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## Monday 24 October 2022

### Bureaux meetings *[EN/FR/DE/IT]*

9.30-10.30, Room 6	Bureau of the Chamber of Regions
9.30-10.30, Room 8	Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities
10.45-12.15 and 14.00-15.30, Room 9	Bureau of the Congress

### Political group meetings - 15.45-17.45

Room 9	European People's Party Group in the Congress (EPP/CCE) <i>[EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]</i>
Room 8	Socialist Group, Greens and Progressive Democrats (SOC/G/PD) <i>[EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]</i>
Room 6	Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG) <i>[EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]</i>
Room 10	European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) <i>[EN/IT/TR]</i>

### Secretaries of delegations meeting

Information meeting	15.40-16.20, Room 3
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**Tuesday 25 October 2022**

**Plenary sitting** [EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]

9.30-12.30, Hemicycle

\* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 18 October 2022*

<b>9.30</b>	<b>Opening of the 43rd Session of the Congress by the President</b> Leendert VERBEEK
<b>9.35</b>	<b>Verification of new members' credentials</b> [CG(2022)43-04] Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/PD) and Aleksandra MALETIĆ, Serbia (R, EPP/CCE) Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG(2022)43-02]* 
<b>9.50</b>	<b>Adoption of the agenda of the 43rd Session</b> [CG(2022)43-OJ] <b>Adoption of the minutes of the last sitting of the 42nd Session (24 March 2022)</b> [CG(2022)42-PV-03] <b>Adoption of the composition of Congress committees</b> [CG(2022)43-03] 
	<b>Revised Code of Good Practice on Referendums (adopted by the Council for Democratic Elections and the Venice Commission)</b> [CG(2022)43-21]  <i>Draft resolution on the Congress position submitted for adoption by tacit procedure (Rule 24 of the Congress Rules of Procedure)</i> Rapporteur: Vladimir PREBILIC, Slovenia (L, SOC/G/PD)
<b>10.00</b>	<b>Election of the Secretary General of the Congress</b>  Presentation of the candidates Voting [this will take place electronically] Announcement of the results
<b>10.20</b>	<b>Communication by the President</b> Debate
<b>10.40</b>	<b>Irish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (22 May 2022 – November 2022)</b> <b>Statement by Peter BURKE, Minister of State for Planning and Local Government, on behalf of the Irish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers</b> Questions
<b>11.40</b>	<b>The future of the Council of Europe and the role of the Congress therein</b> [SG(2022)2] [CG-BUR(2022)47-70] [AS-POL-2022-28] Statement by Fiona O'LOUGHLIN, Rapporteur on "A fourth Summit for a renewed, improved and reinforced Council of Europe", Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Debate
<b>12.30</b>	<b>Suspension of the sitting</b>
<b>12.40</b>	<b>EVENT: Launch of the BePART Platform</b>

**Tuesday 25 October 2022**

**Plenary sitting** [EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]

14.00-19.30, Hemicycle

\* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 18 October 2022*




<b>14.00</b>	<b>The Russian Federation's war against Ukraine</b> Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Oleksiy CHERNYSHOV, Minister for Communities and Territories Development, Ukraine</b></li><li>• <b>Vitali KLITSCHKO, Chairman of Association of Ukrainian Cities, Mayor of Kyiv, Ukraine</b></li></ul> Debate	
<b>15.00</b>	<b>Statement by Caroline CONROY, Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ireland</b> Exchange of views	
<b>15.45</b>	<b>Hate speech and fake news: the impact on working conditions of local and regional elected representatives</b> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Wilma DELISSEN VAN TONGERLO, Netherlands (L, ILDG) and Kristoffer TAMSONS, Sweden (R, EPP/CCE) Debate Vote on the amendment [ <a href="#">CG(2022)43-11-AMDT</a> ] and draft resolution and draft recommendation [ <a href="#">CG(2022)43-11</a> ]*	
<b>16.45</b>	<b>Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government in Denmark</b> 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 [ <a href="#">CG(2022)43-18</a> ]*	
<b>17.45</b>	<b>Smart cities and regions - prospects for a human rights-based governance approach</b> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Tony BUCHANAN, United Kingdom (L, NR) and Jan MARKINK, Netherlands (R, ILDG) Statement by Mariya BADEVA, youth delegate, Bulgaria Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [ <a href="#">CG(2022)43-13</a> ]*	
<b>18.30</b>	<b>Reception of women and children refugees</b> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Annika VAIKLA, Estonia (L, ILDG) and Bernd VÖHRINGER, Germany (L, EPP/CCE) Statement by Leyla KAYACIK, Special Representative of the Secretary General on migration and refugees Debate Vote on the amendments [ <a href="#">CG(2022)43-14-AMDT</a> ] and on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [ <a href="#">CG(2022)43-14</a> ]*	
<b>19.30</b>	<b>Close of the sitting</b>	
<b>19.30</b>	<b>EVENT:</b> Reception offered by the Irish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers (Salon Bleu Restaurant)	

Wednesday 26 October 2022

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

9.00-12.00, Hemicycle

\* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 19 October 2022*

9.00	<b>Opening of the session of the chamber by the President</b> Bernd VÖHRINGER	
9.02	<b>Adoption of the agenda of the chamber</b> [ <a href="#">CG(2022)43-OJ</a> ]	
9.04	<b>Communication by the President</b> [CPL(2022)43-01]	
9.15	<b>Report on the observation of local by-elections in Belgrade and several other municipalities in Serbia (3 April 2022)</b> Presentation by the rapporteur: Carla DEJONGHE, Belgium (R, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [ <a href="#">CPL(2022)43-02</a> ]*	
10.00	<b>Thematic debate: revision of the European Urban Charter II - Manifesto for a New Urbanity in the context of current crisis situations</b> [ <a href="#">CPL(2022)43-04</a> ] Presentations by: Anne COLGAN, Ireland (L, ILDG) Christina BINDER, Bundeswehr University Munich, Germany, member of the Group of Independent Experts Debate	
11.00	<b>Information report on the observation of local by-elections in Albania (6 March 2022)</b> [ <a href="#">CPL(2022)43-03</a> ] Presentation by the rapporteur: Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG) Debate	
11.59	<b>Adoption of the abridged report of the session of the chamber</b> [ <a href="#">CPL(2022)43-DEC</a> ]	
12.00	<b>Close of the session of the chamber by the President</b>	
12.15	<b>EVENT:</b> <i>Photographic exhibition 'Shame – European stories' short launching event</i>	

**Meeting between the youth delegates and Congress members**





12.30 - 13.45	<i>Cafeteria</i>	Open to youth delegates, Congress members, secretaries of delegation and advisers <i>Sandwiches and refreshments provided</i>
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## Wednesday 26 October 2022

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

9.00-12.00, Room 01

\* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 19 October 2022*

9.00	<b>Opening of the session of the chamber by the President</b> Harald SONDEREGGER	
9.02	<b>Adoption of the agenda of the chamber</b> [CG(2022)43-OJ]	
9.04	<b>Election of a vice-president of the chamber</b> [CPR(2022)43-04] <i>[deadline for candidatures: 7.00 Wednesday 26 October 2022]</i> Presentation of the candidates - Vote	
9.10	<b>Communication by the President</b> [CPR(2022)43-01]	
9.30	<b>Regional identities: promoting dialogue and diversity in unity</b> Presentation by the rapporteur: Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, Belgium (R, SOC/G/PD) Statement by: Marius WALLSTEIN, Youth delegate, Germany Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [ <a href="#">CPR(2022)43-02</a> ]*	
10.40	<b>Regional finances in response to crises</b> [ <a href="#">CPR(2022)43-03</a> ] Statements by: Sean M. DOUGHERTY, Senior Advisor and Head of Secretariat at the OECD Network on Fiscal Relations José Francisco HERRERA ANTONAYA, Director General for Co-operation with the State and the European Union, Comunidad de Madrid (Madrid Region), Spain Atte KALEVA, Member of the Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Assembly, Finland Debate	
11.40	<b>Free debate</b>	
11.58	<b>Date of the next session – March 2023</b>	
11.59	<b>Adoption of the abridged report of the session of the chamber</b> [CPR(2022)43-DEC]	
12.00	<b>Close of the session of the chamber by the President</b>	
12.15	<b>EVENT:</b> <i>Photographic exhibition ‘Shame – European stories’ short launching event</i>	

<b>Meeting between the youth delegates and Congress members</b>		
12.30 - 13.45	<i>La cafétéria</i>	Open to youth delegates, Congress members, secretaries of delegation and advisers <i>Sandwichs and refreshments provided</i>

Wednesday 26 October 2022

Plenary sitting [EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]

14.00-19.30, Hemicycle

\* Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 19 October 2022

14.00	<b>Adoption of the minutes of the sitting of the Congress on 25 October 2022</b> [CG(2022)43-PV-01am] [CG(2022)43-PV-01pm]	
14.02	<b>Adoption of texts approved by the Chamber of Local Authorities and the Chamber of Regions</b> [CG(2022)43-10]	
14.05	<b>Human rights and the environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>A fundamental right to the environment: a matter for local and regional authorities Towards a green reading of the European Charter of Local Self-government</b> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Belinda GOTTARDI, Italy (L, SOC/G/PD) and Levan ZHORZHOLIANI, Georgia (R, EPP/CCE) Statement by Zoé ELKÆR NICOT, youth delegate, Denmark Debate Vote on the amendments <a href="#">[CG(2022)43-15-AMDT]</a> and on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation <a href="#">[CG(2022)43-15]</a>*</li><li><b>Human rights handbook for local and regional authorities Volume III: environment and sustainable development</b> Presentation by the rapporteur: Harald BERGMANN, the Netherlands (L, ILDG) Debate Vote on the amendment <a href="#">[CG(2022)43-20-AMDT]</a> and on the draft resolution [CG(2022)43-20]*</li></ul>	 
16.30	<b>Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government in Sweden</b> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Harald BERGMANN, Netherlands (L, ILDG) and Matija KOVAC, Serbia (R, EPP/CCE) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation <a href="#">[CG(2022)43-12]</a> *	
17.20	<b>Presentation of grass-roots projects by the youth delegates</b> <a href="#">[CG(2022)43-23]</a> Presentations by: Nina KOISTINEN, Ireland Prodromos TZOUNOPOULOS, Greece Elena MANSO PALA, Spain Andžela RUDŽĪTE, Latvia Ioana LIVADARIU, Romania Debate	
18.10	<b>Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government in the Czech Republic</b> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Viorel FURDUI, Republic of Moldova (L, ILDG) and Jani KOKKO, Finland (L, SOC/G/PD) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation <a href="#">[CG(2022)43-17]</a> * <b>Statement by David SLÁMA, Acting Deputy Minister of the Interior Public Administration and eGovernment, Czech Republic</b> Questions	
19.30	<b>Close of the sitting</b>	
20.00	<b>EVENT: Reception offered by the City of Strasbourg (Pavillion Joséphine, Orangerie Park)</b>	

Thursday 27 October 2022

Plenary sitting [EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]

9.00-12.45, Hemicycle

\* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Thursday 20 October 2022*

9.00	<b>Adoption of the minutes of the sessions of the chambers and of the sitting of the Congress on 26 October 2022</b> <a href="#">[CPL(2022)43-PV]</a> , <a href="#">[CPR(2022)43-PV]</a> and <a href="#">[CG(2022)43-PV-02]</a> 
9.05	<b>Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government in Belgium</b> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Matthias GYSIN, Switzerland (L, ILDG) and Magnus BERTSSON, Sweden (R, EPP/CCE) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation <a href="#">[CG(2022)43-16]</a> * 
10.00	<b>Co-operation activities of the Congress</b> <a href="#">[CG(2022)43-22]</a> Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vesna TRAVLJANIN, Executive Director of the Association of Municipalities and Cities of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina</li><li>• Mzia GIORGOBIANI Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia</li><li>• Levan ZHORZHOLIANI, Member of the National Association of Local Authorities of Georgia</li><li>• Dumitru UDREA, Secretary General of the Government of the Republic of Moldova</li><li>• Viorel FURDUI, Executive Director of the Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova</li><li>• Ihor KORKHOVYI Deputy Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine on European Integration, Ukraine</li><li>• Oleksandr SENKEYVYCH, Mayor of Mykolaiv, Board member of the Association of Ukrainian Cities</li><li>• Abdelaziz DEROUICHE, Prefect of Rabat, President of the Moroccan Association of Presidents of Councils of Prefectures and Provinces</li><li>• Adnen BOUASSIDA, Mayor of Raoued, President of the National Federation of Tunisian Communities</li><li>• Diana ENDELADZE, former youth delegate, Georgia</li></ul> Debate
11.20	<b>Report on the observation of municipal elections in the Netherlands (16 March 2022)</b> Presentation by the rapporteur: Vladimir PREBILIC, Slovenia (L, SOC/G/PD)  Debate and vote on the draft recommendation <a href="#">[CG(2022)43-19]</a> *
11.55	<b>Statement by the outgoing Secretary General of the Congress</b> Andreas KIEFER
12.43	<b>Adoption of the abridged report of the 43rd Session</b> <a href="#">[CG(2022)43-DEC]</a> 
12.45	<b>Close of the 43rd Session by the President of the Congress</b>



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