

48th SESSION
CPL(2025)48-PV

MINUTES

Wednesday 26 March 2025	
Chamber of Local Authorities	
09.00 – 12.30, Hemicycle	
1.	<p>Opening of the 48th Session of the Chamber of Local Authorities by the President</p> <p>Bernd VÖRINGHER, President of the Chamber, declared the 48th Session of the Chamber of Local Authorities open at 09.03.</p>
2.	<p>Adoption of the agenda of the Chamber</p> <p>The Chamber proceeded to vote on the agenda in document CG(2025)48-OJ.</p> <p>The agenda was adopted.</p>
3.	<p>Election of the 7th Vice-President of the Chamber of Local Authorities</p> <p>The President informed the Chamber that the Secretary of the Chamber had received the name of one candidate for the office of Vice-President, that of Joris BENGEOVOORD, Netherland (SOC/G/PD), and that the nomination conformed with the requirement of Rule 13.4 of the Rules and Procedures.</p> <p>The President invited Joris BENGEOVOORD to address the Chamber.</p> <p>Joris BENGEOVOORD presented his candidature.</p> <p>In accordance with Rule 15.7 of the Rules and Procedures, the President declared Joris BENGEOVOORD elected as Vice-President of the Chamber.</p>
4.	<p>Communication of the President of the Chamber</p> <p>The President presented the statement in document CPL(2025)48-01.</p>
5.	<p>Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Liechtenstein</p> <p>The co-rapporteurs, Marjorie CROVETTO, Monaco (NR), and Xavier CADORET, France (SOC/G/PD), presented the draft recommendation in document CPL(2025)48-02.</p> <p>The debate was opened.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Rainer BECK, Liechtenstein (EPP/CCE); Julien BELTRANDI, Monaco (youth delegate).</p> <p>The co-rapporteurs replied to the debate.</p> <p>The debate was closed.</p> <p>The Chamber proceeded to vote on the draft recommendation in document CPL(2025)48-02.</p> <p>The draft recommendation was adopted.</p>

<p>6.</p>	<p>Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in San Marino</p> <p>The co-rapporteur Tanja JOONA, Finland (ILDG), presented the draft recommendation in document CPL(2025)48-03 on behalf of the co-rapporteur Alexander BOOMGAARS, Netherlands (SOC/G/PD).</p> <p>The debate was opened.</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Alessandro BINDI, San Marino (NR).</p> <p>The co-rapporteur replied to the debate.</p> <p>The debate was closed.</p> <p>The Chamber proceeded to vote on the draft recommendation CPL(2025)48-03.</p> <p>The draft recommendation was adopted.</p> <p>Statement by Andrea BELLUZZI</p> <p>The President welcomed Andrea BELLUZZI, Minister for Internal Affairs, Public Function, Institutional Affairs, Relations with the Castello Councils and Regulatory Simplification, San Marino.</p> <p>Andrea BELLUZZI made a statement.</p> <p>He responded to questions from: Gudrun MOSLER-TOERNSTROEM, Austria (SOC/G/PD); Jorge SEQUEIRA, Portugal (SOC/G/PD); Melanie LEPOULTIER, France (ILDG); Camilla ZAVOLI, San Marino (youth delegate).</p> <p>The President thanked Andrea BELLUZZI.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Thematic debate: Environmental protection: How can local elected representatives make a difference?</p> <p>The President informed members that a concept note for the debate was available in document CPL(2025)48-04.</p> <p>The President welcomed the following speakers and invited them to make a statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivica PULJAK, Mayor of Split, Croatia; • Meropi-Spyridoula YDRAIOU, Congress thematic spokesperson on environment and climate change, Greece (EPP/CCE); • Roxana-Maria CHIRIȚOIU, Romania (youth delegate). <p>Ivica PULJAK, Meropi-Spyridoula YDRAIOU and Roxana-Maria CHIRIȚOIU made statements.</p> <p>The debate was opened.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Gudrun MOSLER-TOERNSTROEM, Austria (SOC/G/PD); Nila OSTROVSKA, Ukraine (EPP/CCE); Nikolaos GIALITAKIS, Greece (SOC/G/PD); Renars KARLINSKIS, Latvia (youth delegate); Amanda SERJEANT, United Kingdom (SOC/G/PD); Stefan FASSBINDER, Germany (SOC/G/PD); Melanie LEPOULTIER, France (ILDG); Heather BRANNAN McVEY, United Kingdom (SOC/G/PD); Alan McDOWELL, United Kingdom (ILDG); Veronique BERTHOLLE, France (SOC/G/PD); Michael WEILCH, Austria (youth delegate); Sean O'BRIEN, Ireland (NR); Joris BENGEOVOORD, Netherlands (SOC/G/PD); Oliver Eugene Clifford McCARTHY, United Kingdom (youth delegate); Zana GUMUS, Türkiye (SOC/G/PD); Steinunn Asa SIGURDARDOTTIR, Iceland (youth delegate); Tijana RISTOVSKA, North Macedonia (youth delegate); Christos NTONIS, Greece (youth delegate); Maros SAGAN, Slovak Republic (EPP/CCE); Martin Ivaylov VELICHKOV, Bulgaria (youth delegate); Francesca GIUDICE, Malta (youth delegate).</p> <p>Ivica PULJAK, Meropi-Spyridoula YDRAIOU and Roxana-Maria CHIRIȚOIU replied to the debate.</p> <p>The debate was closed.</p> <p>The President thanked Ivica PULJAK, Meropi-Spyridoula YDRAIOU and Roxana-Maria CHIRIȚOIU.</p>

<p>8.</p>	<p>Observation of local elections in Podgorica, Montenegro (26 September 2024)</p> <p>The rapporteur, Randi MONDORF, Demark (R, GILD-ILDG), presented the draft resolution and draft recommendation in document CPL(2025)48-05.</p> <p>The debate was opened.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Jelena BOROVINIC BOJOVIC, Montenegro (EPP/CCE); Bryony RUDKIN, United Kingdom (SOC/G/PD); Ana MARJANOVIC, Montenegro (youth delegate); James MOLONEY, Ireland (ILDG); Lucija JUSUP, Croatia (youth delegate)</p> <p>The rapporteur replied to the debate.</p> <p>The debate was closed.</p> <p>The Chamber proceeded to vote on the draft resolution in document CPL(2025)48-05.</p> <p>The draft resolution was adopted.</p> <p>The Chamber proceeded to vote on the draft recommendation in document CPL(2025)48-05.</p> <p>The draft recommendation was adopted.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Fact-finding mission on electoral matters, Romania (23 October 2024)</p> <p>The co-rapporteurs, Randi MONDORF, Denmark (R, ILDG), and Jorge SEQUEIRA, Portugal (SOC/G/PD), presented the draft recommendation in document CPL(2025)48-06.</p> <p>The debate was opened</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Catalin DRAGAN, Republic of Moldova (youth delegate); Roxana-Maria CHIRITOIU, Romania (youth delegate); Emilian OPREA, Romania (EPP/CCE).</p> <p>The co-rapporteurs replied to the debate.</p> <p>The debate was closed.</p> <p>The Chamber proceeded to vote on the draft recommendation CPL(2025)48-06.</p> <p>The draft recommendation was adopted.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Adoption of the abridged report of the Session of the Chamber</p> <p>The Chamber proceeded to vote on the abridged report of the Session of the Chamber in document CPL(2025)48-DEC.</p> <p>The abridged report was adopted.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<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 49th Session of the Congress, on 29 October 2025.</p> <p>The President thanked the members of the Chamber for their participation and declared the 48th Session of the Chamber closed at 12.30.</p>