

## The Bureau of the Congress

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## Congress' European partner institutions

### Introduction

This document shows the composition of the statutory bodies of the Congress' principal partner institutions. Members who are also members of the Congress are indicated in bold with an asterisk.

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## I. Association of European Border Regions (AEBR)

Executive Committee (elected on 29 September 2022, mandate 2022-2024). The substitutes are in brackets.

<b><u>Presidency</u></b> <b>Karl-Heinz Lambertz*</b>	President of the Parliament of the German-speaking Community of Belgium	BE
<b><u>First Vice-Presidency</u></b> <i>To be elected</i>		
<b><u>Vice-Presidencies</u></b>		
Ard van der Tuuk ( <i>Cora-Yfke Sikkema</i> )	Ems Dollart Region (NL/DE)	NL
Gabriele Lackner-Strauss ( <i>Christoph Artnner-Suizer</i> )	Euregio Bayerisches Wald/Böhmerwald/ Mühlviertel (DE/CZ/AT)	AT
Guillermo Fernández Vara ( <i>Rosa Balas/Montaña Hernández/Ana Atanet</i> )	President of the Region of Extremadura, EUROACE (ES/PT), Head of Spanish Delegation at the CoR	ES
Riet Gillis ( <i>Jessica Monteyne/Santina Driesen</i> )	Euregio Scheldemond (BE/NL), <i>Gedeputeerde</i> of East Flanders	BE
<b>Pavel Branda*</b> ( <i>Jaroslav Zámečník</i> )	Vice-Mayor of Radlo, CoR Member, Euroregion Neisse-Nisa-Nysa (DE/CZ/PL)	CZ
Marc Zingraff ( <i>Sarah Bentz</i> )	Mayor of Sarregemines, Vice-President of the <i>Communauté d'Agglomération de Sarregemines Confluences</i> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President of the Eurodistrict Saar-Moselle, Chairman of the Social Committee of the Interregional Parliamentary Council (IPC) of the Greater Region, and Member of the Regional Council of Région Grand Est	FR
Dieter Frieze	Honorary Chairman of Euroregion Spree-Neiße-Bober (DE/PL)	DE
Zbigniew Kulik ( <i>Edward Dudek</i> )	Euroregion Neisse/Nysa/Nisa (DE/CZ/PL)	PL
Peter van't Hoog ( <i>Jurjen Van Dijk</i> )	Province of Gelderland (NL)	NL
Stefanos Georgiadis ( <i>Anthi Panagiotou</i> )	President of Euroregion Nestos-Mesta (GR/BG) and Chamber of Drama	GR

<b><u>Secretary General</u></b> Martín Guillermo Ramírez		ES
<b><u>Treasurer</u></b> <b>Joris Bengerveoord*</b> ( <i>Christoph Almering</i> ) <sup>2</sup>	EUREGIO (DE/NL), Mayor of Winterswijk	NL
<b><u>Auditors</u></b> Kaspar Sammer	Euregio Bayerisches Wald-Böhmerwald-Mühlviertel (DE/CZ/AT)	DE
Gerhard Obermair	Euregio Inn-Salzach (AT/DE)	AT
<b><u>Members of the Executive Committee</u></b>		
Oliver Paasch ( <i>Nicole DePalmenaer</i> )	Minister-President of the German-speaking Community of Belgium	BE
Dirk Hilbert ( <i>Rüdiger Kubsch</i> )	Mayor of Dresden; Co-President of the Euroregion Elbe/Labe (CZ/DE)	DE
Pamela Arthurs ( <i>Dette Hughes</i> )	CEO, East Border Region (IE/UK)	UK
Fritz Staudigl ( <i>Andreas Greiter</i> )	Secretary General, ARGE ALP (AT/CH/DE/IT); Director of the European Department of the Regional Government of Tirol (AT)	AT
Peter Hansen ( <i>Julia Schatte</i> )	Director, Region Sønderjylland-Schleswig (DE/DK), Coordinator of the German Grouping in AEBC, Coordinator of the Task Force CB Labour Market (TFCBLM)	DE
Steven Frostdahl ( <i>Mats Brandt</i> )	Vice-chairman of the Council of Ostrobothnia	FI
Markus Hirvonen ( <i>Eira Varis</i> )	Regional Mayor, Regional Council of North Karelia	FI
Ralf Oberdorfer ( <i>Patrik Pizinger</i> )	Mayor of Plauen (DE); Vice-President of the Euregio Egrensis Saxony/Thuringia (DE)	DE
Steffen Rubach ( <i>to be nominated</i> )	Secretary General of the EuRegio Salzburg-Berchtesgadener Land-Traunstein (AT/DE)	DE
Frédéric Siebenhaar ( <i>Patrice Harster</i> )	Eurodistrict PAMINA (DE/FR)	DE
Eero Ylitalo ( <i>Daniel Smirat</i> )	Mayor of Pello (FI); Chairman of the board of Tornedalsrådet (SE/FI)	SE
Antti Rämä ( <i>Johannes Moisio</i> )	Regional Council of South Karelia	FI

<sup>2</sup> The substitute does not replace Mr Bengerveoord as treasurer.

Magdalena Fotek Kułak ( <i>to be nominated</i> )	Euroregion Bug Poland (PL/UA/BY)	PL
Pal Arne Oulie ( <i>Katarina Nordmark</i> )	Innlandet County Council	NO
Michael Fahmüller ( <i>Georg Riedl</i> )	Governor of Rottal-Inn (DE); EUREGIO Bayerischer Wald –Böhmerwald–Unterer Inn e.V. (AT/CZ/DE)	DE
Juan Manuel Moreno Bonilla ( <i>Enrique Millo Rocher / José Antonio Martínez Marín</i> )	President of the Region of Andalucía	ES
António Ceia da Silva ( <i>Sandra Jorge</i> )	President of the Commission for Coordination and Development of Alentejo Region	PT
Christoph von Ach ( <i>Karin Gschnitzer</i> )	Secretariat General, EGTC Europaregion Tirol-Südtirol-Trentino (AT/IT)	IT
Manuel Friesecke ( <i>to be nominated</i> )	Director, Regio Basiliensis	CH
Michael Dejozé ( <i>to be nominated</i> )	Director, Euregio Maas-Rhein (BE/DE/NL)	BE
Irena Stróżyńska ( <i>Andrea Gronwald</i> )	Vice-Secretary General of the Polish Association of Euroregion Pomerania	PL
Harald Altekrüger ( <i>Carsten Jacob</i> )	President of the Euroregion Spree-Neiße-Bober (DE/PL); Governor of Spree-Neiße (DE)	DE
Eszter Csókási ( <i>to be nominated</i> )	Managing Director, DKMT Euroregional development Agency (HU/RO/RS)	HU
Johannes Waidbacher ( <i>Gerhard Obermair</i> )	Chairman of the Euroregion Inn-Salzach (AT/DE)	AT
Dawid Lasek ( <i>Barbara Inglot</i> )	Director, Association of the Carpathian Euroregion Poland	PL
Eduard Syromolot ( <i>Nataliia Gavkalova</i> )	Association Euroregion Slobozhanschina	UA
(Mr Jesús Gamallo Aller) ( <i>Beraldino Pinto</i> )	(Director-General for EU and External Relations, Xunta de Galicia) (Galicia-Norte)	ES/ PT
Ionel Ovidiu Bogdan ( <i>Doru Alexandru Lazăr</i> )	President of Maramureș County Council	RO
<b><u>Advisory Committee</u></b> Mr Jens Gabbe, Chairman		

## II. Assembly of European Regions (AER)

Executive Board (elected on 26 November 2020, mandate 2020-2022).

<b><u>Presidency</u></b> Sweden, Västra Götaland	<b>Magnus Berntsson*</b>
<b><u>Vice-Presidency</u></b> Treasurer – France, Grand Est For innovation and economic transition – Sweden, Norrbotten For democracy, governance and Values – Sweden, Västerbotten For sustainability, environment and Climate – Spain, Catalonia For cohesion, digitalisation and public services – Slovenia, Zahodna Slovenija For European integration and wider Europe – Austria, Lower Austria For inclusion, diversity and equality – Croatia, Primorje-Gorski Kotar For youth, culture and tourism – Ireland, Údarás na Gaeltachta For social policy and public health – Romania, Timiș For interregional and global cooperation – Belgium, Brussels-Capital For employment, education and skills – Italy, Sardegna For regional development and investment – Serbia, Vojvodina	<b>Christian Debève*</b> Kenneth Backgård Nina Björby Albert Castellanos Maduell Lilijana Madjar  Lukas Mandl Marina Medarić Mícheál Ó hÉanaigh Mihai Ritivoiu Jean-Luc Vanraes Alessandra Zedda Damir Zobenica
<b><u>Secretary General</u></b>	Christian Spahr
<b><u>Chairs of programmes</u></b> Eurodissey – Spain, Catalonia Youth Regional Network – Norway, Oppland Summer Academy – Norway, Østfold Honorary President – Turkey, Istanbul	Esther Estany Gloria Vitaly Rune Fredriksen Dr. Hande Özsan Bozatli

### III. European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA)

Governing Board (elected on 9 October 2020, mandate 2020-2024).

<b><u>President</u></b> Istria Region, Croatia	Oriano Otočan
<b><u>Vice-Presidents</u></b> Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, Italy Merkury Foundation, Poland Cultural Association “Progettarte”, Italy	Alessandro Perelli Bartek Ostrowski Francesco Zarzana
<b><u>Treasurer</u></b> Individual member, United Kingdom	Roger Lawrence
<b><u>Members</u></b> Association Trentino per i Balcani, Italy Centar Municipality, North Macedonia GAL Pays Vichy-Auvergne, France Kutaisi Municipality, Georgia Social Cooperative “Studio Progetto”, Italy Centre for Democracy Foundation, Serbia Individual member, Serbia	Maurizio Camin Emir Coric Didier Duboisset Shorena Khukhua Andrea Rilievo Nataša Vučković Dobrica Milovanović
<b><u>Statutory members</u></b> Head of the Democratic Governance Division, Directorate General of Democracy - Council of Europe  Representative in the Chamber of Local Authorities (Congress of Local and Regional Authorities), King’s Commissioner of Flevoland (the Netherlands)  Delegate of the Local Democracy Agency (Tunisia), city of Kairouan	Alina Tatarenko  <b>Leendert Verbeek*</b>  Afaf Zaddem

#### IV. Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE)<sup>3</sup>

Standing Committee (elected on 18 November 2022, mandate 2023)

<b><u>Presidency</u></b> Belgium, Parliament of Wallonia	Jean-Claude Marcout
<b><u>Vice-President</u></b> Parliament of Canary Islands	Gustavo A. Matos Expósito
<b><u>Secretary General</u></b> Parliament of Wallonia	Benjamin Hurard
<b><u>Members</u></b> Belgium, Brussels Parliament Austria, Vorarlbergen State Parliament Germany, Bavarian State Parliament Italy, Regional Council of Veneto Spain, Parliament of Balearic Islands Finland, Parliament of Åland Portugal, Legislative Assembly of Autonomous Region of Azores	Rachid Madrane <b>Harald Sonderegger*</b> Karl Freller Roberto Ciambetti Vicenç Thomas i Mulet Bert Häggblom Luís Garcia
<b><u>Chairs of working groups</u></b>  <b>Better regulation and policy evaluation</b> Italy, President of the Regional Council of Friuli Venezia Giulia  <b>Cohesion Policy</b> Italy, Regional Councillor of the Regional Council of Veneto  <b>Equality and demographic challenge</b> Spain, President of the Assembly of Extremadura  <b>Migration policies</b> Portugal, Legislative Assembly of Autonomous Region of Madeira  <b>Natural Disasters</b> Portugal, Legislative Assembly of Autonomous Region of Azores  <b>Subsidiarity</b> Belgium, Parliament of Wallonia  <b>Strategy for Sustainable Development of the European Regions</b>	Piero Mauro Zanin  Nicola Ignazio Finco  Blanca Martín Delgado  José Manuel Rodrigues  Luís Garcia  Jean-Claude Marcout  Gustavo A. Matos Expósito

<sup>3</sup> Unless otherwise specified, all the members mentioned are presidents of regions.



Spain, Parliament of Canary Islands	
<b>Language and Cultural Diversity</b> Spain, President of Cortes of Valencia	<b>Enric Morera Català*</b>
<b>Education in legality and anti-mafia culture</b> Italy, Regional Council of Lombardy	Alessandro Fermi
<b>Women empowerment and fight against gender-based violence</b> Italy, Legislative Assembly of Emilia-Romagna Region	Emma Petitti

## V. Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)

Executive Bureau (elected on 23 January 2020, mandate 2020-2022).<sup>4</sup>

<b><u>Presidency</u></b>	
President of Emilia-Romagna Region, Italy	Stefano Bonaccini
<b><u>Co-Presidents</u></b>	
Councillor, Vestfold and Telemark County, Norway	<b>Gunn Marit Helgesen*</b>
President of the Karlsruhe Landkreis, Germany	Christoph Schnaudigel
<b><u>Vice-Presidents</u></b>	
Mayor of Cumpăna, Romania	Mariana Gâju
Mayor of Morphou, Cyprus	Victor Hadjiavraam
Councillor and Mayor of Hveragerðisbær, Iceland	<b>Aldis Hafsteinsdóttir*</b>
Mayor of Schweich, Germany	<b>Christiane Horsch*</b>
Mayor of Sceaux, France	Philippe Laurent
Mayor of Soria, Spain	Carlos Martinez Minguez
Mayor of Mladé Buky, Czechia	Lucie Potuckova
Mayor of Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality, Turkey	Fatma Sahin
Leader of Warwickshire County Council, United Kingdom	Izzi Seccombe
Tbilisi City Assembly, Georgia	Nino Rukhadze
Chairman of Tallinn City Council, Estonia	Tiit Terik
Mayor of Oostende, Belgium	Bart Tommelein
<b><u>Executive Presidents</u></b>	
Mayor of Gdansk, Poland	Aleksandra Dulkiewicz
Mayor of Paris, France	Anne Hidalgo
Lord Mayor of Karlstad City Council, Sweden	Anders Knape
Mayor of Lisbon, Portugal	Fernando Medina
Mayor of The Hague, Netherlands	Jan Van Zanen
<b><u>Secretary General</u></b>	Fabrizio Rossi

<sup>4</sup> The Secretary General Fabrizio Rossi was elected to the Policy Committee held on 23 January 2022, substituting Frédéric Vallier.

## VI. Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)

Political Bureau (elected on 27 October 2022, Mandate 2022-2024).

<b><u>Presidency</u></b> Regional Minister of Noord-Holland, The Netherlands	Cees Loggen
<b><u>First Vice-President and Treasurer</u></b> Councillor of Vestfold og Telemark, Norway	<b>Gunn Marit Helgesen*</b>
<b><u>Vice-Presidents - Responsible for</u></b>  Climate & Energy – Vice-Governor for European and International Affairs, Crete Region, Greece  Cohesion Policy – President of Tuscany Region, Italy  Maritime Affairs – Member of the Regional Board, Region of Southwest Finland, Finland  Neighbourhood Policy – Chairman of the Government, Ajara Autonomous Republic, Georgia  Transport and Accessibility – Regional Minister for Enterprise, Employment, Universities and Spokesperson, Murcia Region, Spain	 George Alexakis  Eugenio Giani Talvikki Jori  Tornike Rijvadze  Maria del Valle Miguelez Santiago
<b><u>Secretary General</u></b>	Eleni Marianou
<b><u>Members</u></b>  Albania, President of the Regional Council of Shkodër Belgium, Member of the Provincial Executive Committee, Provincie West-Vlaanderen Cyprus, Chief Administrative Officer and Head of Policy, European Affairs and Human Resources Directorate, Ministry of Interior Denmark, Councillor, Region Midtjylland Estonia Finland, Member of the Regional Board, Region of Southwest Finland France, President, Regional Council of Brittany Germany, Minister for Federal and European Affairs, Ministry of Science, Culture, Federal and European Affairs, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Georgia, Chairman of the Government, Ajara Autonomous Republic Greece, Vice-Governor for European and International Affairs, Crete Region Ireland, Councillor, Donegal County council	 Hilmi Lakti Jean De Bethune  Patrina Taramidou  Henrik Qvist <i>To be nominated</i> Talvikki Jori  Loïg Chesnais-Girard Bettina Martin  Tornike Rijvadze  George Alexakis  John Sheamais O'fearraigh

Italy, President of the Tuscany Region Malta, Minister for Gozo The Netherlands, Regional Minister of Noord-Holland Norway, Councillor of Vestfold og Telemark Portugal, President of the Regional Government of the Azores  Romania, Vice-President of the Călărași County Council Spain, Regional Minister for Enterprise, Employment Universities and Spokeperson, Murcia Region Sweden, Regional Commissioner, Region Skåne United Kingdom	Eugenio Giani Clint Camilleri Cees Loggen <b>Gunn Marit Helgesen*</b> José Manuel Cabral Dias Bolieiro Ion Samoilă Maria Del Valle Miguelez Santiago Anna Jähnke <i>To be nominated</i>
<b><u>Honorary Members</u></b>  Honorary President of CPMR - President of the Regional Council, Region Skåne (Sweden)  President, Member of the Regional Assembly of the Azores (Portugal)	Annika Annerby Jansson   Vasco Alves Cordeiro
<b><u>Presidents of the Commissions</u></b> President of the Atlantic Arc Commission: President of the Basque Government (Spain) President of the Balkan & Black Sea Commission: County Councillor, Tulcea County Council (Romania) President of the Baltic Sea Commission: Vice-President, Committee for Regional Development, Region Västerbotten (Sweden) Acting President of the Intermediterranean Commission: President of the Junta de Andalucía (Spain) President of the Islands Commission: President of the Balearic Islands (Spain) President of the North Sea Commission: Regional Minister of Drenthe, Noord-Nederland Region (the Netherlands)	Iñigo Urkullu  Horia Teodorescu  Tomas Mörtzell  Juan Manuel Moreno  Francina Armengol I Socias Tjisse Stelpstra
<b><u>Representative of the Outermost Regions</u></b> President of the Executive Council, Territorial Community of Martinique (France)	Serge Letchimy

## VII. Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe (NALAS)

Executive Bureau (elected on May 2022, mandate 2022-2023)

<b><u>Presidency</u></b>	
Mayor of the City of Leskovac, Serbia	Goran Cvetanović
<b><u>First Vice President</u></b>	
Mayor of Fatih, Istanbul, Turkey	Mehmet Ergün Turan
<b><u>Second Vice President</u></b>	
Mayor of Bar, Montenegro.	Dušan Raičević
<b><u>Third Vice President</u></b>	
Mayor of Rijeka, Croatia.	Marko Filipović
<b><u>Executive Director</u></b>	
Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe	Kelmend Zajazi

Executive Body

<b><u>Liaison officers of full members</u></b>	
National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria	Silvia Georgieva
Association of Municipalities and Cities of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina	Vesna Travljanin
Association of Towns and Municipalities of Republic of Srpska	Aco Pantic
Association of Cities of the Republic of Croatia	Nives Kopajtich-Skrlec
Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Croatia	Mladen Ivanovic
Association of Kosovo Municipalities	Sazan Ibrahim
Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova	<b>Viorel Furdui*</b>
Association of the Units of Local Self-government of Republic of North Macedonia	Dushica Perisic
Union of Municipalities of Montenegro	Vanja Starovlah
Association of Communes of Romania	Sergiu Tara
Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities	Djordje Stanicic
Association of Municipalities and Towns of Slovenia	Jasmina Vidmar
Marmara Municipalities Union	Cemil Arslan
<b><u>Liaison Officers for Associate members</u></b>	
European Foundation for Sustainable Development of the Regions	-
Council of European Municipalities and Regions	Frédéric Vallier
Energy Cities	-

The Austrian Association of Cities and Towns - Der Österreichische Städtebund	Thomas Weninger
Union of Turkish World Municipalities	-
Association of Albanian Municipalities	Agron Haxhimali
Association of Local Autonomy of Albania	Adelina Farrici

## VIII. Eurocities

Executive Committee (elected on 5 November 2021, mandate 2021-2025)

<b><u>Presidency</u></b> Mayor of Florence	Dario Nardella
<b><u>Vice-President</u></b> Mayor of Leipzig	Burkhard Jung
<b><u>Secretary General</u></b>	André Sobczak
<b><u>Treasurer</u></b> Mayor of Warsaw	Rafał Trzaskowski
<b><u>Secretary</u></b> Mayor of Ghent	Mathias De Clercq
<b><u>Members</u></b> Mayor of Barcelona Mayor of Braga Mayor of Tallinn Mayor of Nantes Mayor of Oslo Mayor of Rotterdam Mayor of Stockholm Mayor of Vienna	Ada Colau Ricardo Rio Mihhail Kõlvart Johanna Rolland Raymond Johansen Ahmed Aboutaleb Anna König Jerlmyr Michael Ludwig

Forum chairs

<b>Culture</b> Deputy Mayor of Dresden	Annekatriin Klepsch
<b>Economic Development</b> Deputy Mayor of Helsinki	Anni Sinnemäki
<b>Environment</b> Deputy Mayor of Porto	Filipe Araújo
<b>Knowledge Society</b> Deputy Mayor of Barcelona	Laia Bonet
<b>Mobility</b> Deputy Mayor of Toulouse	Jean-Claude Dardelet
<b>Social Affairs</b> Deputy Mayor of Utrecht	Maarten van Ooijen

## IX. United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

Presidency (elected in November 2019, mandate 2019-2022).

<b><u>Governing Presidents</u></b> Mayor of Xi'an (China) Mayor of Iriga (Philippines)	Li Mingyuan Madelaine Yorobe Alfelor
<b><u>Co-Presidents</u></b> Mayor of Konya (Turkey) Mayor of Paris (France), Chair of UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality Mayor of The Hague, Chairman of the Association of Netherlands Municipalities – VNG (Netherlands)	Uğur İbrahim Altay Anne Hidalgo  Jan van Zanen
<b><u>Treasurer</u></b> Mayor of Kitchener, President Emeritus of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities - FCM (Canada)	Berry Vrbanovic
<b><u>UCLG Special Envoys</u></b> Mayor of Barcelona (Spain): UCLG Special Envoy to the United Nations and for the 2030 sustainable agenda Mayor of Kazan (Russian Federation): President of the United Nations Advisory Committee for Local Authorities (UNACLA) Mayor of Soria (Spain), Envoy of the Presidency for the New Urban Agenda	Ada Colau  <b>Ilsur Metshin*</b>  Carlos Martínez

### Vice-Presidency

<b>Africa</b> Mayor of Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso), President of the Association of Municipalities of Burkina Faso (AMBF)	Armand Béouindé
<b>Asia-Pacific</b> Mayor of Dhulikhel (Nepal), President of the Municipal Association of Nepal	Ashok Kumar Byanju Shrestha
<b>Eurasia</b> Head of Sakha Republic (Russian Federation), Vice-President of UCLG Eurasia	Aysen Nikolaev
<b>Europe</b> Mayor of Sala (Sweden), Vice-President of the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR)	Carola Gunnarsson
<b>Latin America</b> Mayor of Montevideo (Uruguay)	Carolina Cosse
<b>Middle East and West Asia</b> President of the Union of Dannieh Municipalities (Lebanon)	Mohamed Saadie



<b>North America</b> Mayor of Stathroy-Caradoc, Councillor for Middlesex County, President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)	Joanne Vanderheyden
<b>Metropolitan</b> Mayor of Guangzhou (China), Vice-President for Metropolis	Guo Yonghang
<b>Forum of Regions</b> President of the Consortium of Provincial Autonomous Governments from Ecuador – CONGOPE (Ecuador)	Pablo Jurado Moreno

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Mayor of Barcelona (Spain)	Ada Colau
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