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Monday 25 October 2021

Bureaux meetings [EN/FR/DE/IT/RU]

9.00-12.00 Room 9

Bureau of the Congress

Political group meetings - 15.30-18.00

Room 9

European People's Party Group in the Congress (EPP/CCE)
[EN/FR/DE/IT/RU/TR]

Room 8

Socialist Group, Greens and Progressive Democrats (SOC/G/PD)
[EN/FR/DE/IT/RU/TR]

Room 6

Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG) [EN/FR/DE/IT/RU/TR]

Room 2

European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) [EN/DE/IT/RU/TR]

Secretaries of delegations meeting

15.45-16.30 Room 3




Information meeting

Tuesday 26 October 2021

Plenary sitting [EN/FR/DE/IT/RU/ES passive/TR]

10.00-13.00, Hemicycle

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 19 October 2021*

10.00	Opening of the 41st Session of the Congress by the President Leendert VERBEEK	
10.10	Verification of new members' credentials [CG(2021)41-16] Co-rapporteurs: Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/PD) and Aleksandra MALETIĆ, Serbia (R, EPP/CCE) Presented by: Xavier CADORET Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG(2021)41-02]*	
10.20	Adoption of the draft agenda of the 41st Session [CG(2021)41-OJ] Adoption of the draft minutes of the last sitting of the second part of the 40th session (17 June 2021) [CG(2021)40-PV-07] Adoption of the composition of Congress committees [CG(2021)41-03]	
10.25	Communication by the President	
11.00	Presentation of youth delegates' grass-roots projects Presentations by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andreea GHEORGHITA, Romania• Vitalii YAREMCHUK, Ukraine• Lea HATT, Switzerland• Lamija BALTA, Bosnia-Herzegovina Debate	
12.00	Home sharing platforms: challenges and opportunities for municipalities Presentation by Jelena DRENJANIN, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE) Chair of the Governance Committee Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [CG(2021)41-13*]	
13.00	Suspension of the sitting	

Tuesday 26 October 2021

Plenary sitting [EN/FR/DE/IT/RU/ES active/TR]

14.30-18.30, Hemicycle

* Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 19 October 2021

14.30	Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government: Spain Presentation by the rapporteurs: Bryony RUDKIN, United Kingdom (L, SOC/G/PD) and David ERAY, Switzerland (R, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CG(2021)41-07]* Statement by Miryam ÁLVAREZ PÁEZ, Secretary General for territorial coordination, Spain Oral reply to questions from the floor
15.45	Migration: continuing challenges for cities and regions Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eirini DOUROU, Congress rapporteur on migration issues• Ambassador Drahoslav ŠTEFÁNEK, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees Debate
17.15	Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government: Netherlands Presentation by the rapporteur: Vladimir PREBILIĆ, Slovenia (L, SOC/G/PD) Debate Vote on the amendment [CG(2021)41-05AMDT] and draft recommendation [CG(2021)41-05]*
18.30	Close of the sitting

Wednesday 27 October 2021

Chamber of Local Authorities [EN/FR/DE/IT/RU/TR]

9.30-12.00, Hemicycle

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 20 October 2021*

9.30	Opening of the chamber session by the President Bernd VÖHRINGER	
9.32	Adoption of the draft agenda of the chamber [CPL(2021)41-OJ]	
9.34	Election of 2 vice-presidents of the chamber <i>[deadline for candidatures: 7.30 Wednesday 27 October 2021]</i> Presentation of the candidates - Vote	
9.45	Communication by the President [CPL(2021)41-01]	
10.00	Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government: North Macedonia Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Harald BERGMANN, Netherlands (L, ILDG), and Zdenek BROZ, Czech Republic (L, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CPL(2021)41-02]* Statement by Zoran DIMITROVSKI, Deputy Minister for Local Self Government, North Macedonia (tbc) Oral reply to questions from the floor	
10.30	Thematic debate: Working conditions of local elected representatives in times of hate speech and fake news on the internet [CPL(2021)41-03] The inter-university research project on shaping a scientifically based policy fighting the threats of social media Statement by: Robert MÜLLER-TÖRÖK, Professor, University of Public Administration and Finance Ludwigsburg (HVF), Germany Debate	
11.15	Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government: Cyprus Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Marc COOLS, Belgium (L, ILDG) and Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, EPP/CCE) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CPL(2021)41-04]* Statement by Nicos NOURIS, Minister of the Interior of Cyprus Oral reply to questions from the floor	
11.59	Adoption of the draft abridged report of the session of the chamber [CPL(2021)41-DEC]	
12.00	Close of the session of the chamber by the President	

Meeting between the youth delegates and Congress members

12.00 - 12.45	Room 3	Open to youth delegates, Congress members, secretaries of delegations and advisers
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Wednesday 27 October 2021

Chamber of Regions [EN/FR/DE/IT/RU/TR]

9.30-12.00, Room 9

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 20 October 2021*



9.30	Opening of the chamber session by the President Harald SONDEREGGER
9.32	Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber [CPR(2021)41-OJ] 
9.34	Communication by the President [CPR(2021)41-01]
9.45	Inter-regional and cross-border co-operation for better territorial integration in Europe [CPR(2021)41-02] Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ann-Sofi BACKGREN, First Vice-President of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR), Member of the Regional Council of Ostrobothnia, Finland• Pavel BRANDA, Chair of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR)'s Interregional Group on Cross-Border Co-operation, Czech Republic (ECR)• Sonja LEDL-ROSSMANN, Representative of Euregio Tyrol Alto-Adige Trentino, President of the Regional Parliament (Landtag) of Tyrol, Austria Debate
10.30	Lifelong education for lifelong employment of young generations: a challenge for the regions [CPR(2021)41-02] Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christina PATTERER, Member of the Regional Parliament (Landtag) of Carinthia, Austria• Miriana BUCALOSSI, Leader of the working group for Youth Policies of the European Association of Regional and Local Authorities for Lifelong Learning (EARLALL), Italy• Viviane OGOU CORBI, Youth delegate, Spain Debate
11.15	Regions and diaspora [CPR(2021)41-02] Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alberto NÚÑEZ FEIJÓO, President of the regional government of Galicia, Spain Debate
	Date of the next session March 2022
11.59	Adoption of the draft abridged report of the session of the chamber [CPR(2021)41-DEC] 
12.00	Close of the session of the chamber by the President
Meeting between the youth delegates and Congress members	
12.00 - 12.45	<i>Room 3</i> Open to youth delegates, Congress members, secretaries of delegations and advisers

Wednesday 27 October 2021

Plenary sitting

14.00-17.30, Hemicycle [EN/FR/DE/IT/RU/ES passive/TR]

* Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 20 October 2021

14.00	Adoption of the draft minutes of the sitting of the Congress on 26 October 2021 [CG(2021)41-PV-01] 
14.02	Formal adoption of texts approved by the Chamber of Local Authorities [CG(2021)41-10] 
14.05	Hungarian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (21 May 2021 - 17 November 2021) Statement by Péter SZTÁRAY, State Secretary responsible for Security Policy of Hungary, on behalf of the Hungarian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers Oral reply to questions from the floor
15.00	COVID: the road to recovery? Statements by: Ulrik VESTERGAARD KNUDSEN, Deputy Secretary General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Carlo MONTICELLI, Appointed Governor, Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) Debate
17.00	7th Dosta!/Congress prize-giving ceremony
17.30	Close of the sitting

Thursday 28 October 2021

Bureau meeting [EN/FR/DE/IT/RU]

8.30-9.15, Room 9


Bureau of the Congress

Thursday 28 October 2021

Plenary sitting [EN/FR/DE/IT/RU/ES passive/TR]

10.00-12.00, Hemicycle

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Thursday 21 October 2021*

10.00	Adoption of the draft minutes of the sessions of the chambers and of the sitting of the Congress on 27 October 2021 [CPL(2021)41-PV], [CPR(2021)41-PV] and [CG(2021)41-PV-02]
10.05	Ceremony awarding the Congress medal to an honorary member Jakob WIENEN, Netherlands
10.30	Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government: Albania Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/PD) and Carla DEJONGHE, Belgium (R, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CG(2021)41-14]*  Statement by Romina KUKO, Deputy Minister of the Interior, Albania Oral reply to questions from the floor
11.55	Adoption of the draft abridged report of the 41st Session [CG(2021)41-DEC-01] 
12.00	Close of the 41st Session by the President of the Congress

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 - Registration for speakers: the form for registration of speakers for the debates, available at the entrance of the hemicycle and Room 9 (plenary sittings and chamber sessions) must be submitted to the Table Office secretariat seated in front of the President's rostrum for sittings in the hemicycle or to the secretariat of the President for the chamber meeting in Room 9.
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- a. Single rapporteurs presenting reports: ten minutes;
 - b. Co-rapporteurs presenting reports: six minutes each;
 - c. Single rapporteurs replying to debates: five minutes;
 - d. Co-rapporteurs replying to debates: three minutes each;
 - e. Chairs of committees replying to debates (at their request): three minutes;
 - f. Other speakers (except on personal statements; on setting the agenda; on any procedural question or on amendments): three minutes;
 - g. Speakers on personal statements; on setting the agenda; on any procedural question or on amendments or sub-amendments: one minute.
7. When sufficient time is not available for all speakers to be heard for the times provided under Rule 30.6, the President may decide that speaking time will be reduced or that not all those who have entered their name in the register may speak.
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