

CG-BUR(2022)46-DEC  
14 June 2022

**Meeting of the Bureau of the Congress  
Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland,  
Tuesday 14 June 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 and took note of the abridged report of the previous meeting of the Bureau as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)45-DEC.
3. The Bureau met *in camera* for the item on the election of the Secretary General of the Congress; members took note of the report by the Preselection Committee as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)46-64 (full report which will remain confidential), and established the final list of 2 candidates to be proposed to the Congress in order of preference as follows:
  - Mathieu MORI (France)
  - Antonella VALMORBIDA (Italy)
4. The Bureau took note of the communication by the President of the Congress.
5. The Bureau took note of the communication by the Secretary General of the Congress, including information on the request for Partner for Local Democracy Status by the Kyrgyz Republic.
6. The Bureau pursued its discussion on the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine in the light of the Congress declaration, the decisions of the Committee of Ministers, in particular those taken at the 132nd Session in Turin (19-20 May) and the Parliamentary Assembly's Resolutions 2433 and 2436 and Recommendations 2228 and 2231 adopted at its second part session (April 2022). It took note of the President's visit to Ukraine and thanked Bernd VÖHRINGER and the City of Sindelfingen for establishing the Cities4Cities platform.
7. The Bureau took note of the information on the budget of the Congress in 2022 and 2023, including implications resulting from the Russian delegation's departure and adjustments to the 2022 and 2023 budgets.
8. The Bureau approved the changes in the composition of the national delegations, as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)46-44.
9. The Bureau took note of the schedule of meetings and approved the draft agenda of the 43rd Session of the Congress, as set out in Documents CG(2022)43-01 and CG(2022)43-OJ. The Bureau took note of the charring of the plenary sittings, as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)46-61, approved the side events, as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)46-49, and took note of the list of youth delegates as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)46-62.
10. With regard to Congress committees, the Bureau approved the terms of reference, as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)46-45 and took note of the information on the activities of the committees and of the information concerning the participation of the Chair of the Governance Committee in the meeting of the European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG), held on 5-6 June 2022.

The Bureau resumed consideration of the statement issued on 4 November 2021 by the Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) on Bulgaria and took note of the information by the Chair of the Current Affairs Committee on discussions in his committee in this respect. The Bureau expressed concern at the situation described in

the statement and called on the Bulgarian authorities to take urgent action to remedy the situation and provide the competent territorial authorities with the necessary resources.

11. The Bureau took note of the calendar of local and regional elections as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)46-50 and of the brochure “Observing Local and Regional Elections: Twenty years of the Congress experience”.

12. The Bureau took note of the situation of regional democracy in Turkey and of the situation of Nurhayat ALTUN and Leyla GÜVEN, former members of the Turkish delegation to the Congress and decided to examine the possibility of visiting the former members.

13. The Bureau took note of the decisions taken at the 132nd Session of the Committee of Ministers, held on 19- 20 May 2022, in Turin (Italy), as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)46-67, of the Annual report of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe “Moving Forward 2022”, of the Priorities of the Irish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (20 May 2022 - November 2022), as set out in Document CM/inf(2021)21-rev, of the events of the Irish Presidency of interest for the Congress, as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)46-66, and of the Committee of Ministers’ replies to texts adopted by the Congress, as set out in Documents CM/Cong(2022)Rec455-final and CM/Del/Dec(2022)1432/12.1.

14. The Bureau took note of the candidates for the North-South Prize 2022, as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)46-60 and nominated the Association of Ukrainian Cities (AUC) and Leïla MUSTAPHA, Joint Mayor of Raqqa, Syria.

15. The Bureau took note of the composition of key bodies of the Congress’ European partner institutions and associations as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)46-57.

16. The Bureau took note of the information on the members of the Bureau, chairs of the committees 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)46-53, and of the information on the members having dual mandate (Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and European Committee of the Regions) including relevant functions, as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)46-54, and decided to disseminate the documents to members via the secretaries of delegations and to encourage members to make best use of these contacts to create synergies with partners with a view to achieving the Congress’ objectives.

17. The Bureau took note of the list of Congress meetings in 2022 as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)46-56 and approved the list of dates of Bureau meetings and sessions in 2023 as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)46-59. They also noted that, due to the renovation of the hemicycle of the Council of Europe, plenary sittings of the Congress in 2023 and 2024 would take place in the European Parliament seat in Strasbourg.

Furthermore, the Bureau noted that the exceptional circumstances provided for in Rules 60-62 were no longer met and decided to authorise remote meetings of the Statutory Forum, the Bureau and the committees by decision of the President in consultation with the presidents of the chambers and the committees concerned.

18. The Bureau adopted the present Abridged report of the meeting as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)46-DEC.

## **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)  
Sevdia UGREKHELIDZE, Georgia, (L, EPP/CCE)  
John WARMISHAM, United Kingdom (L, SOC/G/PD)  
Oksana DERKACH, Ukraine, (L, EPP/CCE)

### **Chairs of committees**

Thomas ANDERSSON, Sweden, (R, ILDG), Current Affairs Committee  
Stewart DICKSON, Northern Ireland, (R, ILDG), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair, Monitoring Committee

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

Vladimir PREBILIC, Slovenia, (L, SOC/V/DP), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President  
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  
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)46-OJprov</a><br><a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)45-DEC</a><br><a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)46-47</a>  | Dec.<br>Info.<br>Info.           |
| <b>IN CAMERA</b> |   |   |                                  |
| 3.               | <b>Election of the Secretary General of the Congress –</b><br><i>Only the following persons will be allowed in the meeting room:</i><br><br><b>With voting rights = the elected members of the Bureau:</b><br>- the President of the Congress<br>- the presidents and vice-presidents of the chambers<br><br><b>Without voting rights:</b><br>- the presidents of the political groups<br>- the chairpersons of the committees<br>- the outgoing President<br>- the outgoing Secretary General (administrator in charge of the election)<br>- the Secretary of the Bureau |   |                                  |
| 3.1              | Report by the pre-selection committee   | <a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)46-43</a>   | Info.                            |
| 3.2              | Establishment of the final list of candidates to be proposed to the Congress  |   | Dec.                             |
| 4.               | <b>Communication by the President of the Congress</b><br><br>Missions and meetings of the President of the Congress   | <a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)46-41</a>   | Info.                            |
| 5.               | <b>Communication by the Secretary General of the Congress</b><br><br>Missions and meetings of the Secretary General of the Congress   | <a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)46-42</a>   | Info.                            |
| 6.               | <b>Russian Federation’s war against Ukraine</b>   | <a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)46-51</a><br><a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)46-55</a><br><a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)46-65</a><br><a href="#">Link</a><br><a href="#">Link</a> | Info.<br>Info.<br>Info.<br>Info. |
| 7.               | <b>Budget of the Congress 2022 and 2023</b>   |   | Info.                            |

<b>8.</b>	<b>National delegations</b>		
	Rapporteurs :		
	Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/PD)		
	Aleksandra MALETIĆ, Serbia (R, EPP/CCE)		
	Changes in the composition of the national delegations	<a href="#">09.06 CG-BUR(2022)46-44</a> <a href="#">10.06 CG-BUR(2022)46-44ADD</a>	<i>Dec.</i> <i>Dec.</i>
<b>9.</b>	<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)46-61</a>	<i>Info.</i>
9.4	Side events	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)46-49</a>	<i>Dec.</i>
9.5	Youth delegates in 2022	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)46-62</a>	<i>Info.</i>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Activities of the committees</b>		<i>Info.</i>
10.1	Meetings of committees	<a href="#">10.06 CG/MON(2022)4-OJprov</a> <a href="#">CG-CUR(2022)2_OJprov</a> <a href="#">CG-GOV(2022)2_OJprov</a> <a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)46-63</a> <a href="#">09.06 CG-BUR(2022)46-45REV</a>	<i>Info.</i> <i>Info.</i> <i>Info.</i> <i>Info.</i> <i>Dec.</i>
10.2	Follow up to the 4 November 2021 statement by the Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) on Bulgaria		<i>Dec.</i>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Local and regional elections</b>	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)46-50</a>	<i>Info.</i>
		<a href="#">Link</a>	<i>Info.</i>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Local and regional democracy</b>		<i>Info.</i>
	Turkey - Situation of Nurhayat Altun and Leyla Güven		<i>Info.</i>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Intergovernmental sector</b>		<i>Info.</i>
13.1	132nd Session of the Committee of Ministers, 19- 20 May 2022, Turin, Italy	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)46-67</a> <a href="#">Speech of the Congress President</a>	<i>Info.</i>
13.2	Annual report of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe "Moving Forward 2022"	<a href="#">Link</a>	<i>Info.</i>
13.3	Priorities of the Irish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (20 May 2022 - November 2022)	<a href="#">CM/inf(2022)14</a> <a href="#">08.06 CG-BUR(2022)46-66</a>	<i>Info.</i> <i>Info.</i>

13.4	Committee of Ministers' replies to texts adopted by the Congress	<a href="#">CM/Cong(2022)Rec455-final</a> <a href="#">CM/Del/Dec(2022)1432/12.1</a>	<i>Info.</i>
<b>14.</b>	<b>North-South Centre</b>		
	Candidates for the North-South Prize 2022	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)46-60</a>	<i>Dec.</i>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Congress' European partner institutions</b>	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)46-57</a>	<i>Info.</i>
<b>16.</b>	<b>European Committee of the Regions</b>		<i>Info.</i>
16.1	Members of the Bureau, chairs of the committees and presidents of the political groups of the European Committee of the Regions of the European Union	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)46-53</a>	<i>Info.</i>
16.2	Members having dual mandate (Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and European Committee of the Regions) including relevant functions	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)46-54</a>	<i>Info.</i>
<b>17.</b>	<b>Congress meetings</b>	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)46-56</a>	<i>Info.</i>
	Meetings of the Congress in 2023	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)46-59</a>	<i>Dec.</i>
<b>18.</b>	<b>Other business</b>		
<b>19.</b>	<b>Adoption of the abridged report of the meeting</b>	CG-BUR(2022)46-DEC	<i>Dec.</i>
	<b>Close of the meeting</b>		
	<b>Date of the next meeting: 23 September 2022</b>		