

CG-BUR(2024)58-DEC
25 and 28 March 2024

**Meeting of the Bureau of the Congress
Strasbourg, France
Monday 25 March and Thursday 28 March 2024**

Abridged report – List of items discussed and decisions taken

Monday 25 March

1. The President of the Congress, Mr Marc COOLS, opened the meeting. The list of participants is set out in Appendix 1.
2. The Bureau adopted the revised 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.
5. The Bureau took note of the amendment tabled by the rapporteurs to the draft declaration on the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine, as set out in document CG(2024)46-12, and held an exchange of views on the current situation in Ukraine.
6. The Bureau took note that no amendments had been tabled to the draft resolution amending the Rules and Procedures of the Congress, as set out in document CG(2024)46-11.
7. The Bureau took note of the amendment tabled by the rapporteurs to the draft recommendation on "The UN Pact for the Future: The essential role of local and regional authorities in global sustainable development", as set out in document CG(2024)46-19.
8. The Bureau took note of the information on the budget of the Congress.
9. The Bureau approved the changes in the composition of the national delegations, as set out in document CG-BUR(2024)58-19REV and the preliminary draft resolution on the verification of new members' credentials, as set out in document CG-BUR(2024)58-20.

It took note that the Azerbaijani delegation had decided not to participate in the session, following the non-ratification by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe at its January part-session of the credentials of its delegation to the Assembly.

10. The Bureau took note of the schedule of meetings as set out in document CG(2024)46-01 and approved the draft agenda of the 46th Session of the Congress as set out in document CG(2024)46-OJ.

It took note of the information on the chairing of the plenary sittings, as set out in document CG-BUR(2024)58-21REV, of the youth delegates for 2024, as set out in document CG-BUR(2024)58-22REV, and of the side events, as set out in document CG-BUR(2024)58-23.

11. The Bureau took note of the activities of the chamber sessions to be held on 27 March 2024.
12. The Bureau took note of the information on local and regional elections in Türkiye and Serbia.

13. The Bureau took note of the information on the co-operation activities of the Congress in member States and neighbouring regions.
14. The Bureau took note of the activities of the Committees between 12 February and 24 March 2024.
15. The Bureau took note of the situation of local elected representatives in Türkiye, including former Congress members Nurhayat ALTUN and Leyla GÜVEN.
16. The Bureau took note of the draft programme of the Conference of national associations of local and regional authorities, to be held in Strasbourg on 6-7 June 2024.
17. The Bureau took note of the information regarding the European Local Democracy Week.
18. The Bureau took note of the information concerning the European Label of Governance Excellence (ELoGE), as set out in document CG-BUR(2024)58-25 and held an exchange of views.
19. The Bureau took note of the information regarding intergovernmental activities of the Council of Europe, and concerning the Steering Committee on Democracy (CDDEM).
20. The Bureau took note of the background elements on the participation of members set out in document CG-BUR(2024)57-12 and decided to revert to these matters at a future meeting, on the basis of updated elements.

Thursday 28 March

21. The Bureau took note of the information concerning the committee meetings held on 26 March 2024 and approved new terms of reference for the Committee on Social Inclusion as contained in document CG-BUR(2024)58-24 and for the Monitoring Committee as contained in document CG-BUR(2024)58-30.
22. The Bureau approved the appointment of the Congress standing and deputy standing rapporteurs on human rights, the thematic and deputy thematic spokespersons and Congress representatives in external bodies, as set out in document CG-BUR(2024)58-26. It appointed Mr Anders Knape, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE) to represent it in the CDDEM.
23. The Bureau took note of the Congress meetings in 2024, as set out in document CG-BUR(2024)58-28, and the dates for the sessions and Bureaux meetings in 2024, as set out in document CG-BUR(2024)58-29, and accepted the invitation of Luxembourg to meet in Luxembourg on 10 February 2025.
24. The Bureau took note of the revised version of the Congress Who's Who.
25. The Bureau adopted the present abridged report of the meeting as set out in document CG-BUR(2024)58-DEC.

Appendix 1 – List of participants

Members of the Bureau

Marc COOLS, Belgium (L, GILD/ILDG), President of the Congress
 Bernd VÖHRINGER, Germany (L, PPE/CCE), President of the Chamber of Local Authorities
 Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, PPE/CCE)
 Lia MONTALTI, Italy (R, SOC/G/PD) – 25 March only
 Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/DP)
 David ERAY, Switzerland (R, PPE/CCE) – 25 March only
 Jani KOKKO, Finland (L, SOC/G/DP) – 28 March only
 Randi MONDORF, Denmark (R, GILD/ILDG) – 25 March only
 Martine DIESCHBURG-NICKELS, Luxembourg (L, GILD/ILDG)
 Harald SONDEREGGER, Austria (R, PPE/CCE)
 Sevdia UGREKHELIDZE, Georgia (L, EPP/CCE) – 25 March only
 Andrew BOFF, United Kingdom (R, CRE/ECR)
 Oksana DERKACH, Ukraine (L, EPP/CCE)
 Mario FAVA, Malta (R, SOC/G/DP) – 25 March only
 Konstantinos KOUKAS, Greece (L, EPP/CCE) – 25 March only

Chairs of committees

Thibaut GUIGNARD, France (L, PPE/CCE), Monitoring Committee
 Jelena DRENJANIN, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE), Governance Committee
 Bryony RUDKIN, United Kingdom (L, SOC/G/DP), Social Inclusion Committee

Outgoing President

Leendert VERBEEK, Netherlands (R, SOC/G/PD) – 25 March only

Presidents of Congress political groups

Anders KNAPE, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE)
 Vladimir PREBILIC, Slovenia (L, SOC/V/DP) – 25 March only
 Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (L, GILD/ILDG) – 25 March only
 Svitlana BOHATYRCHUK KRYVKO, Ukraine (R, CRE/ECR)

Secretariat

Mathieu MORI, Secretary General of the Congress
 Claudia LUCIANI, Director of the Congress
 Daniel POPESCU, Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Regions
 Stephanie POIREL, Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Local Authorities
 Sarah BURTON, Head of the Table Office and Secretary of the Bureau
 Yann PRIVAT, Assistant to the Bureau
 Katyana VASILEVA, Assistant to the Bureau

Appendix 2 – Agenda

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| 1. | Opening of the meeting | | |
| 2. | Adoption of the agenda | CG-BUR(2024)58-OJ
CG-BUR(2023)57-DEC | <i>Dec.</i>
<i>Info.</i> |
| 3. | Communication by the President of the Congress | | |
| | Missions and meetings of the President of the Congress | CG-BUR(2024)58-17 | <i>Info.</i> |
| 4. | Communication by the Secretary General of the Congress | | |
| | Missions and meetings of the Secretary General of the Congress | CG-BUR(2024)58-18 | <i>Info.</i> |
| 5. | Russian Federation’s war against Ukraine | | |
| | Draft declaration | CG(2024)46-12 | <i>Info.</i> |
| | Rapporteurs:
Martine DIESCHBURG-NICKELS, Luxembourg (L, GILD/ILDG)
Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, EPP/CCE) | | |
| 6. | Amendment of the Rules and Procedures of the Congress | | |
| | Draft resolution amending the Rules and Procedures of the Congress | CG(2024)46-11 | <i>Info.</i> |
| | Rapporteurs:
Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/PD)
Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, EPP/CCE) | | |
| 7. | Congress contribution to the United Nations Summit of the Future, 22-23 September 2024 | | |
| | Draft recommendation “The UN Pact for the Future: The essential role of local and regional authorities in global sustainable development” | CG(2024)46-19 | <i>Info.</i> |
| | Rapporteurs:
Carla NUNES TAVARES, Portugal (L, SOC/G/PD)
Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, EPP/CCE) | | |
| 8. | Budget of the Congress | | <i>Info.</i> |
| 9. | National delegations | | |
| 9.1 | Changes in the composition of national delegations | 19.03
CG-BUR(2024)58-19REV | <i>Dec.</i> |

9.2	Preliminary draft resolution on the verification of new members' credentials Rapporteurs: Andrew BOFF, United Kingdom (R, CRE/ECR) Martine DIESCHBURG-NICKELS, Luxembourg (L, GILD/ILDG)	20.03 CG-BUR(2024)58-20	<i>Dec.</i>
10.	46th Session of the Congress, 26-28 March 2024		
10.1	Schedule of meetings	CG(2024)46-01	<i>Info.</i>
10.2	Approval of the draft agenda	CG(2024)46-OJ	<i>Dec.</i>
10.3	Chairing of the plenary sittings	21.03 CG-BUR(2024)58-21REV	<i>Info.</i>
10.4	Youth delegates in 2024	20.03 CG-BUR(2024)58-22REV	<i>Info.</i>
10.5	Side events	CG-BUR(2024)58-23	<i>Info.</i>
11.	Chamber sessions: 27 March 2024		<i>Info.</i>
12.	Local and regional elections		<i>Info.</i>
13.	Co-operation activities of the Congress in member States and neighbouring regions		<i>Info.</i>
14.	Activities of Committees (12 February – 24 March)		<i>Info.</i>
15.	Local and regional democracy Türkiye – situation of local elected representatives, including former Congress members Nurhayat Altun and Leyla Güven		<i>Info.</i>
16.	Conference of national associations of local and regional authorities, Strasbourg, 6-7 June 2024	Draft programme	
17.	25.03 European Local Democracy Week		<i>Info.</i>
18.	European Label of Governance Excellence (ELoGE)	CG-BUR(2024)58-25	<i>Info.</i>
19.	Intergovernmental sector		
19.1	Congress participation in intergovernmental committees	CG-BUR(2024)58-27	<i>Info.</i>
19.2	75th anniversary of the Council of Europe		<i>Info.</i>
20.	Brainstorming on the participation of members	CG-BUR(2024)57-12	<i>Info.</i>

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| 21. | [Thursday 28 March]
Committee meetings: 26 March 2024 | CG-BUR(2024)58-24 | <i>Dec.</i> |
| 22. | Congress standing rapporteurs on human rights,
thematic spokespersons and representatives in external
bodies | CG-BUR(2024)58-26 | <i>Dec.</i> |
| 23. | Congress sessions and Bureau meetings in 2024 | | <i>Info.</i> |
| 23.1 | All Congress meetings in 2024 | CG-BUR(2024)58-28 | |
| 23.2 | Calendar of Bureaux and sessions in 2024 | CG-BUR(2024)58-29 | |
| 24. | Other business | | <i>Info.</i> |
| | Congress Who's Who | link | |
| 25. | Adoption of the abridged report of the meeting | CG-BUR(2024)58-DEC | <i>Dec.</i> |

Close of the meeting

**Date of the next meeting:
Strasbourg, Thursday 6 June 2024**

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