

48th SESSION
CPR(2025)48-PV

MINUTES

Wednesday 26 March 2025

Chamber of Regions

09.00 – 12.30, Room 1

1.	<p>Opening of the session of the Chamber by the President</p> <p>Cecilia DALMAN EEK, Sweden (SOC/G/PD) President of the Chamber, declared the 48th Session of the Chamber of Regions open at 09.07.</p>
2.	<p>Adoption of the agenda of the Chamber</p> <p>The agenda in document CG(2025)48-OJ was adopted.</p>
3.	<p>Election of the 7th Vice-President of the Chamber</p> <p>The President informed the Chamber that the Executive Secretary had received the name of only one candidate for the office of the 7th Vice-President, Güneş PEHLIVAN, Türkiye, (SOC/G/PD) and that the candidature complied with Rules 13.1 and 13.4 of the Rules and Procedures of the Congress and administrative rule no. 2.</p> <p>Güneş PEHLIVAN addressed the Chamber.</p> <p>Güneş PEHLIVAN was declared elected as President, in accordance with Rule 15.7 of the Rules and Procedures of the Congress.</p> <p>The President congratulated the new Vice-President.</p>
4.	<p>Communication of the President of the Chamber</p> <p>The President presented her statement in document CPR(2025)48-01.</p>
5.	<p>Towards a sound regional financial governance</p> <p>The President informed the Chamber that the concept note for the debate was in document CPR(2025)48-02.</p> <p>The President informed the Chamber that Ahmet OĞUZ DEMİR, who had been expected to make a statement, was unable to attend due to the situation in Turkey.</p> <p>The President welcomed Oleksii RIABYKIN, Deputy Minister of Communities and Territories Development, Ukraine, and Sean DOUGHERTY, Senior Advisor and Head of Secretariat, OECD Network on Fiscal Relations, and invited them to make a statement.</p> <p>Oleksii RIABYKIN and Sean DOUGHERTY made statements.</p> <p>The debate was opened</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Gunther BERGMANN, Germany (EPP/CCE); Eke FOLKERTS, Netherlands (EPP/CCE); Fanis SPANOS, Greece (EPP/CCE); Max DAVIDOVIC, Slovenia (youth delegate); Christos PARMAKIS, Cyprus (youth delegate).</p> <p>Oleksii RIABYKIN and Sean DOUGHERTY replied to the debate.</p>

	<p>The debate was closed.</p> <p>The President thanked Oleksii RIABYKIN and Sean DOUGHERTY.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>The role of sub-regional authorities in countries with three levels of sub-national self-government</p> <p>The President informed the Chamber that the concept note for the debate was in document CPR(2025)48-02.</p> <p>The President welcomed the following speakers and invited them to make statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • André VIOLA, President of CEPLI (European Confederation of Local Intermediate Authorities), Councillor of the Aude Provincial Council, France • Tetiana YEHOROVA-LUTSENKO, President of the Ukrainian Association of District and Regional Councils, Chair of Kharkiv Regional Council, Ukraine • Yelyzaveta K Aidash, Ukraine (youth delegate). <p>André VIOLA, Tetiana YEHOROVA-LUTSENKO and Yelyzaveta K Aidash made statements.</p> <p>The debate was opened.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Peter M DRENTH, Netherlands (EPP/CCE); Frederic M BIERRY, France (EPP/CCE); Karima ESSADRY, Morocco (youth delegate); Reinout VERMAERCKE, Belgium (youth delegate); Andrea BORRACCETTI, Italy (youth delegate).</p> <p>The President welcomed Oleksandr VASYLENKO (Chair of Cherkasy District Council, Ukraine); Viktor MUDRII (Chair of Kryviy Rih District Council, Ukraine) as guest speakers.</p> <p>Yelyzaveta K Aidash, Tetiana YEHOROVA-LUTSENKO and André VIOLA replied to the debate.</p> <p>The debate was closed.</p> <p>The President thanked André VIOLA, Tetiana YEHOROVA-LUTSENKO and Yelyzaveta K Aidash.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>The role of the regions in the process of accession and post-accession to the EU</p> <p>The President informed the Chamber that the concept note for the debate was in document CPR(2025)48-02.</p> <p>The President welcomed the following speakers and invited them to make statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marta KOS, EU Commissioner for Enlargement (video message) • Vitalii BEZGHIN, Member of the Parliament, Chair of the Parliamentary Subcommittee on Administrative and territorial Organisation and Local Self-government of the Parliamentary Committee on Organisation of State Power, Local Self-Government, Regional Development and Urban Planning, Ukraine • Albert CASTELLANOS, President of the Assembly of European Regions (AER) • Dušan RAIČEVIĆ, President of the Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe (NALAS). <p>Marta KOS made a video statement.</p> <p>Vitalii BEZGHIN, Albert CASTELLANOS and Dušan RAIČEVIĆ made statements.</p> <p>The debate was opened.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Elianne DEMOLLIN-SCHNEIDERS, Netherlands (EPP/CCE); Hande ÖZKAN BOZATLI, Turkey; Reinhart ROHR, Austria (SOC/G/PD); Andrea BORRACCETTI, Italy (youth delegate); Mykola M LUKASHUK, Ukraine (ILDG); Emilija NOVAKOVIC, Serbia (youth delegate); Christos PARMAKKIS, Cyprus (youth delegate); Baran GUNES, Turkey (SOC/G/PD); Victoria ARAKELYAN, Georgia (youth delegate); Maylinda BAJRAMI, Albania (youth delegate).</p> <p>Dušan RAIČEVIĆ, Albert CASTELLANOS and Vitalii BEZGHIN replied to the debate.</p>

	<p>The debate was closed.</p> <p>The President thanked Marta KOS, Vitalii BEZGHIN, Albert CASTELLANOS and Dušan RAIČEVIĆ.</p>
7.	<p>Presentation of the President of the Chamber's conclusions</p> <p>The President presented her conclusions in document CPR(2025)48-03.</p> <p>The debate was opened</p> <p>Speakers: Svitlana BOHATYRCHUK KRYVKO, Ukraine (ECR)</p> <p>The debate was closed.</p> <p>The draft conclusions were adopted.</p>
8.	<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(2025)48-DECprov, was adopted.</p>
9.	<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 12:23.</p>