

CG-BUR(2022)48-DEC  
24 October 2022

**Meeting of the Bureau of the Congress  
Strasbourg – Room 9  
Monday 24 October 2022**

**Abridged report – List of items discussed and decisions taken**

1. The President of the Congress, Mr Leendert VERBEEK, opened the meeting. The list of participants is set out in Appendix 1.
2. The Bureau adopted the agenda as set out in Appendix 2.
3. The Bureau took note of the communication by the President of the Congress.
4. The Bureau took note of the communication by the Secretary General of the Congress.  
  
The Bureau took note of the appointment of Stéphanie Poirel as Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Local Authorities as of 1 December 2022, following the retirement of Renate Zikmund.
5. The Bureau pursued its discussion on the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine and endorsed the President's latest statements.
6. The Bureau took note of information on the Chambers' meetings of 23 September and 24 October 2022.
7. The Bureau took note of the situation concerning the implementation of the Budget of the Congress for 2022 and the discussions concerning the adjustments for 2023.
8. The Bureau took note of the changes in the composition of the national delegations, as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)48-86. The Bureau approved the preliminary draft resolution on the verification of new members' credentials and new appointment procedures, as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)48-96. The Bureau called on the heads of delegation to ensure that those members who had not yet signed the Code of Conduct did so and submitted their Declaration of Interests as soon as possible.
9. The Bureau took note of the schedule of meetings of the 43rd Session as set out in Document CG(2022)43-01. It approved the draft agenda of the 43rd Session of the Congress, as set out in Document CG(2022)43-OJ. The Bureau took note of the charring of the plenary sittings, as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)48-88, of the side events, as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)48-89 and of the list of youth delegates, as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)48-95REV.
10. The Bureau took note of the Co-operation activities of the Congress in member States and neighbouring regions as set out in session Document CG(2022)43-22 and of the memorandum of understanding signed by the Congress, the Open Government Partnership and the Association of Ukrainian Cities.
11. The Bureau took note of the calendars of local and regional elections in 2022 and 2023 as set out in Documents CG-BUR(2022)48-91 and CG-BUR(2022)48-100. The Bureau took note of the Congress delegation for the election observation mission to Slovenia as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)48-97.
12. The Bureau took note of the situation of Nurhayat ALTUN and Leyla GÜVEN, former members of the Turkish delegation to the Congress.
13. The Bureau took note of the report of the High-level Reflection Group on the future of the Council of Europe (October 2022) and of the Parliamentary Assembly report "A fourth Summit for a renewed, improved and reinforced Council of Europe" and agreed to draft a contribution to prepare the possible fourth summit of the Council of Europe.

The Bureau also took note of the Committee of Ministers' replies to texts adopted by the Congress.

14. The Bureau took note of the Congress delegation to the World Forum for Democracy (7-9 November 2022) as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)48-92REV.

15. The Bureau took note of the list of Members of the Bureau, Chairs of the Commissions and Presidents of the Political Groups of the European Committee of the Regions of the European Union, as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)48-98. The Bureau took note of the list of members having dual mandate (Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and European Committee of the Regions) including relevant function, as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)48-99.

16. The Bureau approved the list of Congress meetings in 2022 as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)48-93, took note of the list of dates of Bureau meetings and approved the new dates for the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Congress in 2023 as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)48-94REV.

17. The Bureau bid farewell to Andreas KIEFER, outgoing Secretary General of the Congress and Renate ZIKMUND, outgoing Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Local Authorities.

18. The Bureau adopted the present abridged report of the meeting as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)48-DECprov.

## **Appendix 1 – List of participants**

### **Members of the Bureau**

Leendert VERBEEK, Netherlands, (R, SOC/G/PD), President of the Congress  
 Bernd VÖHRINGER, Germany, (L, EPP/CCE), President of the Chamber of Local Authorities  
 Harald SONDEREGGER, Austria, (R, EPP/CCE), President of the Chamber of Regions  
 Xavier CADORET, France, (L, SOC/G/PD)  
 Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, EPP/CCE)  
 Konstantinos KOUKAS, Greece, (L, EPP/CCE)  
 Aleksandra MALETIĆ, Serbia, (R, EPP/CCE)  
 Martine DIESCHBURG-NICKELS, Luxembourg, (L, ILDG)  
 Emin YERITSYAN, Armenia (L, EPP/CCE)  
 Tunç SOYER, Turkey, (R, SOC/G/PD)  
 Sevdia UGREKHELIDZE, Georgia, (L, EPP/CCE)  
 Lia MONTALTI, Italy (R, SOC/G/PD)  
 Oksana DERKACH, Ukraine, (L, EPP/CCE)

### **Chairs of committees**

Thomas ANDERSSON, Sweden, (R, ILDG), Current Affairs Committee  
 Jelena DRENJANIN, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE), Governance Committee  
 Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, Austria, (L, SOC/G/PD), Monitoring Committee

### **Outgoing President**

Anders KNAPE, Sweden, (L, EPP/CCE)

### **Presidents of Congress political groups**

Anders KNAPE, Sweden, (L, EPP/CCE)  
 Marc COOLS, Belgium, (L, ILDG)  
 Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, Belgium, (R, SOC/G/PD)  
 Svitlana BOHATYRCHUK KRYVKO, Ukraine, (R, ECR)

### **Secretariat**

Andreas KIEFER, Secretary General of the Congress  
 Rafael BENITEZ, Director of the Congress  
 Dolores RÍOS TURÓN, Head of the Table Office and Secretary of the Bureau  
 Renate ZIKMUND, Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Local Authorities  
 Dmitri MARCHENKOV, Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Regions  
 Stephanie POIREL, Head of the Division of Statutory Committees  
 Katyana VASILEVA, Assistant to the Bureau

**Appendix 2 – Agenda**

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| 1.  | <b>Opening of the meeting</b>   |  |                              |
| 2.  | <b>Adoption of the agenda</b>   | <a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)48-OJprov</a><br><a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)47-DEC</a>  | <i>Dec.</i><br><i>Info.</i>  |
| 3.  | <b>Communication by the President of the Congress</b>   | <a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)48-84</a>  | <i>Info.</i>                 |
|     | Missions and meetings of the President of the Congress  |  |                              |
| 4.  | <b>Communication by the Secretary General of the Congress</b>   | <a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)48-85</a><br><a href="#">CG(2022)42-22</a>   | <i>Info.</i><br><i>Info.</i> |
|     | Missions and meetings of the Secretary General of the Congress  |  |                              |
| 5.  | <b>Russian Federation’s war against Ukraine</b>   |  | <i>Info.</i>                 |
|     | Statements by the President of the Congress   | <a href="#">Link</a><br><a href="#">Link</a>   |                              |
| 6.  | <b>Bureaux of the chambers –</b><br>meetings of 23 September 2022 and 24 October 2022   | <a href="#">CPR-BUR(2022)34-DEC</a><br><a href="#">CPR-BUR(2022)35-OJ</a><br><a href="#">CPL-BUR(2022)34-DEC</a><br><a href="#">CPL-BUR(2022)35-OJ</a> | <i>Info.</i>                 |
| 7.  | <b>Budget of the Congress</b>   |  | <i>Info.</i>                 |
| 8.  | <b>National delegations</b><br>Rapporteurs :<br>Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/PD)<br>Aleksandra MALETIĆ, Serbia (R, EPP/CCE) |  |                              |
| 8.1 | Changes in the composition of the national delegations  | <a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)48-86</a>  | <i>Info.</i>                 |
| 8.2 | Preliminary draft resolution on the verification of new members’ credentials  | <a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)48-96</a>  | <i>Dec.</i>                  |
| 9.  | <b>43rd Session of the Congress, 25-27 October 2022</b>   |  |                              |
| 9.1 | Schedule of meetings  | <a href="#">CG(2022)43-01</a>  | <i>Info.</i>                 |
| 9.2 | Approval of the draft agenda  | <a href="#">CG(2022)43-OJ</a>  | <i>Dec.</i>                  |
| 9.3 | Chairing of the plenary sittings  | <a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)48-88</a>  | <i>Info.</i>                 |
| 9.4 | Side-events   | <a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)48-89</a>  | <i>Info.</i>                 |
| 9.5 | Youth delegates   | <b>20.10</b> <a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)48-95REV</a>  | <i>Info.</i>                 |

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| <b>10.</b> | <b>Co-operation activities of the Congress in member States and neighbouring regions</b> | <b>18.10</b> <a href="#">CG(2022)43-22</a>   | <i>Info.</i> |
|            | Memorandum of Understanding  | <a href="#">Link</a><br><a href="#">Press release</a>  |              |
| <b>11.</b> | <b>Local and regional elections</b>  | <a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)48-91</a><br><a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)48-97</a><br><a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)48-100</a>   | <i>Info.</i> |
| <b>12.</b> | <b>Local and regional democracy</b>  |  | <i>Info.</i> |
|            | Türkiye - Situation of Nurhayat Altun and Leyla Güven                                    |  |              |
| <b>13.</b> | <b>Intergovernmental sector</b>  |  | <i>Dec.</i>  |
| 13.1       | High-level Reflection Group on the future of the Council of Europe                       | <a href="#">Report of the High-Level Reflection Group</a><br><a href="#">PACE document on the fourth Summit</a><br><a href="#">Congress contribution</a><br><a href="#">Address by Mr Thomas Byrne</a> |              |
| 13.2       | Committee of Ministers' replies to texts adopted by the Congress                         | <a href="#">CM/Cong(2022)Rec472-final</a>  |              |
| <b>14.</b> | <b>World Forum for Democracy (7-9 November 2022)</b>                                     | <b>20.10</b> <a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)48-92REV</a>  | <i>Info.</i> |
| <b>15.</b> | <b>European Committee of the Regions</b>   | <a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)48-98</a><br><a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)48-99</a>   | <i>Info.</i> |
| <b>16.</b> | <b>Congress meetings</b>   |  |              |
| 16.1       | Congress meetings in 2022  | <a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)48-93</a>  | <i>Dec.</i>  |
| 16.2       | Congress sessions and Bureau meetings in 2023  | <b>24.10</b> <a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)48-94REV</a>  | <i>Info.</i> |
| <b>17.</b> | <b>Other business</b>  |  |              |
| <b>18.</b> | <b>Adoption of the abridged report of the meeting</b>                                    | CG-BUR(2022)48-DEC   | <i>Dec.</i>  |

**Close of the meeting**

**Date of the next meeting: 5 December 2022**