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).


8. The Bureau took note of the kind invitation of Ilsur 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.


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 KOUKÁS, 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. Opening of the meeting

2. Adoption of the draft agenda

3. Communication by the President of the Congress

4. Communication by the Secretary General of the Congress
   4.1 Initiatives undertaken by Heads of delegations in respect of the Budget 2022-2023
   4.2 Annual Report of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe 2021 - A democratic renewal for Europe

4.3 Accessibility of Strasbourg

5. National delegations
   Rapporteurs:
   Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/PD)
   Aleksandra MALETIĆ, Serbia / Serbie (R, EPP/CCE)

6. Political Groups
   6.1 Composition of the leadership of the Group of European People's Party (EEP) and the European Conservatives & Reformists Group (ECR)

6.2 Revised statute of the Group of European People's Party (EEP)

7. 40th Session (second part-session)

7.1 Possible urgent matters

7.2 Adoption of the draft agenda

8. Youth event in Kazan, Russian Federation

9. Request for granting of honorary member status

10. Request for patronage of the 2021 Metz Marathon

11. Local and regional elections in 2021
   11.1 Regional elections in Denmark, 16 November 2021

12. Congress meetings in 2021
   12.1 Bureau meeting 20-21 September 2021
13. Other business

14. Adoption of the abridged report of the meeting

Close of the meeting