

CG-BUR(2021)39-FIN  
15 June 2021

**Meeting of the Bureau of the Congress  
Remote, Tuesday 15 June 2021  
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 appears 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 initiatives undertaken by the heads of delegations in respect of the Budget 2022-2023 and the Annual Report of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe 2021 - *State of Democracy, Human Rights and the Rule of Law: A democratic renewal for Europe*. The Bureau welcomed the courtesy measures extended to Congress members to facilitate their access to Strasbourg by the French authorities.
5. The Bureau approved the composition of national delegations as set out in Document CG-BUR(2021)39-28 and approved the draft resolution on the verification of credentials as set out in Document CG(2021)40-17.
6. The Bureau took note of the new leadership of the Group of European People's Party (EPP) and the European Conservatives & Reformists Group (ECR) following elections during their meetings of 7 and 8 June 2021 and of the Revised Statute of the Group of European People's Party (EPP/CCE).
7. The Bureau approved the draft agenda of the second part of the 40th Session of the Congress as set out in Document CG(2021)40-02-OJprov, and took note of the timetable of meetings as set out in Document CG(2021)40-15, the chairing of the plenary sitting as set out in Document CG-BUR(2021)39-INF36, and of the list of youth delegates as set out in Document CG(2021)40-23.
8. The Bureau took note of the kind invitation of Ilсур METSHIN, Mayor of Kazan, to organise an event for the Congress youth delegates in Kazan, Russian Federation, to discuss issues related to access of young people to social rights at local and regional level, climate change, the future of education and the workplace, youth mobility and intercultural dialogue and decided to consider it further, subject to feasibility and prevailing sanitary conditions.
9. The Bureau accepted the request from the Dutch Delegation to the Congress to grant honorary member status to former Congress member Jos WIENEN as set out in Document CG-BUR(2021)39-25.
10. The Bureau agreed to grant patronage to the Metz Marathon scheduled for 10 October 2021.
11. The Bureau took note of the calendar of local and regional elections in 2021 as set out in Document CG-BUR(2021)39-INF35 and agreed, in principle, to observe the local and regional elections in Denmark on 16 November 2021 subject to invitation.
12. The Bureau took note of the list of Congress meetings in 2021 as set out in Document CG-BUR(2021)39-INF37 and of the state of play of organisation of the Bureau meeting in Veszprém, Hungary, 20-21 September.
13. The Bureau adopted the present abridged report of the meeting – list of items discussed and decisions taken.

## **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  
John WARMISHAM, United Kingdom, (L, SOC/G/PD)  
Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway, (R, EPP/CCE)  
Xavier CADORET, France, (L, SOC/G/PD)  
Aleksandra MALETIĆ, Serbia, (R, EPP/CCE)  
Konstantinos KOUKAS, Greece, (L, EPP/CCE)  
Andrei NOVIKOV, Estonia, (R, ILDG)  
Tunc SOYER, Turkey, (R, SOC/G/PD)  
Martine DIESCHBURG-NICKELS, Luxembourg, (L, ILDG)  
Lia MONTALTI, Italy, (R, SOC/G/PD)  
Emin YERITSYAN, Armenia, (L, EPP/CCE)  
Cecilia DALMAN EEK, Sweden, (R, SOC/G/PD)  
Sevdia UGREKHELIDZE, Georgia, (L, EPP/CCE)  
Alexander DROZDENKO, Russian Federation, (R, EPP/CCE)

### **Outgoing President**

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

### **Chairs of committees**

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

### **Chairs of Congress political groups**

Anders KNAPE, Sweden, (L, EPP/CCE)  
Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, Belgium, (R, SOC/G/PD)  
Marc COOLS, Belgium, (L, ILDG)  
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  
Fatima NOUICER, Co-Secretary to the Bureau  
Katyana VASILEVA, Assistant to the Bureau

**Appendix 2 – Agenda**

1.	<b>Opening of the meeting</b>	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)38-DECfin</a>	
2.	<b>Adoption of the draft agenda</b>	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)39-OJprov</a>	<i>Dec.</i>
3.	<b>Communication by the President of the Congress</b>	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)39-INF39</a>	<i>Info.</i>
4.	<b>Communication by the Secretary General of the Congress</b>	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)39-INF38</a>	<i>Info.</i>
4.1	Initiatives undertaken by Heads of delegations in respect of the Budget 2022-2023	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)39-INF34</a>	<i>Info.</i>
4.2	Annual Report of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe 2021 - <i>A democratic renewal for Europe</i>	<a href="#">link</a>	<i>Info.</i>
4.3	Accessibility of Strasbourg	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)39-INF42</a>	<i>Info.</i>
5.	<b>National delegations</b> Rapporteurs : Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/PD) Aleksandra MALETIĆ, Serbia / Serbie (R, EPP/CCE)	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)39-28</a> <a href="#">CG(2021)40-17</a>	<i>Dec.</i>
6.	<b>Political Groups</b>		<i>Info.</i>
6.1	Composition of the leadership of the Group of European People's Party (EEP) and the European Conservatives & Reformists Group (ECR)	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)39-INF41</a>	
6.2	Revised statute of the Group of European People's Party (EEP)	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)39-INF40</a>	
7.	<b>40th Session (second part-session)</b>	<a href="#">CG(2021)40-15</a> <a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)39-INF36</a> <a href="#">CG(2021)40-23</a>	<i>Info.</i>
7.1	Possible urgent matters		<i>Dec.</i>
7.2	Adoption of the draft agenda	<a href="#">CG(2021)40-02-OJprov</a>	<i>Dec.</i>
8.	<b>Youth event in Kazan, Russian Federation</b>	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)39-26</a>	<i>Dec.</i>
9.	<b>Request for granting of honorary member status</b>	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)39-25</a>	<i>Dec.</i>
10.	<b>Request for patronage of the 2021 Metz Marathon</b>	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)39-27</a> <a href="#">Review 2019 edition</a> ( <i>French only</i> )	<i>Dec.</i>
11.	<b>Local and regional elections in 2021</b>	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)39-INF35</a>	<i>Info.</i>
11.1	Regional elections in Denmark, 16 November 2021		<i>Dec.</i>
12.	<b>Congress meetings in 2021</b>	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2021)39-INF37</a>	<i>Info.</i>
12.1	Bureau meeting 20-21 September 2021		<i>Info.</i>

13. **Other business**

14. **Adoption of the abridged report of the meeting**

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**Close of the meeting**