austria, (L, SOC/G/PD), Monitoring Committee

### **Chairs of Congress political groups**

Vladimir PREBILIC, Slovenia, (L, SOC/G/PD), 1st Vice-President – only on 28 October  
Thibaut GUIGNARD, France (EPP/CCE), 1st Vice-President – only on 28 October  
Marc COOLS, Belgium, (L, ILDG)  
Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, Belgium, (R, SOC/G/PD) – only on 25 October  
Svitlana BOHATYRCHUK KRYVKO, Ukraine, (R, ECR)

### **Secretariat**

Andreas KIEFER, Secretary General of the Congress  
Rafael BENITEZ, Director of the Congress  
Dolores RÍOS TURÓN, Head of the Table Office and Secretary of the Bureau  
Renate ZIKMUND, Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Local Authorities  
Dmitri MARCHENKOV, Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Regions  
Stephanie POIREL, Head of the Division of Statutory Activities  
Fatima NOUICER, Co-Secretary to the Bureau  
Katyana VASILEVA, Assistant to the Bureau

## Appendix 2 – Agenda

**Monday 25 October 2021**

**9.00-12.00**

1. **Opening of the meeting**
2. **Adoption of the draft agenda** [CG-BUR\(2021\)41-OJprov](#) *Dec.*
3. **Communication by the President of the Congress** [CG-BUR\(2021\)41-INF60](#) *Info.*  
Missions and meetings of the President of the Congress
4. **Communication by the Secretary General of the Congress** *Info.*  
Missions and meetings of the Secretary General of the Congress [Activity Report of the Congress \(March 2021 – October 2021\)](#) *Info.*
5. **Exchange of views with Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe [at 9.30]**
6. **National delegations**  
Rapporteurs :  
Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/PD) and Aleksandra MALETIĆ, Serbia (R, EPP/CCE).
- 6.1 Preliminary draft resolution on the verification of new members' credentials and new appointment procedures [CG-BUR\(2021\)41-42](#) *Dec.*
- 6.2 Changes in the composition of the national delegations [CG-BUR\(2021\)41-40](#) *Dec.*
7. **41st Session of the Congress**
- 7.1 Timetable of meetings [CG\(2021\)41-01](#) *Info.*
- 7.2 Adoption of the draft agenda [CG\(2021\)41-OJ](#) *Dec.*
- 7.3 Chairing of the plenary sittings [CG-BUR\(2021\)41-INF59](#) *Info.*
- 7.4 Side-events [CG-BUR\(2021\)41-INF67](#) *Info.*
- 7.5 List of youth delegates for 2021 [CG-BUR\(2021\)40-INF55](#) *Info.*
8. **Co-operation activities of the Congress in member States and neighbouring regions** [CG-BUR\(2021\)41-INF58](#) *Info.*
9. **The European Local Democracy Week (ELDW)** *Info.*

“Protecting the environment: local communities take action”, 11-16 October 2021

- 10. Follow-up to the brainstorming on the functioning and working methods of the Congress**

**Thursday 28 October 2021**

**8.30-9.15**

**Bureau of the Congress - Room 9**

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| <b>11.</b> | <b>41st Session of the Congress<br/>(26-28 October 2021)</b>  |  |              |
| 11.1       | Possible urgent questions   |  | <i>Dec.</i>  |
| 11.2       | Chairing of the plenary sitting of 28 October 2021  | <a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)41-INF68</a>   | <i>Info.</i> |
| <b>12.</b> | <b>Composition of the Bureau</b>  | <a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)41-INF64</a>   | <i>Info.</i> |
| <b>13.</b> | <b>Local and Regional elections</b>   | <a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)41-INF63</a>   | <i>Info.</i> |
| <b>14.</b> | <b>Election of the Secretary General of the Congress<br/>– establishment of a pre-selection committee</b> | <a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)40-INF46</a><br><a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)41-INF66</a> | <i>Dec.</i>  |
| <b>15.</b> | <b>Congress meetings</b>  |  |              |
| 15.1       | Calendar of meetings in 2021  | <a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)41-INF62</a>   | <i>Info.</i> |
| 15.2       | Approved calendar of meetings for 2022  | <a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)40-INF57</a>   | <i>Info.</i> |
| <b>16.</b> | <b>Other business</b>   |  | <i>Info.</i> |
| <b>17.</b> | <b>Adoption of the abridged report of the meeting</b>   | CG-BUR(2021)41-DECprov   | <i>Dec.</i>  |

**Close of the meeting**

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