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2 April 2026

50th Congress Session
Strasbourg, plenary sittings 31 March-2 April 2026
Draft abridged report – list of items discussed and decisons taken

1. The oldest Congress representative present, Stewart DICKSON, opened the 50th Session. The list of participants appears in Appendix 1.

2. The Congress adopted Resolution 518 (2026) "Verification of new members' credentials and official appointment procedures", presented by the co-rapporteurs, Andrew BOFF, United Kingdom (R, ECR) and Martine DIESCHBURG-NICKELS, Luxembourg (L, ILDG).

3. The Congress elected its new President, Gunn Marit HELGESEN.

4. The Congres heard a statement by its newly elected President, Gunn Marit HELGESEN.

5. The Congress adopted the revised agenda as set out in Appendix 2. The Congress adopted the minutes of the last sitting of the 49th Session (30 October 2025) as set out in document CG(2025)49-PV-03. The Congress adopted the composition of Congress committees as set out in document CG(2026)50-03.

6. The Congres heard a statement by Marc COOLS, outgoing President of the Congress.

7. The Congress held a debate on the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine and adopted Resolution 519 (2026) "A strategic approach to supporting the recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine at local and regional levels", as amended, presented by the the co-rapporteurs, Véronique BERTHOLLE, France (L, SOC/G/PD) and Amelie TARSCHYS INGRE, Sweden (R, ILDG). The Congress heard statements by :

- Michael O'FLAHERTY, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe
- Oleksandr KORNIYENKO, First Deputy Chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine / Vitalii BEZGHIN, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Administrative and Territorial Set Up and Local Self-Government, Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine
- Oleksii KULEBA, Deputy Prime Minister for the Restoration of Ukraine – Minister for Development of Communities and Territories, Ukraine (on-line participation)

8. The Congres heard a statement by Bjørn BERGE, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe and held an exchange of views with him.

9. The Congress held a debate and adopted Recommendation 543 (2026) and Resolution 521 (2026) "Free elections at the local and regional level: A fundamental right to strengthen grassroots democracy", presented by the rapporteur, Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG). The Congress heard a statement by Kevin CASAS-ZAMORA, Secretary General of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA).

10. The Congress held a debate and adopted Recommendation 544 (2026) and Resolution 522 (2026) "Preserving grassroots democracy – Tackling violence against local and regional elected representatives", presented by the co-rapporteurs, Katrien PARTYKA, Belgium (R, PPE/CCE) and Bryony RUDKIN, United Kingdom (L, SOC/G/PD). The Congress heard a statement by Eider INUNCIAGA SERNA, Councillor for Basque Language, Public Services, Civic Engagement, Agenda 2030 and Internationalisation, Bilbao City Council, Spain.

11. The Congress adopted the minutes of the sitting of the Congress and of sessions of the chambers on 31 March 2026 as set out in documents CG(2026)50-PV-01, CPL(2026)50-PV and CPR(2026)50-PV-01.

12. The Congress took note of the results of the elections of the posts of vice-chairs of the committees, communicated by the President of the Congress.

13. The Congress adopted the texts approved by the Chamber of Local Authorities: Recommendation 540 (2026) “Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Lithuania” and Recommendation 541 (2026) “Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Monaco”, and the text approved by the Chamber of Regions: Recommendation 542 (2026) and Resolution 520 (2026) “Squeezed out? Bringing regional history teaching to the fore” as set out in document CG(2026)50-08.

14. The Congress heard a statement by Alexei BUZU, Secretary General of the Government of Republic of Moldova, on behalf of the Presidency of the Committee of Ministers, and heard his oral replies to written questions.

15. The Congress held a debate on “International disorder, regional consequences”. Introduced by Randi MONDORF, Denmark (R, ILDG).

16. The Congress held a debate and adopted Recommendation 545 (2026) as amended and Resolution 523 (2026) “Fact-finding visit to Georgia (24-25 September 2025)”, presented by the rapporteur, Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG).

17. The Congress held a debate and adopted Recommendation 546 (2026) and Resolution 524 (2026) “Strengthening the capacities of local and regional authorities in the use of artificial intelligence”, presented by the co-rapporteurs, Truls GIHLEMOEN, Norway (R, ECR) and Annika VAIKLA, Estonia (L, ILDG).

18. The Congress held a debate and adopted Recommendation 547 (2026) and Resolution 525 (2026) “How are social rights guaranteed at the local and regional levels? A comparative study based on selected country examples”, presented by the co-rapporteurs, Cecilia DALMAN EEK, Sweden (R, SOC/G/PD) and Martine DIESCHBURG-NICKELS, Luxembourg (L, ILDG).

19. The Congress adopted the minutes of the sitting of the Congress on 1 April 2026 as set out in document CG(2026)50-PV-02.

20. The Congress heard a statement by Mattias GUYOMAR, President of the European Court of Human Rights. It held a debate and adopted Recommendation 548 (2026) and Resolution 526 (2026) “Implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights by local and regional authorities: lessons from the case law of the European Court of Human Rights”, presented by the co-rapporteurs, Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, Austria (L, SOC/G/PD) and Mélanie LEPOULTIER, France (L, ILDG), as well as Resolution 527 (2026) “Human Rights Handbook for local and regional elected representatives Volume IV – Freedom of expression and freedom of assembly and association”, presented by the co-rapporteur, Peter DRENTH, Netherlands (R, EPP/CCE).

21. The Congress held a debate on “From borders to boroughs: global movements, local responses” and heard statements by:

- Fatma ŞAHIN, Mayor of Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality, Türkiye
- Elena CARLETTI, President of the Equal Rights and Opportunities Commission of the Region of Emilia Romagna, Italy

22. The Congress held a debate and adopted Recommendation 549 (2026) “Local elections in Estonia (19 October 2025)”, presented by the rapporteur, Jana FISCHEROVA, Czechia (L, ECR), Recommendation 550 (2026) “Local elections in North Macedonia (19 October 2025)”, presented by the rapporteur Gobnait NI MHUIMNEACAIN, Ireland (L, ILDG) and Recommendation 551 (2026) “Local elections in San Marino (23 November 2025)”, presented by the rapporteur Christa CARPELAN, Finland (L, EPP/CCE).

The Congress also heard a presentation of the report entitled “Local elections in Kosovo[1]”, presented by Belinda GOTTARDI, Italy (L, SOC/G/PD).

23. The Congress adopted the present abridged report of the 50th Session.

24. The President closed the 50th Session.

[1] All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo

Appendix 1 – List of particpants

ATTENDANCE LIST / LISTE DE PRESENCE

Plenary session / Session plénière

Total

National delegations / Délégations nationales

AALTONEN Mikko	FINLAND / FINLANDE
ABASHIDZE Zurab replacing/remplaçant KALADZE Kakha	GEORGIA / GÉORGIE
ABBASOV Bahruz	AZERBAIJAN / AZERBAÏDJAN
ABDULLAYEV Arzu	AZERBAIJAN / AZERBAÏDJAN
ADAMONYTE Dovile	LITHUANIA / LITUANIE
ADELAKUN Esther	LUXEMBOURG / LUXEMBOURG
AGREN WIKSTROM Asa	SWEDEN / SUÈDE
AJKUNIC Ismar	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA / BOSNIE-HERZÉGOVINE
ALCOBE FONT Jordi replacing/remplaçant GILI CASALS Rosa	ANDORRA / ANDORRE
ALTUNTAS Umit	TÜRKIYE / TÜRKIYE
ALVAREZ GONZALEZ Carla	SPAIN / ESPAGNE
ANASTASIADOU Irene	CYPRUS / CHYPRE
ANDRIULAITYTE Ieva	LITHUANIA / LITUANIE
ARI Rasim	TÜRKIYE / TÜRKIYE
ARISOY Omer	TÜRKIYE / TÜRKIYE
ARSHAKYAN Edgar replacing/remplaçant vacant seat / siège vacant	ARMENIA / ARMÉNIE
ASSELBORN-BINTZ Simone	LUXEMBOURG / LUXEMBOURG
ASTASEVSKA Inese	LATVIA / LETTONIE
AUGUSTIN Amélie	MONACO / MONACO
AYALA ORTEGA Francisco Javier	SPAIN / ESPAGNE
BACKER JOHNSEN Hermanni replacing/remplaçant RAINIO Olli	FINLAND / FINLANDE
BAIKS Janis	LATVIA / LETTONIE
BAILEY Rachel	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
BALTADZHIEVA Elena	BULGARIA / BULGARIE
BARONE Rosa	ITALY / ITALIE
BARTOLO Emvin	MALTA / MALTE
BASTIN Jean-Paul replacing/remplaçant vacant seat / siège vacant	BELGIUM / BELGIQUE
BATTAGLINI Mimosa	ITALY / ITALIE
BEI Vitalii	UKRAINE / UKRAINE
BELCHER Helen replacing/remplaçant THORNTON Peter	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
BELTRAMINELLI Paolo	SWITZERLAND / SUISSE
BENTLEY Kevin	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
BENTSINK Merel	NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS

BERGMANN Gunther replacing/remplaçant VOGE Rasmus	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
BERNARDI Yannik	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
BERTHOLLE Veronique	FRANCE / FRANCE
BIERRY Frederic	FRANCE / FRANCE
BILALI Leutrim	NORTH MACEDONIA / MACÉDOINE DU NORD
BILIR Irem	TÜRKIYE / TÜRKIYE
BILLE Kirstine	DENMARK / DANEMARK
BINDI Alessandro	SAN MARINO / SAINT MARIN
BJUREMALM Rebecka	SWEDEN / SUÈDE
BLAHOVA Kamila replacing/remplaçant PROVAZNIKOVA Anna	CZECHIA / TCHÉQUIE
BLOMBERG McCORMACK Gabriella Elin	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
BOBEICA Marcel	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA / RÉPUBLIQUE DE MOLDOVA
BOCIAN Lars	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
BOEHM Stefan	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
BOFF Andrew	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
BOHATYRCHUK KRYVKO Svitlana	UKRAINE / UKRAINE
BOHDANOVA Sofiia	UKRAINE / UKRAINE
BOKUCHAVA Tatiana	GEORGIA / GÉORGIE
BOOMGAARS Alexander	NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS
BOREIKIENE Violeta	LITHUANIA / LITUANIE
BORG AQUILINA Cara	MALTA / MALTE
BOTNARESCU Ana-Maria	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA / RÉPUBLIQUE DE MOLDOVA
BOULBEN MEYER Yann	SWITZERLAND / SUISSE
BOZTUG Bulent	TÜRKIYE / TÜRKIYE
BRADARA Lidija	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA / BOSNIE-HERZÉGOVINE
BROBERG Emil	SWEDEN / SUÈDE
BROWN Keith	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
BROZ Zdenek replacing/remplaçant NETOLICKY Martin	CZECHIA / TCHÉQUIE
BUCHANAN Anthony replacing/remplaçant GILLHAM Linda	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
BURNETT Alexander replacing/remplaçant COTTON John	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
BUYUKAKIN Tahir	TÜRKIYE / TÜRKIYE
CADORET Xavier	FRANCE / FRANCE
CAIRAT PERRIGAULT Cerni	ANDORRA / ANDORRE
CANOVIC Nihad replacing/remplaçant LUTOVAC Djole	MONTENEGRO / MONTENEGRO
CARPELAN Christa	FINLAND / FINLANDE
CEBAN Ion	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA / RÉPUBLIQUE DE MOLDOVA
CECCOLI Barbara replacing/remplaçant MENGHI Gloria	SAN MARINO / SAINT MARIN
CHAMAKIOTI Despoina	GREECE / GRÈCE
CHERNOV Sergii	UKRAINE / UKRAINE
CHEVALLEY Christine	SWITZERLAND / SUISSE

CHIRICA Mihai	ROMANIA / ROUMANIE
CIEMNOCZOLOWSKI Sebastian	POLAND / POLOGNE
CINI Marlene	MALTA / MALTE
CONON Torbjörn	SWEDEN / SUÈDE
COOLS Marc	BELGIUM / BELGIQUE
CROVETTO Marjorie	MONACO / MONACO
CROWE John	IRELAND / IRLANDE
DALMAN EEK Cecilia	SWEDEN / SUÈDE
DARRAS Zohra	FRANCE / FRANCE
DAUTOVIC Kenan	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA / BOSNIE-HERZÉGOVINE
DEBEVE Christian	FRANCE / FRANCE
DEDETAS Sinem	TÜRKIYE / TÜRKIYE
DELLA CASA Roberta	ITALY / ITALIE
DEMOLLIN-SCHNEIDERS Elianne	NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS
DENIS Jonathan replacing/remplaçant BOYES Angela	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
DERIN Ali Kemal	TÜRKIYE / TÜRKIYE
DERKACH Oksana	UKRAINE / UKRAINE
DIAZ LATORRE Francisco	SPAIN / ESPAGNE
DICKSON Stewart	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
DIESCHBURG-NICKELS Martine	LUXEMBOURG / LUXEMBOURG
DOBRONSKI Franciszek	POLAND / POLOGNE
DOROW Alex	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
DRENTH Peter	NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS
EGGER Miriam	AUSTRIA / AUTRICHE
EGLI Dieter	SWITZERLAND / SUISSE
EICHER Emile	LUXEMBOURG / LUXEMBOURG
ERNE-BECK Daniela replacing/remplaçant BECK Rainer	LIECHTENSTEIN / LIECHTENSTEIN
FALCONI Daniela	ITALY / ITALIE
FARRICI Adelina	ALBANIA / ALBANIE
FASSBINDER Stefan	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
FECHETE Simona-Silvia	ROMANIA / ROUMANIE
FEHR Jacqueline	SWITZERLAND / SUISSE
FERRER Eeva	FINLAND / FINLANDE
FISCHEROVA Jana	CZECHIA / TCHÉQUIE
FLYVHOLM Erik	DENMARK / DANEMARK
FOLKERTS Eke	NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS
FOLLING Jenny	NORWAY / NORVÈGE
FRANCOIS Corinne	BELGIUM / BELGIQUE
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GEIEREGGER Bernadette	AUSTRIA / AUTRICHE
GEMESI Gyorgy	HUNGARY / HONGRIE
GEORGESCU Alina-Ioana	ROMANIA / ROUMANIE
GEORGOPOULOU Eleni replacing/remplaçant PERIKLI Lefteris	CYPRUS / CHYPRE
GIALITAKIS Nikolaos replacing/remplaçant CHARDALIAS Nikolaos	GREECE / GRÈCE
GIHLEMOEN Truls	NORWAY / NORVÈGE
GLADYSHEV Mikhail	ESTONIA / ESTONIE
GLYNGOE Kasper	DENMARK / DANEMARK
GOEBBEL Manuela	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
GOLASZEWSKI Marcin	POLAND / POLOGNE
GOTTARDI Belinda	ITALY / ITALIE
GREGOROVIC Marin	CROATIA / CROATIE
GRIGORIAN Diana	GEORGIA / GÉORGIE
GRILLMEIER Roland	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
GROBIEN Susanne	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
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JAKLIN Damijan	SLOVENIA / SLOVÉNIE
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KOKKO Jani	FINLAND / FINLANDE
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KROON Gabriel	SWEDEN / SUÈDE
KRUPA Marcin	POLAND / POLOGNE
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LABAN Joanne Louise	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
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LANCIOTTI Silvio	ITALY / ITALIE
LANING Isabella Sophia	NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS
LAPAURI Natalya	ARMENIA / ARMÉNIE
LEDL-ROSSMANN Sonja	AUSTRIA / AUTRICHE
LEPOULTIER Melanie	FRANCE / FRANCE
LEPPANEN Taru	FINLAND / FINLANDE
LINTONEN Emmi	FINLAND / FINLANDE
LOCK Bjarne	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
LOTTO Leonardo	ITALY / ITALIE
LUKASHUK Mykola	UKRAINE / UKRAINE
LUNGEN David replacing/remplaçant KRESS Birgit	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
MACDISI Vivianne	SWEDEN / SUÈDE
MACEKS Aivars	LATVIA / LETTONIE
MAGYAR Anna replacing/remplaçant BANNE GAL Boglarka	HUNGARY / HONGRIE
MAMAKOS Athanassios replacing/remplaçant DRIKOS Armodios	GREECE / GRÈCE
MAMMADOV Rovshan	AZERBAIJAN / AZERBAÏDJAN
MAMMADOV Bakhtiyar	AZERBAIJAN / AZERBAÏDJAN
MAMMADOVA Khumar	AZERBAIJAN / AZERBAÏDJAN
MANAILA Elena-Daniela replacing/remplaçant CIMPEAN Daniela	ROMANIA / ROUMANIE
MANGEAC Liliana	ROMANIA / ROUMANIE
MARSAN Georges	MONACO / MONACO
MARTINEZ MINGUEZ Carlos	SPAIN / ESPAGNE
MARX Dorothea	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
MATTHEY Patrick	SWITZERLAND / SUISSE
MAZUR Sergii	UKRAINE / UKRAINE
MAZZOLENI Alberto	ITALY / ITALIE
MC DOWELL Alan	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
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METTENLEITER Bernd	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
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MICHALIA Andri	CYPRUS / CHYPRE
MICHELIN Aaron	FINLAND / FINLANDE
MILKOV Pencho	BULGARIA / BULGARIE
MILLAN ARROYO Ana	SPAIN / ESPAGNE
MIRIC Tijana	SERBIA / SERBIE

MITROFANOVAS Vitalijus	LITHUANIA / LITUANIE
MOLDOVAN Nicolae replacing/remplaçant BREAHNA-PRAVAT Ionela-Cristina	ROMANIA / ROUMANIE
MOLONEY James	IRELAND / IRLANDE
MONDORF Randi	DENMARK / DANEMARK
MOORTHAMERS Marlene	BELGIUM / BELGIQUE
MORAN Aisling	IRELAND / IRLANDE
MOSIA Bela	GEORGIA / GÉORGIE
MOSLER-TOERNSTROEM Gudrun	AUSTRIA / AUTRICHE
MOYLAN Tommy	IRELAND / IRLANDE
MYRVANG Sigrun	NORWAY / NORVÈGE
NACHTERGAELE Joris replacing/remplaçant HENDRICKX Marc	BELGIUM / BELGIQUE
NANOU Dimitra replacing/remplaçant LIONI Maria	GREECE / GRÈCE
NAVARRETE PEREZ Josefa	SPAIN / ESPAGNE
NDREU Pjerin	ALBANIA / ALBANIE
NI MHUIMNEACAIN Gobnait	IRELAND / IRLANDE
NIKOLOVA Elena	BULGARIA / BULGARIE
OBRACAJOVA Alexandra	CZECHIA / TCHÉQUIE
OEHRI Christian replacing/remplaçant MOSER Antje	LIECHTENSTEIN / LIECHTENSTEIN
OPREA Vlad-Gheorghe	ROMANIA / ROUMANIE
OSTROVSKA Nila replacing/remplaçant KLIUCHKA Yurii	UKRAINE / UKRAINE
OZDEMIR Emrah	TÜRKIYE / TÜRKIYE
PACAUT Veronique	FRANCE / FRANCE
PACZYNSKA Katarzyna	POLAND / POLOGNE
PALOMERA CLAPISSON Anna	ANDORRA / ANDORRE
PARSAMA Laura	FINLAND / FINLANDE
PARSYAN Gevorg	ARMENIA / ARMÉNIE
PARTYKA Katrien replacing/remplaçant SCHOLZEN Liesa	BELGIUM / BELGIQUE
PASHYNNA Liliia	UKRAINE / UKRAINE
PATAKI Csaba	ROMANIA / ROUMANIE
PFEIFFER Pascale replacing/remplaçant BENASSAYA Philippe	FRANCE / FRANCE
PHUTKARADZE Gogi	GEORGIA / GÉORGIE
PILET Benoit	FRANCE / FRANCE
PODRAZKA Justyna	BELGIUM / BELGIQUE
PONNLE Rayaa	IRELAND / IRLANDE
PUCHEANU Ionut Florin	ROMANIA / ROUMANIE
QOSJA Fisnik	ALBANIA / ALBANIE
RACU Cristina-Loredana replacing/remplaçant ALEXE Costel	ROMANIA / ROUMANIE
RADOJICIC Milica	MONTENEGRO / MONTENEGRO
RAINIO Olli	FINLAND / FINLANDE
RAMELLA PRALUNGO Emanuele	ITALY / ITALIE
REHMAN Nazia	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
ROBBA Mauro	ITALY / ITALIE

ROBERTI Francesco replacing/remplaçant ACQUAROLI Francesco	ITALY / ITALIE
ROBINSON Linda replacing/remplaçant BROWN Abigail	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
ROCCA Federico	ITALY / ITALIE
ROCHA Isabel	PORTUGAL / PORTUGAL
RONGEVAER Bjoern	NORWAY / NORVÈGE
ROWLES Dominic	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
RUDKIN Bryony	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
SABATTINI Luca	ITALY / ITALIE
SAGAN Maros	SLOVAK REPUBLIC / RÉPUBLIQUE SLOVAQUE
SARANKO Jozef	SLOVAK REPUBLIC / RÉPUBLIQUE SLOVAQUE
SCHMIT Vanessa	LUXEMBOURG / LUXEMBOURG
SCHNEIDER Anita	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
SCHULENBURG Tony Chris	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
SCHULZE STEINEN Petra	FINLAND / FINLANDE
SCHUMACHER Soeren replacing/remplaçant vacant seat / siège vacant	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
SCHWARTZOVA Zuzana	SLOVAK REPUBLIC / RÉPUBLIQUE SLOVAQUE
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Appendix 2 – Agenda

Tuesday 31 March 2026

Plenary sitting *[EN/FR/DE/IT/ESP/TR/**UKR]*

10.00-13.00, Hemicycle

** Deadline for tabling amendments: Tuesday 24 March 2026, 10.00*

10.00	**Opening of the 50th Session of the Congress** by the oldest Congress representative present
10.05	**Test vote** – reminder of the voting system and the request to speak procedure in the hemicycle
10.15	**Verification of new members' credentials** [CG(2026)50-04] [CG(2026)50-05] Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Andrew BOFF, United Kingdom (R, ECR) and Martine DIESCHBURG-NICKELS, Luxembourg (L, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG(2026)50-02]*
10.40	**Election of the President of the Congress** **[deadline for candidatures: 18.00 Monday 30 March 2026** (Derogation from Rule 13.2.b of *the Rules and Procedures*, approved by the Bureau at its 69th meeting on 17 February 2026)] Presentation of the candidates (3 minutes each) Vote Results of the election
10.50	**Statement by the newly elected President of the Congress**
11.00	**Adoption of the agenda of the 50th Session** [CG(2026)50-OJ] **Adoption of the minutes of the last sitting of the 49th Session (30 October 2025)** [CG(2025)49-PV-03] **Adoption of the composition of Congress committees** [CG(2026)50-03]
11.05	**Congress Presidency: Statement by the outgoing President Marc COOLS** Exchange of views
11.25	**Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine: A Strategic Approach to Supporting the Recovery and Reconstruction of Ukraine at Local and Regional Levels**** Statements by: • Michael O'FLAHERTY, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe Questions • Oleksandr KORNIYENKO, First Deputy Chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine / Vitalii BEZGHIN, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Administrative and Territorial Set Up and Local Self-Government, Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine • Oleksii KULEBA, Deputy Prime Minister for the Restoration of Ukraine – Minister for Development of Communities and Territories, Ukraine (video message) Presentation of the draft resolution by the co-rapporteurs: Véronique BERTHOLLE, France (L, SOC/G/PD) and Amelie TARSCHYS INGRE, Sweden (R, ILDG) Debate Vote on the draft amendments [CG(2026)50-10-AMDT] and vote on the draft resolution [CG(2026)50-10]*
13.00	**Close of the sitting**
13.00	***EVENT:*** *Official opening of the Exhibition "Popular and traditional clothing"- Permanent Representation of the Republic of Moldova – Lobby of the hemicycle*

Tuesday 31 March 2026
Chamber of Local Authorities *[EN/FR/DE/IT/TR/**UKR/ESP passive]*
14.30-18.00, Hemicycle

** Deadline for tabling amendments: Tuesday 24 March 2026, 10.00*

14.30	**Opening of the session of the chamber session** by the oldest representative sitting in the chamber
14.35	**Election of the President of the Chamber of Local Authorities** **[deadline for candidatures: 10.00 Tuesday 31 March 2026** (derogation from Rule 13.3.c of the *Rules and Procedures,* approved by the Bureau at its 69th meeting on 17 February 2026)] Presentation of the candidate(s) (3 minutes each) Vote Result of the election
14.50	**Statement by the newly-elected president of the chamber**
15.00	**Adoption of the draft agenda of the chamber** [CG(2026)50-OJ]
15.05	**Election of the 7 Vice-Presidents of the chamber** **[deadline for candidatures: 10.00 Tuesday 31 March 2026** (derogation from Rule 13.4.b of the *Rules and Procedures*, approved by the Bureau at its 69th meeting on 17 February 2026)] Presentation of the candidate(s) (3 minutes each) Vote
15.30	**Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Lithuania** Presentation by the co-rapporteurs**:** Cecilia Feliczitasz FRIDERICS, Hungary, (L, ECR) and Gobnait NÍ MHUIMNEACÁIN, Ireland (L, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CPL(2026)50-01]* **Statement by Vladislav KONDRATOVIČ, Minister of Interior, Lithuania** Questions
16.10	**Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Monaco** Presentation by the co-rapporteurs**:** Jean-Paul BASTIN, Belgium (L, EPP/CCE) and Christine CHEVALLEY, Switzerland (L, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CPL(2026)50-02]* **Statement by Lionel BEFFRE, Minister of Interior, Monaco** Questions
17.00	**Thematic debate: Access to healthcare under pressure: a challenge for all territories** [CPL(2026)50-03] Statements by: • Yves COPPIETERS, Minister of Health, Environment, Solidarity and Social Economy of Wallonia, Belgium • Bruno METZ, Mayor of Ettenheim, Germany • Ilias APOSTOLOPOULOS, Mayor of Papagos-Cholargos, Greece • Rayaa PONNLE, Ireland / Isabella Sophia LANING, The Netherlands, Congress youth delegates Debate
17.55	**Results of the election of the 7 vice-presidents of the Chamber of Local Authorities**
17.59	**Adoption of the abridged report of the session of the chamber** [CPL(2026)50-DEC]
18.00	**Close of the session of the chamber by the president**

Tuesday 31 March 2026

Chamber of Regions *[EN/FR/DE/IT/TR/UKR/ESP passive]*

14.30-18.00, Room 1

** Deadline for tabling amendments: Tuesday 24 March 2026, 10.00*

KUDO will be available from 13.30 for testing and checking by the members

14.30	**Opening of the session of the chamber session** by the oldest representative sitting in the chamber
14.35	**Election of the President of the Chamber of Regions** **[deadline for candidatures: 10.00 Tuesday 31 March 2026]** Presentation of the candidate(s) (3 minutes each) Vote Result of the election
14.50	**Statement by the newly-elected president of the chamber**
15.00	**Adoption of the agenda of the chamber** [CG(2026)50-OJ]
15.05	**Statement by the outgoing President of the Chamber of Regions** Cecilia DALMAN EEK, Sweden (SOC/G/PD) Exchange of views
15.20	**Election of the 7 Vice-Presidents of the chamber** **[deadline for candidatures: 10.00 Tuesday 31 March 2026]** Presentation of the candidate(s) (3 minutes each) Vote The result of the election will be given at the end of the session of the chamber
16.00	**Decentralisation and territorial organisation of power in Ukraine: current reforms and Congress support** [CPR(2026)50-03] Statements by: • Olena SHULIAK, Member of the Parliament of Ukraine, Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on State Building, Local Governance, Regional and Urban Development • Tetiana YEGOROVA-LUTSENKO, President of the Ukrainian Association of District and Regional Councils, Chair of Kharkiv Regional Council • Ihor TEREKHOV, President of the Association of Frontline Cities and Communities of Ukraine, Mayor of Kharkiv, Kharkiv Region, Ukraine • Vadym BOYCHENKO, Head of Mariupol City Military Administration, elected Mayor of Mariupol, Donetsk Region, Ukraine Debate
17.10	**Squeezed out? Bringing regional history teaching to the fore** Presentation by the rapporteur: Peter DRENTH, Netherlands (R, EPP/CCE) Statement by: Steven STEGERS, Executive Director of EuroClio, the European Association of History Educators Debate and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation [CPR(2026)50-01]*
17.55	**Results of the election of the 7 vice-presidents of the Chamber of Regions**
17.59	**Adoption of the abridged report of the session of the chamber** [CPR(2026)50-DEC]
18.00	**Close of the session of the chamber by the President**

Wednesday 1 April 2026 - Committee meetings *[EN/FR/DE/IT/TR/ESP passive]*	
Monitoring Committee	8.15-9.45, Room 1
Social Inclusion Committee	8.15-9.45, Room 9
Governance Committee	8.15-9.45, Room 10

Wednesday 1 April 2026

Plenary sitting *[EN/FR/DE/IT/ESP/TR]*

10.00-13.00, Hemicycle

** Deadline for tabling amendments: Wednesday 25 March 2026, 10.00*

10.00	**Statement by Bjørn BERGE, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe** Questions
10.45	**Free elections at the local and regional level** Statement by Kevin CASAS-ZAMORA, Secretary General of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) Presentation by the rapporteur: Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation [CG(2026)50-12]* *This debate is a contribution to the* New Democratic Pact for Europe
12.00	**Tackling violence against elected officials** Statement by Eider INUNCIAGA SERNA, Councillor for Basque Language, Public Services, Civic Engagement, Agenda 2030 and Internationalisation, Bilbao City Council, Spain Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Katrien PARTYKA, Belgium (R, PPE/CCE) and Bryony RUDKIN, United Kingdom (L, SOC/G/PD) Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [CG(2026)50-13]* *This debate is a contribution to the* New Democratic Pact for Europe
13.00	**Suspension of the sitting**
13.00	***EVENT:*** *Official Opening of the Exhibition: "My Black-and-White Shadows: Memento Mori", followed by Tzigane céleste concert by Djiben, Roma musicians and reception - Roma and Travellers Division, Council of Europe, Lobby of the hemicycle*

Wednesday 1 April 2026

Plenary sitting *[EN/FR/DE/IT/ESP/TR]*

14.30-19.00, Hemicycle

** Deadline for tabling amendments: Wednesday 25 March 2026, 10.00*

14.30	**Adoption of the minutes of the sitting of the Congress and of the chambers on 31 March 2026** [CG(2026)50-PV-01] [CPL(2026)50-PV] and [CPR(2026)50-PV]
14.32	**Results of the elections of the posts of vice-chairs of the committees** Communication by the President of the Congress
14.35	**Adoption of texts approved by the chambers** [CG(2026)50-08]
14.36	**Republic of Moldova's Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (14 November 2025 – 14 May 2026)** **Statement by Alexei BUZU, Secretary General of the Government, on behalf of the Presidency of the Committee of Ministers** Oral reply to written questions [CG(2026)50-22] *Deadline for tabling written questions: Monday 30 March 2026, 16.00*
15.15	**International disorder, regional consequences** Debate
16.15	**Safeguarding local democracy in Georgia: Fact-finding report** Presentation by the rapporteur: Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG) Debate Vote on the amendment [CG(2026)50-14-AMDT] and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation [CG(2026)50-14]*
17.15	**Strengthening the capacities of local and regional authorities in the use of artificial intelligence** Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Truls GIHLEMOEN, Norway (R, ECR) and Annika VAIKLA, Estonia (L, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation [CG(2026)50-17]* *This debate is a contribution to the* New Democratic Pact for Europe
18.15	**Social rights at local and regional levels** Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Cecilia DALMAN EEK, Sweden (R, SOC/G/PD) and Martine DIESCHBURG-NICKELS, Luxembourg (L, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [CG(2026)50-18]* *This debate is a contribution to the* New Democratic Pact for Europe
19.00	**Close of the sitting**
19.00	***EVENT:** Launch of the European Commission-Council of Europe joint initiative "Local Observatory on Reform Agendas Implementation (LORAI)", followed by reception – Institutional Partnerships, Congress of the Local and Regional Authorities, Lobby of the hemicycle*

Thursday 2 April 2026

Meeting of the Bureau of the Congress

8.30-9.15, Room 10 *[EN/FR/DE/IT]*

Thursday 2 April 2026

Plenary sitting *[EN/FR/DE/IT/ESP/TR]*

9.30-13.00, Hemicycle

** Deadline for tabling amendments: Thursday 26 March 2026, 10.00*

9.30	**Adoption of the draft minutes of the sitting of the Congress on 1 April 2026** [CG(2026)50-PV-02]
9.35	**Implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights by local and regional authorities: lessons from the case law of the European Court of Human Rights** Statement by Mattias GUYOMAR, President of the European Court of Human Rights Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM**,** Austria (L, SOC/G/PD) and Mélanie LEPOULTIER, France (L, ILDG) **Human Rights Handbook – Freedom of expression and freedom of assembly and association** Presentation by the co-rapporteur**:** Peter DRENTH, Netherlands (R, EPP/CCE) Debate Vote on the draft resolution and recommendation [CG(2026)50-15]* Vote on the draft resolution [CG(2026)50-16]* *This debate is a contribution to the* New Democratic Pact for Europe
10.30	**Thematic debate: From borders to boroughs: global movements, local responses** Statements by: • Fatma ŞAHIN, Mayor of Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality, Türkiye • Elena CARLETTI, President of the Equal Rights and Opportunities Commission of the Region of Emilia Romagna, Italy Debate *This debate is a contribution to the* New Democratic Pact for Europe
11.30	**Election observation missions** Presentation of the reports: Local elections in Kosovo** (12 October 2025) : presented by: Belinda GOTTARDI, Italy (L, SOC/G/PD) [CG(2026)50-19] Local elections in Estonia (19 October 2025): rapporteur: Jana FISCHEROVA, Czechia (L, ECR) Local elections in North Macedonia (19 October 2025): rapporteur: Gobnait NI MHUIMNEACAIN, Ireland (L, ILDG) Local elections in San Marino, (23 November 2025) rapporteur: Christa CARPELAN, Finland (L, EPP/CCE) Debate and vote on the draft recommendations: Estonia: [CG(2026)50-20]*; North Macedonia [CG(2026)50-21]*; San Marino [CG(2026)50-23]* ** All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo
12.59	**Adoption of the abridged report of the 50th Session** [CG(2026)50-DEC]
13.00	**Close of the 50th Session by the President of the Congress**

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   e. Chairs of committees replying to debates (at their request): three minutes;

   f. Other speakers (except on personal statements; on setting the agenda; on any procedural question or on amendments): three minutes;

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