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## **New Congress leadership elected**

Strasbourg, 18 October 2012 - The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe has a renewed leadership voted in at its 23rd Session. The term of office for leadership positions is 2 years. The mandate for the 636 Congress members - representatives of local and regional authorities - is for 4 years.

### **PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS: Herwig VAN STAA (Austria EPP-CD)**

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#### **CHAMBER LEADERSHIP**

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##### **President of the Chamber of Local Authorities: Jean-Claude FRÉCON (France, SOC)**

- 1st Vice-President: Anders KNAPE (Sweden, EPP-CD)
- 2nd Vice-President: Gaye DOGANOGLU (Turkey, EPP-CD)
- 3rd Vice- President: John WARMISHAM (United Kingdom, SOC)
- 4th Vice- President: Amy KOOPMANSCHAP (Netherlands, SOC)
- 5th Vice- President: Marc COOLS (Belgium, ILDG)
- 6th Vice-President: Emilio VERRENGIA (Italy, EPP-CD)
- 7th Vice-President: Dubravka SUICA (Croatia, EPP/CD)

##### **President of the Chamber of Regions: Nataliya ROMANOVA (Ukraine, ILDG)**

- 1st Vice-President: Michael O'BRIEN (Ireland, SOC)
- 2nd Vice-President: Helena PIHLAJASSAARI (Finland, SOC)
- 3rd Vice- President: Gunn Marit HELGESEN (Norway, EPP-CD)
- 4th Vice- President: Urs WÜTHRICH-PELLOLI (Switzerland, SOC)
- 5th Vice- President: Clemens LAMMERSKITTEN (Germany, EPP-CD)
- 6th Vice-President: Svetlana ORLOVA (Russian Federation, EPP-CD)
- 7th Vice-President: Ludmila SFIRLOAGA (Romania, SOC)

The 2 Presidents of the two Chambers and the 14 Vice-Presidents of these Chambers are Vice-Presidents of the Congress.

#### **COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP**

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##### **Chair of the Monitoring Committee: Lars O. MOLIN (Sweden, EPP-CD)**

- 1st Vice-Chair : Devrim CUKUR (Turkey, SOC )
- 2nd Vice-Chair: Irene LOIZIDOU (Cyprus, EPP-CD)
- 3rd Vice-Chair: Jos WIENEN (Netherlands, EPP-CD)
- 4th Vice-Chair: Andree BUCHMANN (France, SOC)
- 5th Vice-Chair: Alexander USS (Russian Federation, EPP-CD)

##### **Chair of the Governance Committee: Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ (Belgium, SOC)**

- 1st Vice-Chair: Britt-Marie LOVGREN (Sweden, ILDG)
- 2nd Vice-Chair: Sevdia UGREKHELIDZE (Georgia, EPP-CD)
- 3rd Vice-Chair: Henry FERAL (France, EPP-CD)
- 4th Vice-Chair: Amrit MEDIRATTA (United Kingdom, ECR)
- 5th Vice-Chair: Mustafa AYGUN (Turkey, ECR)

##### **Chair of the Current Affairs Committee: Farid MUKHAMETSHIN (Russia, ILDG)**

- 1st Vice-Chair : Angelika KORDFELDER (Germany, SOC)
- 2nd Vice-Chair: Ana ALOS LOPEZ (Spain, EPP-CD)

3rd Vice-Chair: Snezhina MADZHAROVA (Bulgaria, EPP-CD)

4th Vice-Chair: Enes OZKARSLI (Turkey, EPP-CD)

5th Vice-Chair: vacant

## **POLITICAL GROUP LEADERSHIP**

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There are four political groups in the new Congress, as well as a Group of 160 members with no political affiliation (NR).

### **Group European People's party – Christian Democrats (EPP-CD) 208 members**

Chair: Artur TORRES PEREIRA (Portugal)

### **Socialist Group (SOC) 154 members**

President of the Group: Gudrun MOSLER -TÖRNSTRÖM (Austria)

### **Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG) 83 members**

Chair: Knud ANDERSEN (Denmark)

### **European Conservatives & Reformists Group (ECR) 29 members**

Chairman: Halldor HALLDORSSON (Iceland)

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The Congress has two chambers, the Chamber of Local Authorities and the Chamber of Regions.

It brings together 318 full and 318 substitute members representing more than 200 000 European territorial communities.

President of the Congress: Herwig Van Staa (Austria, EPP/DC), President of the Chamber of Regions: Nataliya Romanova (Ukraine, IDLG), President of the Chamber of Local Authorities: Jean-Claude Frécon (France, SOC)

Political Groups: Socialist Group (SOC), Group of the European People's Party – Christian Democrats (EPP/CD), Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG), European Conservatives & Reformists Group (ECR)