

47th SESSION
CPR(2024)47-PV

MINUTES

Wednesday 16 October 2024

Chamber of Regions

09.00 – 12.30, Room 1

1.	<p>Opening of the session of the Chamber by the First Vice-President</p> <p>Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (EPP/CCE) First Vice-President of the Chamber, declared the 47th Session of the Chamber of Regions open at 09.05.</p>
2.	<p>Adoption of the agenda of the Chamber</p> <p>The agenda in document CG(2024)47-OJ was adopted.</p>
3.	<p>Election of the President of the Chamber</p> <p>The First Vice-President informed the Chamber that the Executive Secretary had received the name of one candidate for the office of the President, Cecilia DALMAN EEK, Sweden (SOC/G/PD) and that the candidature complied with Rules 13.3 and 14.2 of the Rules and Procedures of the Congress.</p> <p>A test vote was carried out.</p> <p>Cecilia DALMAN EEK addressed the Chamber.</p> <p>The Chamber proceeded to vote.</p> <p>Cecilia DALMAN EEK was declared elected as President, in accordance with Rule 14.4 of the Rules and Procedures of the Congress.</p> <p>The First Vice-President congratulated the new President.</p>
4.	<p>Communication of the First Vice-President of the Chamber</p> <p>The First Vice-President presented her statement in document CPR(2024)47-01.</p>
	<p><i>Cecilia DALMAN EEK, President of the Chamber, took the chair at 09.35.</i></p>
5.	<p>Statement by the newly elected President of the Chamber</p> <p>Cecilia DALMAN EEK, newly elected President, made a statement.</p>
6.	<p>Regions with special status</p> <p>The President informed the Chamber that the concept note for the debate was in CPR(2024)47-02.</p> <p>The President welcomed the following speakers and invited them to make statements:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jörgen PETTERSSON, Speaker of the Parliament of Åland, Finland • Artur LIMA, Vice-President of Regional Government of the Azores, Portugal • Mikel Anton ZARRAGOITIA, European Affairs Director, Basque Government, Spain • Boris LENNAERTZ, Youth delegate, Belgium. <p>Jörgen PETTERSSON, Artur LIMA, Mikel Anton ZARRAGOITIA and Boris LENNAERTZ made statements.</p> <p>The debate was opened.</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Frederic BIERRY, France (L, EPP/CCE)</p> <p>The debate was closed.</p> <p>The President thanked Jörgen PETTERSSON, Artur LIMA, Mikel Anton ZARRAGOITIA and Boris LENNAERTZ.</p>
7.	<p>Digitalisation, artificial intelligence and regional governance</p> <p>The President informed the Chamber that the concept note for the debate was in document CPR(2024)47-02.</p> <p>The President welcomed the following speakers and invited them to make statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David ERAY, Congress Spokesperson on AI, Minister, Canton of Jura, Switzerland • María BOBILLO VARELA, Director of the Office of Strategic Support and Planning Agency for the Technological Modernization of Galicia, Spain • Marco REUTER, Head of the Digitalisation and Innovation Division at the Representation of the State of Hesse to the EU, Germany • Ivan DONEV, Youth Delegate, North Macedonia. <p>David ERAY, María BOBILLO VARELA, Marco REUTER and Ivan DONEV made statements.</p> <p>The debate was opened.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Gunther BERGMANN, Germany (EPP/CCE); Rachid EL ABDI, Morocco (Partner for Local Democracy); Afia Mansoor AHMED, Germany (Youth Delegate); Sofia CAMAGLIA, Italy (Youth Delegate); Ilgin PASLI-BROMBACH, Türkiye, (Youth Delegate); Elianne DEMOLLIN-SCHNEIDERS, Netherlands (EPP/CCE); Ervin KOLAREC, Croatia (EPP/CCE); Danijel BACAN, Croatia (Youth Delegate); Gunes PEHLIVAN, Türkiye (SOC/G/PD); Tobias REINHOFER, Austria (Youth Delegate).</p> <p>Ivan DONEV, Marco REUTER, María BOBILLO VARELA and David ERAY replied to the debate.</p> <p>The debate was closed.</p> <p>The President thanked David ERAY, María BOBILLO VARELA, Marco REUTER and Ivan DONEV.</p>
8.	<p>The role of regions in international co-operation for the recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine</p> <p>The President informed the chamber that the concept note for the debate was in document CPR(2024)47-02.</p> <p>The President welcomed the following speakers and invited them to make statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tetyana YEHOVA-LUTSENKO, President of the Ukrainian Association of District and Regional Councils, Chair of Kharkiv Regional Council, Ukraine (online participant) • Pavlo ZHURBA, Deputy Head of Ternopil Regional State Administration, Ukraine • Patrick MOLINOZ, Vice President of Bourgogne-Franche-Comté, President of the Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs, France • Anita SCHNEIDER, President (Landrätin) of the Gießen district, Germany. <p>Tetyana YEHOVA-LUTSENKO, Pavlo ZHURBA, Patrick MOLINOZ and Anita</p>

	<p>SCHNEIDER made statements.</p> <p>The debate was opened.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Sören SCHUMACHER, Germany (SOC/G/PD); Sonja LEDL-ROSSMANN, Austria (EPP/CCE); Mykola LUKASHUK, Ukraine (ILDG); Iuliia VUSENKO, Ukraine (EPP/CCE); Vania FREITAS, Belgium (Representative of the Assembly of European Regions); Grigore RINJA, Republic of Moldova (Youth Delegate); Christian DEBEVE, France (ILDG).</p> <p>Anita SCHNEIDER, Patrick MOLINOZ, Pavlo ZHURBA and Tetyana YEHOVA-LUTSENKO replied to the debate.</p> <p>The debate was closed.</p> <p>The President thanked Tetyana YEHOVA-LUTSENKO, Pavlo ZHURBA, Patrick MOLINOZ and Anita SCHNEIDER.</p>
9.	<p>Adoption of the abridged report of the Session of the Chamber</p> <p>The abridged report of the Session of the Chamber, in document CPR(2024)47-DEC, was adopted.</p>
10.	<p>Close of the Session of the Chamber by the President</p> <p>The President informed members that the next Session of the Chamber would take place during the 48th Session of the Congress on 26 March 2025.</p> <p>The President thanked the members of the Chamber for their participation and declared the 47th Session of the Chamber closed at 12:32.</p>