

The Bureau of the Congress

CG-BUR(2021)40-OJprov ¹
1.10.2021– 08.40

DRAFT AGENDA

Monday 4 October – Tuesday 5 October 2021

Meeting of the Bureau of the Congress, Visegrád, Hungary

Simultaneous interpretation in English, French, German, Italian and Russian provided by the Congress.

The draft agenda and related documents are published 7 days before the meeting date.

Date When a document is published or re-published after this deadline, the new date appears on the document and on this agenda, in front of its reference.

The items are proposed for information (**Info.**) or for decision (**Dec.**) and those **without debate** are highlighted for easy identification.

Members With voting rights:
- President of the Congress
- Presidents and vice-presidents of the chambers

Participants In an advisory capacity:
- Chairs of the committees
- Presidents of the political groups
- Outgoing President

¹ This document is classified as confidential until it has been examined by the Bureau of the Congress.

Monday 4 October

10.45-11.15

Welcome speeches

11.15

- | | | | |
|------|---|---|--|
| 1. | Opening of the meeting | | |
| 2. | Adoption of the draft agenda | CG-BUR(2021)40-OJprov | <i>Dec.</i> |
| 3. | Communication by the President of the Congress | CG-BUR(2021)40-INF49 | <i>Info.</i> |
| 4. | Communication by the Secretary General of the Congress | CG-BUR(2021)40-INF50 | <i>Info.</i> |
| 5. | Bureaux of the chambers, 4 October 2021 | CPL-BUR(2021)30-OJ
CPR-BUR(2021)30-OJ | <i>Info.</i>
<i>Info.</i> |
| 6. | Election of the Secretary General of the Congress | CG-BUR(2021)40-INF46 | <i>Info.</i> |
| 7. | Budget of the Congress | | |
| | Budget for 2021 | | <i>Info.</i> |
| | Budget for 2022-2023 | CG-BUR(2021)40-INF43
CG-BUR(2021)40-INF48
CG(2021)40-06 | <i>Info.</i>
<i>Info.</i>
<i>Info.</i> |
| 8. | National delegations
Rapporteurs :
Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/PD)
Aleksandra MALETIĆ, Serbia (R, EPP/CCE) | CG-BUR(2021)40-32 | <i>Dec.</i> |
| 9. | Bureau rapporteurs and representatives in outside bodies | CG-BUR(2021)40-39 | <i>Dec.</i> |
| 10. | Congress thematic spokespersons | CG-BUR(2021)40-33 | <i>Dec.</i> |
| 11. | Review of the Congress Rules and Procedures | | <i>Info.</i> |
| 12. | 41st Session of the Congress | | |
| 12.1 | Timetable of meetings | CG(2021)41-01 | <i>Dec.</i> |
| 12.2 | Adoption of the draft agenda | CG(2021)41-OJ | <i>Dec.</i> |
| 12.3 | List of youth delegates | CG-BUR(2021)40-INF55 | <i>Info.</i> |
| 13 | Work of the committees | | <i>Info.</i> |
| 13.1 | Abridged Report of the Monitoring Committee, 17 September 2021 | CG/MON(2021)21-RAprov | <i>Info.</i> |

14.	Local and regional elections in 2021	CG-BUR(2021)40-INF51	<i>Info.</i>
14.1	Local and regional elections in Morocco, 8 September 2021		<i>Info.</i>
14.2	Regional elections in the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia, Republic of Moldova, 19 September 2021		<i>Info.</i>
14.3	Local elections in Georgia, 2 October 2021		<i>Info.</i>
14.4	Regional elections in Denmark, 16 November 2021	CG-BUR(2021)40-INF56	<i>Info.</i>
14.5	Elections of the local self-government bodies in Armenia, from October to December 2021	CG-BUR(2021)40-34	<i>Dec.</i>
15.	Local and regional democracy		
15.1	Albania		<i>Info.</i>
15.2	Turkey Situation of Nurhayat Altun and Leyla Güven	CG-BUR(2021)40-37	<i>Dec.</i> <i>Info.</i>
15.3	Belarus		<i>Info.</i>
15.4	Tunisia	CG-BUR(2021)40-38	<i>Dec.</i>
16.	Parliamentary Assembly		
	Address by Mr Péter Szijjártó, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, Chair of the Committee of Ministers, to the Parliamentary Assembly (Strasbourg, 21 June 2021 and 28 September 2021)	[link]	<i>Info.</i>
	Report by the Chair of the Committee of Ministers to the Parliamentary Assembly (June-September 2021)	[link]	<i>Info.</i>
17.	Intergovernmental sector		
17.1	Committee of Ministers Reply to Congress Recommendation 453(2021) “Ensuring the respect of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in major crisis situations”	CM/Cong(2021)Rec453-final	<i>Info.</i>
18.	World Forum for Democracy 2020/2021 – “Can Democracy Save the Environment?”	[link]	<i>Info.</i>
19.	European Committee of the Regions		
	Participation in the jury and evaluation committee of the Mayor Adamowicz Award	CG-BUR(2021)40-35	<i>Dec.</i>
20.	European Youth Forum		<i>Dec.</i>

Participation in the jury of the European Youth Capital 2024 Award.

21.	Congress meetings		<i>Info.</i>
21.1	Congress meetings in 2021	CG-BUR(2021)40-INF53	<i>Info.</i>
21.2	Approved calendar of meetings for 2022	CG-BUR(2021)40-INF57	<i>Info.</i>
22.	Other business		
23.	Adoption of the abridged report of the meeting	CG-BUR(2021)40-DE Cprov	<i>Dec.</i>

Close of the meeting

to contact the Congress Bureau Secretariat
 → congress.bureau@coe.int

Tuesday 5 October

9.00-12-15 :

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities: the way forward

[\[Activity Report July 2020-Feb 2021\]](#)
[\[2021-2026 Congress Priorities\]](#)
[\[Congress Thematic Activities\]](#)

9:00 – 9:30: General introduction
 9:30 – 10.30: Congress structure, procedures and resources
 10:30: Coffee break
 11:00 – 12:00: Congress work and activities
 12:00 – 12:15: Conclusions

Background :

This morning will provide the opportunity for a brainstorming and exchange of views on the future of the functioning of the Congress and the impact of its work. Taking into account the Congress' position in the Council of Europe's institutional architecture, its unique role in bringing the local and regional dimension of democracy to the work of the Organisation, and its recently adopted priorities, the debate will focus on the Congress' strengths and assets, challenges and weaknesses with a view to

- developing a shared vision of the Congress' future based on the Congress' priorities,
- reflecting on its structures, working methods, and
- identifying needs for reforming and streamlining rules and procedures.

There will be a 20 min. general introduction by the President and the Secretary General on the context and the objectives pursued by the exercise. The Director will then provide the background on the Congress institutional position, procedures and resources.

After the general introduction, participants will consider two thematic blocks (1 hour each); one on the Congress structure, procedures and resources and the other on its work and activities. There will be a coffee break between the two.

Introductory interventions will set the context for each of these two blocks: the presidents of the Congress and its chambers will introduce the first block, the chairs of the committees, the second block.

The introductory interventions will be followed by an exchange with Bureau members and participants all of which are called upon to play an active role.

More specifically, the first block will focus on the Congress structure, procedure and resources and address the following issues: institutional setting (chambers, bureaux, committees), procedural setting, and resources (members, delegations and staff).

The second block will be devoted specifically to the substantial political work of the Congress as regards topicality, relevance, sustainability, and impact. Are we fulfilling our mission with regard to the Congress' mandate and stake holders? It is not intended to question the agreed priorities, but rather to focus on the modus operandi on topics and follow-up.

Based on the outcomes of this brainstorming, follow-up will be devised.