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Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe

15-17 October 2024

### AGENDA PUBLIC MEETING

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## Monday 14 October 2024

### Bureaux meetings [EN/FR/DE/IT]

9.30-10.30, Room 6	Bureau of the Chamber of Regions
9.30-10.30, Room 8	Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities
10.45-12.15 and 14.00-15.30, Room 10	Bureau of the Congress

### Seminar for new Congress members – 13.00-14.00

Room 6	Information meeting open to all Congress members, national delegation secretaries and advisors <small>[EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]</small>
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### Political group meetings - 15.45-17.45

Room 1	European People's Party Group in the Congress (EPP/CCE) <small>[EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]</small>
Room 8	Group of Socialists, Greens and Progressive Democrats (SOC/G/PD) <small>[EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]</small>
Room 6	Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG) <small>[EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]</small>
Room 10	European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) <small>[EN/DE/IT/TR]</small>

### Secretaries of national delegations meeting - 15.40-16.20

Room 11	Information meeting
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## Tuesday 15 October 2024 - Committee meetings [EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]



Monitoring Committee	8.45-10.15, Room 1
Social Inclusion Committee	8.45-10.15, Room 6
Governance Committee	8.45-10.15, Room 10

## Tuesday 15 October 2024

### Plenary sitting [EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]

10.30-13.00, Hemicycle

*\* Deadline for tabling amendments: Tuesday 8 October 2024, 10.00*

10.30	<b>Opening of the 47th Session of the Congress by the President</b> Marc COOLS	
10.35	<b>Renovation of the hemicycle: voting system and request to speak function</b> Test vote	
10.40	<b>Verification of new members' credentials</b> <a href="#">[CG(2024)47-04]</a> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Andrew BOFF, United Kingdom (R, ECR) and Martine DIESCHBURG-NICKELS, Luxembourg (L, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft resolution <a href="#">[CG(2024)47-02]</a> *	
10.45	<b>Adoption of the agenda of the 47th Session</b> <a href="#">[CG(2024)47-OJ]</a> <b>Adoption of the minutes of the last sitting of the 46th Session (28 March 2024)</b> <a href="#">[CG(2024)46-PV-03]</a> <b>Adoption of the composition of Congress committees</b> <a href="#">[CG(2024)47-03]</a>	
10.50	<b>Inaugural address by Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe</b> Questions	
11.40	<b>Local democracy as a pillar of peace and stability in South-East Europe: 20th anniversary of the creation of NALAS</b> Statements by: Dušan RAICEVIC, President NALAS, Mayor of Bar, Montenegro Anders KNAPE, Vice-President, European Committee of the Regions Debate	
12.10	<b>Statement by Theodoros ROUSOPOULOS, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe</b> Questions	
13.00	<b>Suspension of the sitting</b>	
13.00	<b>EVENT:</b> Reception and inauguration of the Information stand on the Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe celebrating the 20th anniversary of NALAS – Lobby of the Hemicycle	
13.15	<b>EVENT:</b> Screening of a documentary film 'Culture Against War' on the preservation and restoration of the Crimean Tatars' cultural heritage and presentation of the Crimean House project, in the presence of the filmmaker and director of Crimean House, Akhtem Seitablaiev – Permanent Representation of Ukraine - Room 6, Palais de l'Europe	

**Tuesday 15 October 2024**

**Plenary sitting** [EN/FR/DE/IT/TR/\*\*UKR]

**14.30-19.30, Hemicycle**

*\* Deadline for tabling amendments: Tuesday 8 October 2024, 10.00*

<b>14.30</b>	<p><b>Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine **</b> <b>Destruction of cultural heritage in Ukraine</b></p> <p>Statements by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mykola TOCHYTSKYI, Minister of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine (on-line participation)</li><li>• Anastasia BONDAR, Deputy Minister for Digital Development, Digital Transformation, and Digitalization (on-line participation)</li><li>• Mykola LUKASHUK, Chair of Dnipropetrovsk Regional Council, Ukraine</li></ul> <p>Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Martine DIESCHBURG-NICKELS, Luxembourg (L, ILDG) and Gunn-Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, EPP/CCE)</p> <p>Debate and vote on the draft declaration: <a href="#">[CG(2024)47-12]</a>*</p>	
<b>16.00</b>	<p><b>Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Finland</b></p> <p>Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Konstantinos KOUKAS, Greece (L, EPP/CCE) and Rachel BAILEY, United Kingdom (R, ECR)</p> <p>Debate and vote on the draft recommendation <a href="#">[CG(2024)47-13]</a>*</p> <p><b>Statement by Kristiina KOKKO, State Secretary to the minister of local and regional government, Finland</b></p> <p>Questions</p>	
<b>16.45</b>	<p><b>Fostering a circular economy at local and regional level</b></p> <p>Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Linda GILLHAM, United Kingdom (L, ILDG) and Kristoffer TAMSONS, Sweden (R, EPP/CCE)</p> <p>Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation <a href="#">[CG(2024)47-14]</a>*</p>	
<b>17.30</b>	<p><b>Global outreach of the Congress</b></p> <p>Statements by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sami KANAAN, President of the Global Cities Hub</li></ul> <p>Debate</p>	
<b>18.30</b>	<p><b>Local and regional democracy around the world</b></p> <p>Statements by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Georgios GIANNAROS, Deputy Mayor, Athens, Greece</li><li>• Ahmed Salem AHMED DEKLE, Member of the Regional Council of Nouakchott, Mauritania</li><li>• Rahma OUAZZANI TAIBI, Deputy Mayor of Rabat in charge of international co-operation, Morocco</li></ul> <p>Debate</p>	
<b>19.30</b>	<p><b>Close of the sitting</b></p>	

**Wednesday 16 October 2024**

**Chamber of Local Authorities** [EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]

**9.00-12.30, Hemicycle**

*\* Deadline for tabling amendments: Wednesday 9 October 2024, 10.00*

<b>9.00</b>	<b>Opening of the session of the Chamber by the 1st Vice-President</b> Xavier CADORET	
<b>9.05</b>	<b>Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber</b> [CG(2024)47-OJ]	
<b>9.10</b>	<b>Election of the 7th Vice-President of the Chamber of Local Authorities</b> [deadline for candidatures: 7.00 Wednesday 16 October 2024] Presentation of the candidate(s) (3 minutes each) Vote Result of the election	
<b>9.20</b>	<b>Communication of the President of the Chamber</b> [CPL(2024)47-01]	
<b>9.25</b>	<b>Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Iceland</b> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Matthias GYSIN, Switzerland (L, ILDG) and Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, Austria (L, SOC/G/PD) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [ <a href="#">CPL(2024)47-02</a> ]*	
	<b>Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Latvia</b> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Jorge SEQUEIRA, Portugal (L, SOC/G/PD) and Gobnait NI MHUIMNEACAIN, Ireland (L, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [ <a href="#">CPL(2024)47-03</a> ]* <b>Statement by Inga BĒRZIŅA, Minister for Smart Administration and Regional Development, Latvia</b> Questions	
	<b>Thematic debate: Local elected representatives, actors for the protection of human rights</b> [ <a href="#">CPL(2024)47-05</a> ] Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mattias GUYOMAR, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, France</li> <li>• Floriane VARIERAS, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg, in charge of the Inclusive City: solidarity, support to vulnerable people, fight against discrimination, France</li> <li>• Ella MICALLEF DARMENIA, Youth delegate, Malta</li> </ul> Debate	
	<b>Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Malta</b> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Cecilia Felicitasz FRIDERICS, Hungary (L, ECR) and Matthias GYSIN, Switzerland (L, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [ <a href="#">CPL(2024)47-04</a> ]* <b>Statement by Alison ZERAFA CIVELLI, Parliamentary Secretary for Local Government, Malta</b> Questions	
<b>12.29</b>	<b>Adoption of the abridged report of the session</b> [CPL(2024)47-DEC]	
<b>12.30</b>	<b>Close of the session of the chamber by the President</b>	
<b>12.30</b>	<b>EVENT: Inauguration of a photo exhibition on the 50th anniversary of the “Carnation revolution – Permanent Representation of Portugal – Lobby of the Hemicycle</b>	
<b>12.45</b>	<b>EVENT: Inauguration of Vyshyvanka Parade (Ukrainian embroidery exhibition) - Permanent Representation of Ukraine – Lobby of the Hemicycle</b>	

**Meeting between the youth delegates and Congress members – 13.00-14.00**

*Fer à Cheval bistrot  
(near the Restaurant Bleu)*

Open to youth delegates, Congress members, secretaries of delegation and advisers  
*Finger sandwiches and refreshments provided*

**Wednesday 16 October 2024**

**Chamber of Regions** [EN/FR/DE/IT/TR/\*\*UKR]

9.00-12.30, Room 1

9.00	<b>Opening of the session of the Chamber by the First Vice-President</b> Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (EPP/CCE)
	<b>Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber</b> [CG(2024)47-OJ]
9.10	<b>Election of the President of the Chamber of Regions</b> <b>[deadline for candidatures: 7.00 Wednesday 16 October 2024]</b> Presentation of the candidate(s) (3 minutes each) Vote using the KUDO Platform Result of the election
9.20	<b>Communication of the First Vice-President of the Chamber</b> [CPR(2024)47-01]
	<b>Statement by the newly elected President of the Chamber</b>
	<b>Regions with special status</b> [CPR(2024)47-02] Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jörgen PETTERSSON, Speaker of the Parliament of Åland, Finland</li> <li>Artur LIMA, Vice-President of Regional Government of the Azores, Portugal</li> <li>Mikel Anton ZARRAGOITIA, European Affairs Director, Basque Government, Spain</li> <li>Boris LENNAERTZ, Youth delegate, Belgium</li> </ul> Debate
	<b>Digitalisation, artificial intelligence and regional governance</b> [CPR(2024)47-02] Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David ERAY, Congress Spokesperson on AI, Minister, Canton of Jura, Switzerland</li> <li>María BOBILLO VARELA, Director of the Office of Strategic Support and Planning Agency for the Technological Modernization of Galicia, Spain</li> <li>Marco REUTER, Head of the Digitalisation and Innovation division at the Representation of the State of Hesse to the EU, Germany</li> <li>Ivan DONEV, Youth delegate, North Macedonia</li> </ul> Debate
	<b>The role of regions in international co-operation for the recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine**</b> [CPR(2024)47-02] Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tetyana YEHOROVA-LUTSENKO, President of the Ukrainian Association of District and Regional Councils, Chair of Kharkiv Regional Council, Ukraine (on-line participation)</li> <li>Pavlo ZHURBA, Deputy Head of Ternopil Regional State Administration, Ukraine</li> <li>Patrick MOLINOZ, Vice President of Bourgogne-Franche-Comté, France, President of the Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX), European Committee of the Regions</li> <li>Anita SCHNEIDER, President (Landrätin) of the Gießen district, Germany</li> </ul> Debate
12.29	<b>Adoption of the abridged report of the session</b> [CPR(2024)47-DEC]
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**14.30-19.30, Hemicycle**

*\* Deadline for tabling amendments: Wednesday 9 October 2024, 10.00*

<b>14.30</b>	<b>Adoption of the minutes of the sitting of the Congress on 15 October 2024</b> [CG(2024)47-PV-01am] [CG(2024)47-PV-01pm]
<b>14.32</b>	<b>Adoption of texts approved by the Chamber of Local Authorities</b> [CG(2024)47-06]
<b>14.40</b>	<p><b>Lithuanian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe</b> (17 May 2024 – 13 November 2024)</p> <p><b>Statement by Arnoldas ABRAMAVIČIUS, Vice-Minister of the Interior of Lithuania on behalf of the Presidency of the Committee of Ministers</b></p> <p>Oral reply to written questions <a href="#">[CG(2024)47-15]</a></p> <p><i>Deadline for tabling written questions: Monday 14 October 2024, 16.00</i></p>
<b>15.30</b>	<p><b>Recurring issues based on assessments resulting from Congress monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-Government and election observation missions</b> (reference period 2021-2024)</p> <p>Co-rapporteurs: Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG) and Thibaut GUIGNARD, France (L, EPP/CCE)</p> <p>Presentation by Stewart DICKSON</p> <p>Debate and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation <a href="#">[CG(2024)47-20]</a>*</p>
<b>16.15</b>	<p><b>Ageing communities – ensuring access to quality social care for older persons</b></p> <p>Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Carla DEJONGHE, Belgium (R, ILDG) and Joanne LABAN, United Kingdom (L, ECR)</p> <p>Statements by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rui MOREIRA, Mayor of Porto, Portugal</li> <li>• Sandra SLUSNYTE, Youth delegate, Lithuania</li> </ul> <p>Debate and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation <a href="#">[CG(2024)47-17]</a>*</p> 
<b>17.30</b>	<p><b>Congress Rejuvenating Politics Initiative: 10 years of making democracy younger</b></p> <p>Statement by Veronique BERTHOLLE, France (L, SOC/G/PD), Congress thematic spokesperson on Youth</p> <p><b>Integration of youth perspectives in local and regional democratic life</b></p> <p>Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Jani KOKKO, Finland (L, SOC/G/PD) and Randi MONDORF, Denmark (R, ILDG)</p> <p><b>Presentation of the grass roots projects by the 2024 youth delegates</b> <a href="#">[CG(2024)47-19]</a></p> <p>Introduction by : Afia Mansoor AHMED, Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jon KOLA, Albania</li> <li>• Anna RAMKOVICA, Latvia</li> <li>• Maya TENTONI, San Marino</li> <li>• Henrik HARJUS, Estonia</li> <li>• Panagiotis MOUMTSAKIS, Greece</li> </ul> <p>Debate and vote on the draft resolution <a href="#">[CG(2024)47-21]</a>*</p> 
<b>19.30</b>	<b>Close of the sitting</b>
<b>19.30</b>	<b>EVENT:</b> Reception to mark the 10th anniversary of the Congress Rejuvenating Politics initiative – Lobby of the hemicycle

## Thursday 17 October 2024

Meeting of the Bureau of the Congress 8.30-9.30, Room 11 [EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]



## Thursday 17 October 2024

### Plenary sitting [EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]

10.00-13.00, Hemicycle

\* *Deadline for tabling amendments: Thursday 10 October 2024, 10.00*

\*\* *Deadline for tabling amendments: Wednesday 16 October 2024, 10.00*

10.00	<b>Adoption of the minutes of the sessions of the chambers and of the sitting of the Congress on 16 October 2024</b> <small>[CPL(2024)47-PV], [CPR(2024)47-PV] and [CG(2024)47-PV-02]</small>	
10.05	<b>Ceremony awarding the Congress medal to honorary members</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, Belgium</li><li>• Leendert VERBEEK, Netherlands</li><li>• John WARMISHAM, United Kingdom</li></ul>	
10.25	<b>The situation in Georgia</b> Presentation by the rapporteur: Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/PD) Debate and vote on the draft declaration <a href="#">[CG(2024)47-22]**</a>	
11.15	<b>Observation of local elections in Türkiye (31 March 2024)</b> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: David ERAY, Switzerland (R, EPP/CCE) and Vladimir PREBILIC, Slovenia (L, SOC/G/PD) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation <a href="#">[CG(2024)47-16]*</a>	
12.15	<b>Local outreach of the Congress</b> <a href="#">[CG(e2024)47-11]</a> Presentation of the declaration of the Conference of National Associations of Local and Regional Authorities, organised by the Congress on 12-13 September 2024 Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fabrizio ROSSI, Secretary General, Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)</li><li>• Kelmend ZAJAZI, Executive Secretary, Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South East Europe (NALAS)</li><li>• Zsuzsa VIDÓ, Youth delegate, Hungary</li></ul> Debate	
12.59	<b>Adoption of the abridged report of the session</b> <small>[CG(2024)47-DEC]</small>	
13.00	<b>Close of the 47th Session by the President of the Congress</b>	



## MEMBERS' ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO:

- Electronic voting: votes in the plenary sittings and the session of the Chamber of Local Authorities will be held using the Congress nominative badge. Votes in the Chamber of Regions and the committee meetings will take place using KUDO, the electronic voting platform. Only representatives or duly designated substitutes who registered for the session before **4 October 2024 at 18.00 will have the right to vote.**
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  - Registration of speakers: the registration of speakers for the debates should be done directly in Congress Connect.
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  - **Table office** for any other questions: 1076, 1078, 1080, 1087
  - **SPEAKING TIMES APPLIED IN THE DEBATES - Rule 30 paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Rules and Procedures of the Congress**
6. Speaking time for delegates is limited as follows:
- a. Single rapporteurs presenting reports: ten minutes;
  - b. Co-rapporteurs presenting reports: six minutes each;
  - c. Single rapporteurs replying to debates: five minutes;
  - d. Co-rapporteurs replying to debates: three minutes each;
  - e. Chairs of committees replying to debates (at their request): three minutes;
  - f. Other speakers (except on personal statements; on setting the agenda; on any procedural question or on amendments): three minutes;
  - g. Speakers on personal statements; on setting the agenda; on any procedural question or on amendments or sub-amendments: one minute.
7. When sufficient time is not available for all speakers to be heard for the times provided under Rule 30.6, the President may decide that speaking time will be reduced or that not all those who have entered their name in the register may speak.
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