The Bureau of the Congress

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REVISED AGENDA

Meeting of the Congress Bureau

Monday 26 October 2026

9.00-9.45	**Bureau of the Chamber of Regions – Room 6**
9.00-9.45	**Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities – Room 8**
10.00-12.00	**Bureau of the Congress – Room 10**
	Lunch break
13.30-14.30	**Bureau of the Congress – Room 10**
14.30-15.30	**Joint meeting of the Congress Bureau and the ad-hoc working group on the New Democratic Pact for Europe – Room 10**

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8.30-9.45	**Bureau of the Congress – Room 10**

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Members	With voting rights: - President of the Congress - Presidents and vice-presidents of the chambers
Participants	In an advisory capacity: - Presidents of the Committees - Presidents of political groups - Outgoing President

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1.	**Opening of the meeting**		
2.	**Adoption of the agenda**	CG-BUR(2026)74-OJ CG-BUR(2026)73-DEC	*Dec.* *Info.*
3.	**Communication by the President of the Congress**		
	Missions and meetings of the President of the Congress	CG-BUR(2026)74-67	*Info.*
4.	**Communication by the Secretary General of the Congress**		
	Missions and meetings of the Secretary General of the Congress	CG-BUR(2026)74-68	*Info.*
5.	**Council of Europe Reform**	SG/Inf(2026)22 (see Cloud)	*Info.*
6.	**Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine**		
	Recent developments		*Info.*
7.	**Budget of the Congress**	CG-BUR(2026)74-69	*Info.*
8.	**National delegations**		
	Rapporteur: Mélanie LEPOULTIER, France (L, ILDG)		
8.1	Renewal of delegations not renewed at the 50th Session	CG-BUR(2026)74-70	*Dec.*
8.2	Modifications of the composition of national delegations	CG-BUR(2026)74-71	*Dec.*
8.3	Preliminary draft resolution on the verification of new members' credentials and new appointment procedures	**23.10** CG-BUR(2026)74-72	*Dec.*
9.	**Chamber sessions: meetings of 26 October 2026**		*Info.*
10.	**51st Session of the Congress, 27-29 October 2026**		
10.1	Schedule of meetings	CG(2026)51-01	*Info.*
10.2	Elections during the session	Calendar of elections	*Info.*
10.3	[Possibly] Request for urgent debate		*Dec.*
10.4	Approval of the draft agenda	CG(2026)51-OJ	*Dec.*
10.5	Speaking arrangements for plenary and chamber debates	CG-BUR(2026)74-73 CG-BUR(2026)72-38	*Info.*

10.6	Chairing of plenary sittings	CG-BUR(2026)74-74	*Info.*
10.7	Side events	CG-BUR(2026)74-75	*Info.*
10.8	Youth delegates	CG(2026)51-06	*Info.*
11.	**New Democratic Pact for Europe**		
	Modification of the terms of reference of the Ad hoc Working Group on the New Democratic Pact for Europe	CG-BUR(2026)74-79	*Dec.*
12.	**Local and regional elections**	Calendar 2027 Invitation Lithuania Invitation Norway	*Info.* *Dec.* *Dec.*
13.	**Local and regional democracy**		*Info.*
13.1	Albania		*Info.*
13.2	Georgia		*Info.*
13.3	Republic of Moldova		*Info.*
13.4	Türkiye		*Info.*
14.	**Russian democratic forces in exile**		*Info.*
15.	**Co-operation activities of the Congress in member States and neighbouring regions**		*Info.*
16.	**World Forum for Democracy 2026**		
	Composition of Congress delegation	CG-BUR(2026)74-82	*Info.*
17.	**European Local Democracy Action (ELDA)**		*Info.*
18.	**Intergovernmental sector**		
	Committee of Ministers' replies to texts adopted by the Congress	CM/Cong(2026)Rec547-final	*Info.*
19.	**[13:30]** **Demonstrations and social unrest in Europe**	Declaration	*Dec*.
20.	**[14:00]** **Exchange of views with the Standing Rapporteur on Human Rights** Peter DRENTH, Netherlands (R, EPP/CCE)	CG-BUR(2026)74-81	*Info.*

[14:30]
Joint meeting of the Congress Bureau and the Ad hoc working group on the New Democratic Pact for Europe

See separate agenda

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21.	**Election of the Secretary General of the Congress (October 2027)** ***Item to be examined in restricted in camera format***		*Dec.*
	Establishment of the pre-selection committee	CG-BUR(2026)73-64 CG-BUR(2026)74-83	
22.	**51st Session of the Congress**		
22.1	Possible urgent questions		*Dec.*
22.2	Chairing of plenary sittings (revised)	CG-BUR(2026)74-74rev2	*Info.*
22.3	Debriefing		*Info.*
23.	**Activities of the Committees**		*Info.*
	[Possibly] Approval of terms of reference for committee activities		*Dec.*
24.	**Bureau rapporteurs, thematic spokespersons and Congress representatives in external bodies**		
	Current situation	CG-BUR(2026)74-80	*Info.*
25.	**Congress sessions and Bureau meetings**		
25.1	Calendars of Bureaux and sessions in 2026 and 2027	CG-BUR(2026)74-76 CG-BUR(2026)74-77	*Info.* *Info.*
25.2	Congress meetings till end February 2027	CG-BUR(2026)74-78	*Info.*
26.	**Other business**		*Info.*
27.	**Adoption of the abridged report of the meeting**	CG-BUR(2026)74-DEC	*Dec.*

Close of the meeting

Date and place of next meetings:
- **Strasbourg, France, Tuesday 8 December 2026**
- **Bar, Montenegro, Wednesday 10 February 2027**

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