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## Monday 23 October 2023 – meetings held in the Palais de l'Europe

### 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

### Seminar for new Congress members – 13.00-14.00

Room 6	Information meeting open to all Congress members, national delegation secretaries and advisors <small>[EN/FR/DE/IT]</small>
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### Political group meetings - 15.45-17.45

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

### Secretaries of national delegations meeting - 15.40-16.20

Room 11	Information meeting followed by a coffee break with the youth delegates
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## Tuesday 24 October 2023 - Committee meetings [EN/FR/DE/IT] – meetings held in the Palais de l'Europe

[EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]



Monitoring Committee	8.15-10.00, Room 5
Current Affairs Committee	8.15-10.00, Room 9
Governance Committee	8.15-10.00, Room 10

## Tuesday 24 October 2023 – meeting held in the European Parliament Hemicycle

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

10.30-12.30

\* Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 17 October 2023

10.30	<b>Opening of the 45th Session of the Congress by the President</b> Leendert VERBEEK
10.35	<b>Verification of new members' credentials</b> <a href="#">[CG(2023)45-04]</a> 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 <a href="#">[CG(2023)45-02]</a> * 
10.50	<b>Election of the President of the Congress</b> [deadline for candidatures: 10.30 Monday 23 October 2023] Presentation of the candidates (3 minutes each) Vote using the EP system Result of the election 
11.10	<b>Statement by the newly elected President of the Congress</b>
11.20	<b>Adoption of the agenda of the 45th Session</b> <a href="#">[CG(2023)45-OJ]</a> <b>Adoption of the minutes of the last sitting of the 44th Session (23 March 2023)</b> <a href="#">[CG(2023)44-PV-03]</a> <b>Adoption of the composition of Congress committees</b> <a href="#">[CG(2023)45-03]</a>
11.25	<b>Congress Presidency 2021-2023: Statement by the outgoing President Leendert VERBEEK</b> <a href="#">[CG(2023)45-10]</a> Debate
11.40	<b>Statement by Claire BAZY MALAURIE, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)</b> Exchange of views
12.30	<b>Close of the sitting</b>
12.45	<b>EVENT:</b> Inauguration: exhibition José Guadalupe Posada - The Resistance of Mexican Freedom of Press, and Mezcal tasting (traditional drink) - Permanent Mission of Mexico – main Hall of the Palais, ground floor

## Tuesday 24 October 2023 - meeting held in the European Parliament Hemicycle

### Plenary sitting [EN/FR/DE/IT/TR] \*\*[UKR]

14.30-19.00

\* Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 17 October 2023

14.30	<p><b>The Russian Federation's war against Ukraine **</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>The role of local and regional authorities in ensuring accountability – the Register of Damage caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Statement by Tanja GONGGRIJP, Vice-Chair of the Conference of Participants of the Register of damage caused by the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine</li></ul></li><li>- <b>The plight of anti-war political activists and prisoners of conscience in Russia</b> Presentation by the rapporteur: Leen VERBEEK, Netherlands (R, SOC/G/PD)</li></ul> <p>Debate</p> <p>Vote on the amendments <a href="#">[CG(2023)45-19-AMDT]</a> and on the draft resolution <a href="#">[CG(2023)45-19]</a>* </p>
16.00	<p><b>European Urban Charter III (2023): Urban living in the era of transformations</b></p> <p>Rapporteur: Anne COLGAN, Ireland (L, ILDG)</p> <p>Presentation by the Chair of the Governance Committee</p> <p>Statements by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Danela ARSOVSKA, Mayor of Skopje, North Macedonia, Chair of the UN ECE Forum of Mayors</li><li>- Zeynep GÜNER, Youth delegate, Türkiye</li></ul> <p>Debate and vote on the draft resolution <a href="#">[CG(2023)45-20]</a>* </p>
17.00	<p><b>Follow-up to the 4th Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe on 16-17 May 2023 in Reykjavik, Iceland</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Statement by Björn BERGE, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</li></ul> <p><b>Delivering on the Reykjavik summit: revised Congress priorities, working procedures and structures</b></p> <p>Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Bernd VÖHRINGER, Germany (L, EPP/CCE) and Harald SONDEREGGER, Austria (R, EPP/CCE)</p> <p>Debate</p> <p>Vote on the amendments <a href="#">[CG(2023)45-12-AMDT]</a> and on the draft resolution <a href="#">[CG(2023)45-12]</a>* </p>
18.15	<p><b>Outcome of the UN Summit on Sustainable Development Goals, 19-20 September, New York, USA</b></p> <p>Statement by Tatiana MOLCEAN, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe</p> <p>Exchange of views</p>
19.00	<p><b>Close of the sitting</b></p>
19.45	<p><i>EVENT: Reception offered by the Permanent Representation of Latvia – European Parliamentary Association, Allée de la Robertsau</i></p>

## Wednesday 25 October 2023 - meeting to be held in the Palais de l'Europe Chamber of Local Authorities [EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]

9.00-12.30, Room 5

\* Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 18 October 2023

9.00	<b>Opening of the session of the chamber by the President</b> Bernd VÖHRINGER	
9.05	<b>Election of the President of the Chamber of Local Authorities</b> <b>[deadline for candidatures: 7.00 Wednesday 25 October 2023]</b> Presentation of the candidate(s) (3 minutes each) Vote using the KUDO Platform Result of the election	
9.20	<b>Statement by the newly-elected President of the Chamber</b>	
9.30	<b>Adoption of the draft agenda of the chamber</b> [CG(2023)45-OJ]	
9.32	<b>Statement by the outgoing President of the Chamber of Local Authorities: Bernd VÖHRINGER</b> [CPL(2023)45-01] Exchange of views	
9.45	<b>Election of the 7 vice-presidents of the chamber</b> <b>[deadline for candidatures: 7.00 Wednesday 25 October 2023]</b> Presentation of the candidate(s) (3 minutes each) Vote using the KUDO Platform [the result of the election will be announced in the plenary sitting at 14.00 Wednesday 25 October 2023]	
10.25	<b>Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Estonia</b> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Harald BERGMANN, Netherlands, (L, ILDG) and Soeren SCHUMACHER, Germany (R, SOC/G/PD) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation <a href="#">[CPL(2023)45-03]</a> * <b>Statement by Madis KALLAS, Minister of Regional Affairs and Agriculture, Estonia</b> Questions	
11.25	<b>Report on the observation of local elections in Albania (14 May 2023)</b> Presentation by the rapporteur: Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom, (R, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation <a href="#">[CPL(2023)45-04]</a> *	
12.00	<b>Report on the observation of the elections to the Council of Elders, City of Yerevan, Armenia (17 September 2023)</b> Presentation by the rapporteur: Carla DEJONGHE, Belgium (R, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation <a href="#">[CPL(2023)45-02]</a> *	
12.29	<b>Adoption of the abridged report of the session of the chamber</b> [CPL(2023)45-DEC]	
12.30	<b>Close of the session of the chamber by the President</b>	
12.40	<b>EVENT:</b> <i>Inauguration: Reception and exhibition on the 100th year of the foundation of Republic of Türkiye. (Union of Municipalities of Türkiye) – Lobby of the hemicycle of the Palais de l'Europe</i>	

### Meeting between the youth delegates and Congress members – 13.00-13.45

*The cafeteria (near Le Restaurant Bleu)* Open to youth delegates, Congress members, secretaries of delegation and advisers  
*Finger sandwiches and refreshments provided*

## Wednesday 25 October 2023 - meeting to be held in the Palais de l'Europe Chamber of Regions [EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]

9.00-12.30, Room 9

9.00	<b>Opening of the session of the chamber by the President</b> Harald SONDEREGGER
9.05	<b>Election of the President of the Chamber of Regions</b> <b>[deadline for candidatures: 7.00 Wednesday 25 October 2023]</b> Presentation of the candidate(s) (3 minutes each) Vote using the KUDO Platform Result of the election
9.20	<b>Statement by the newly elected President of the Chamber</b>
9.30	<b>Adoption of the agenda of the chamber</b> [CG(2023)45-OJ]
9.32	<b>Statement by the outgoing President of the Chamber of Regions: Harald SONDEREGGER</b> [CPR(2023)45-01] Exchange of views
9.45	<b>Election of the 7 vice-presidents of the chamber</b> <b>[deadline for candidatures: 7.00 Wednesday 25 October 2023]</b> Presentation of the candidate(s) (3 minutes each) Vote using the KUDO Platform [the result of the election will be announced in the plenary sitting at 14.00 Wednesday 25 October 2023]
10.25	<b>Statement by Rachid MADRANE, President of the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE) and President of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region, Belgium</b> Exchange of views
10.45	<b>The role of regions in energy transition</b> <a href="#">[CPR(2023)45-02]</a> Statements by: - George ALEXAKIS, Vice-Governor for European and International Affairs Crete, Greece, Vice-President in charge of Energy and Climate of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) - David ERAY, Minister of the Environment of the Jura Canton, Switzerland  Debate
11.25	<b>Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals: regional experience and lessons learned</b> <a href="#">[CPR(2023)45-02]</a> Round table with the participation of: - Gunn-Marit HELGESEN, President, Council of European Municipalities and Regions - Johannes SUNDELIN, Vice-President for Sustainability, Green Transition and Health, Assembly of European Regions (AER) - Christian BRASSAC, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg, Vice-President and SDGs focal point of the Strasbourg Eurométropole, France - Kelmend ZAJAZI, Executive Director of NALAS (Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe) - Anja KOŠIR, Youth delegate, Slovenia  Debate
12.29	<b>Adoption of the abridged report of the session of the chamber</b> [CPR(2023)45-DEC]
12.30	<b>Close of the session of the chamber by the President</b>
12.40	<b>EVENT: Inauguration: Reception and exhibition on the 100th year of the foundation of Republic of Türkiye. (Union of Municipalities of Türkiye) – Lobby of the hemicycle of the Palais de l'Europe</b>

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**Wednesday 25 October 2023 - meeting held in the European Parliament Hemicycle**

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

14.30-19.15

\* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 18 October 2023*

14.30	<b>Adoption of the minutes of the sitting of the Congress on 24 October 2023</b> [CG(2023)45-PV-01am] [CG(2023)45-PV-01pm]
14.32	<b>Adoption of texts approved by the Chamber of Local Authorities</b> [CG(2023)45-06]
14.35	<b>Results of the elections for the posts of vice-presidents of the chambers</b>
14.40	<b>Latvian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (17 May 2023 – 15 November 2023)</b> <b>Statement by Inga BĒRZIŅA, Minister for Environmental Protection and Regional Development on behalf of the Latvian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers</b> Oral reply to written questions [CG(2023)45-13] <i>Deadline for tabling written questions: 16.00 Monday 23 October 2023</i>
15.30	<b>Local and regional media: watchdogs of democracy, guardians of community cohesion</b> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Cecilia DALMAN EEK, Sweden (R, SOC/G/PD) and Mélanie LEPOULTIER, France (L, ILDG) Statement by Matthew BARRACLOUGH, Executive Lead, Local News Partnerships, BBC, United Kingdom Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [CG(2023)45-11]* 
16.50	<b>Youth engagement as the driving force for change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Presentation of the grass-roots projects by the youth delegates</b> [CG(2023)45-16] Introduction by: Eline THOR ELIASSEN, Denmark<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Janis IEVINS, Latvia</li><li>- Selina COMO, Albania</li><li>- Hannah SATTLECKER, Austria and Simon GOLOMBEK, Norway</li><li>- Catarina SEMEDO MADAÍL DE OLIVEIRA, Portugal</li><li>- František BREZO, Slovak Republic</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Youth engagement as a factor of peace and reconciliation</b> Statement by Antonella VALMORBIDA, Secretary General of the European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA) Debate</li></ul>
18.20	<b>Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government in Ireland</b> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Vladimir PREBILIC, Slovenia (L, SOC/G/PD) and Gunn-Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, EPP/CCE) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CG(2023)45-17]*  <b>Statement by Kieran O'DONNELL, Minister of State with Responsibility for Local Government and Planning, Ireland</b> Questions
19.15	<b>Close of the sitting</b>
20.00	<b>Event: Reception offered by the City of Strasbourg - Pavillon Josephine, Orangerie Park</b>

## Thursday 26 October 2023

Meeting of the Bureau of the Congress – meeting held in the Palais de l'Europe



8.30-9.15, Room 9 [EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]

## Thursday 26 October 2023 - meeting held in the European Parliament Hemicycle Plenary sitting [EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]

10.00-13.00

\* Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Thursday 19 October 2023

\*\*\* Deadline for tabling amendments on the draft declaration: 10.00 Wednesday 25 October 2023

10.00	<b>Adoption of the minutes of the sessions of the chambers and of the sitting of the Congress on 25 October 2023</b> [CPL(2023)45-PV], [CPR(2023)45-PV] and [CG(2023)45-PV-02]
10.05	<b>Violence against local and regional elected representatives</b> Statements by: Vincent JEANBRUN, Mayor of L'Hay-les-Roses, France Kristoffer TAMSONS, Congress Co-rapporteur on "Hate speech and fake news: the impact on working conditions of local and regional elected representatives", Sweden (R, PPE, CCE) Samantha TOWNSEND, Councillor, Shildon and Dene Valley, Durham County, United Kingdom Debate
11.15	<b>The humanitarian situation in Karabakh and neighbouring cities and regions</b> Presentation by the rapporteur: Bernd VÖHRINGER, Germany (L, EPP/CCE) Debate Vote on the amendments [CG(2023)45-21-AMDT] and the draft declaration [CG(2023)45-21]*** 
12.15	<b>Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government in the Slovak Republic</b> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Matthias GYSIN, Switzerland, (L, ILDG) and Levan ZHORZHOLIANI, (Georgia, R, SOC/G/PD) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CG(2023)45-18]* 
12.59	<b>Adoption of the abridged report of the 45th Session</b> [CG(2023)45-DEC]
13.00	<b>Close of the 45th Session by the President of the Congress</b>



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  - 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.
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