

CG-BUR(2022)49-DEC  
5 December 2022

**Meeting of the Bureau of the Congress  
Strasbourg – Room 9  
Monday 5 December 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.
  3. The Bureau took note of the communication by the President of the Congress.
  4. The Bureau took note of the communication by the Director of the Congress.
  5. The Bureau pursued its discussion on the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine.
  6. The Bureau took note of the information concerning the implementation of the 2022 budget and of the adoption of the adjusted budget for 2023 as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)49-106.
  7. The Bureau approved the changes in the composition of the national delegations, as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)49-102.
  8. The Bureau approved the schedule of meetings of the 44th Session as set out in Document CG(2023)44-01 and the draft agenda of the 44th Session of the Congress, as set out in Document CG(2023)44-OJ. The Bureau appointed rapporteurs for the forthcoming session of the Congress as follows:
    - a. Co-rapporteurs on *The future of the Council of Europe – Congress contribution to the Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe on 16-17 May 2023 in Reykjavik, Iceland:*  
Bernd VÖHRINGER (Germany, EPP/CCE), President of the Chamber of Local Authorities  
Harald SONDEREGGER, (Austria, EPP/CCE), President of the Chamber of Regions
    - b. Co-rapporteurs on *Localisation of the Sustainable Development Goals:*  
Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/PD), 1st Vice-President of the Chamber of Local Authorities  
Gunn Marit HELGESEN, (Norway, EPP/CCE), 1st Vice-President of the Chamber of Regions
- The Bureau took note of the call for applications for youth delegates for 2023.
9. The Bureau held an exchange of views with Ambassador Svetlana GELEVA, Permanent Representative of North Macedonia to the Council of Europe, Chair of the Rapporteur Group on Democracy of the Committee of Ministers (GR-DEM).
  10. The Bureau took note of the activities of the committees and approved the terms of reference for a report by the Governance Committee on the role of second parliamentary chambers in Europe in enhancing the representation of regions and local authorities.
  11. The Bureau took note of the calendar of local and regional elections in 2023 as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)48-104.
  12. The Bureau took note of the situation of Nurhayat ALTUN and Leyla GÜVEN, former members of the Turkish delegation to the Congress.

13. The Bureau took note of the decisions and state of preparation of the 4th Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe to be held on 16-17 May in Reykjavik, Iceland, and considered the Congress contribution thereto in the light of its contribution to the High-Level Reflection Group (HLRG) as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)47-70 and approved the Congress position in relation to the HLRG recommendations as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)49-108.

The Bureau took note of the Stocktaking of the Irish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (20 May-9 November 2022) and of the Priorities of the Icelandic Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (9 November 2022-17 May 2023).

The Bureau took note of the abridged report of the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG), held in Strasbourg on 28 and 29 November 2022.

The Bureau also took note of the Committee of Ministers' replies to texts adopted by the Congress.

14. The Bureau was informed about the meeting of the European Committee of the Regions/Congress High-Level Group, held on 29 November 2022 in Brussels.

15. The Bureau agreed to the request by the City of Innsbruck (Austria) for the Congress' patronage of the Emperor Maximilian Prize 2023.

16. The Bureau took note of the list of Congress meetings in 2023, as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)49-103.

17. The Bureau adopted the present abridged report of the meeting as set out in Document CG-BUR(2022)49-DECprov.

## **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)  
Cecilia DALMAN EEK, Sweden, (R, SOC/G/PD)  
Oksana DERKACH, Ukraine, (L, EPP/CCE)

### **Chairs of committees**

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

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

Marc COOLS, Belgium, (L, ILDG)  
Vladimir PREBILIC, Slovenia, (R, SOC/G/PD), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President  
Andrew BOFF, United Kingdom, (R, ECR), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

### **Partners**

Carol THOMAS, Belgium, Council of European Municipalities & Regions

### **Secretariat**

Rafael BENITEZ, Director of the Congress  
Dolores RÍOS TURÓN, Head of the Table Office and Secretary of the Bureau  
Dmitri MARCHENKOV, Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Regions  
Stephanie POIREL, Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Local Authorities  
Katyana VASILEVA, Assistant to the Bureau

**Appendix 2 – Agenda**

1. **Opening of the meeting**
2. **Adoption of the draft agenda** [CG-BUR\(2022\)49-OJ](#)  
[CG-BUR\(2022\)48-DEC](#) *Dec.*  
*Info.*
3. **Communication by the President of the Congress** [CG-BUR\(2022\)49-101](#) *Info.*  
  
Missions and meetings of the President of the Congress
4. **Communication by the Director of the Congress** **30.11** [CG-BUR\(2022\)49-105](#) *Info.*
5. **Russian Federation’s war against Ukraine** *Info.*
  - 5.1 Council of Europe
  - 5.2 Other international organisations and associations
6. **Budget of the Congress**  
Implementation of the 2022 Budget  
  
Budget for 2023 [CG-BUR\(2022\)49-106](#) *Info.*
7. **National delegations**  
Rapporteurs :  
Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/PD) and  
Aleksandra MALETIĆ, Serbia (R, EPP/CCE)  
  
Changes in the composition of the national delegations [CG-BUR\(2022\)49-102](#) *Dec.*
8. **44th Session of the Congress, 21-23 March 2023** *Info.*
  - 8.1 Schedule of meetings [CG\(2023\)44-01](#) *Dec.*
  - 8.2 Approval of the draft agenda and designation of rapporteurs [CG\(2023\)44-OJ](#) *Dec.*
  - 8.3 Call for applications for youth delegates for 2023 [News](#) *Info.*
- At 11.00**
9. **Exchange of views with Ambassador Svetlana GELEVA, Permanent Representative of North Macedonia to the Council of Europe, Chair of the Rapporteur Group on Democracy of the Committee of Ministers (GR-DEM)** *Info.*

<b>10.</b>	<b>Activities of the committees</b>	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)49-107</a>	<i>Dec.</i>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Local and regional elections</b>	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)49-104</a> <a href="#">News</a>	<i>Info.</i>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Local and regional democracy</b>  Türkiye - Situation of Nurhayat Altun and Leyla Güven		<i>Info.</i>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Intergovernmental sector</b>		
13.1	4 <sup>th</sup> Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe, 16-17 May in Reykjavik, Iceland	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)47-70</a> <a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)49-108</a>	<i>Info.</i> <i>Dec.</i>
13.2	Committee of Ministers		<i>Info.</i>
	Stocktaking of the Irish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (20 May – 9 November 2022)	<a href="#">CM/Inf(2022)22</a>	<i>Info.</i>
	Priorities of the Icelandic Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (9 November 2022 – 17 May 2023)	<a href="#">CM/Inf(2022)23</a>	<i>Info.</i>
	Committee of Ministers' replies to texts adopted by the Congress	<a href="#">CM/Cong(2022)Rec473-final</a> <a href="#">CM/Cong(2022)Rec472-final</a>	<i>Info.</i>
13.3	Intergovernmental committees: European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG)	<a href="#">CDDG(2022)OJ2</a> <b>2.12</b> <a href="#">CDDG(2022)24</a>	<i>Info.</i> <i>Info.</i>
<b>14.</b>	<b>European Committee of the Regions/Congress of the Council of Europe High-Level Group (29 November 2022)</b>	<a href="#">Agenda</a> <b>30.11</b> <a href="#">Joint Press Release</a>	<i>Info.</i> <i>Info.</i>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Emperor Maximilian Prize 2023 - request for patronage by the Congress from the City of Innsbruck</b>		<i>Dec.</i>
<b>16.</b>	<b>Congress sessions and Bureau meetings in 2023</b>	<a href="#">CG-BUR(2022)49-103</a>	<i>Info.</i>
<b>17.</b>	<b>Other business</b>		
<b>18.</b>	<b>Adoption of the abridged report of the meeting</b>  Close of the meeting  Date of the next meeting: Friday 10 February 2023	CG-BUR(2022)49-DEC	<i>Dec.</i>