

## The Bureau of the Congress

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## European partner institutions of the Congress

### Introduction

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

Action required: for information

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

Executive Committee (elected on 29 September 2022, mandate 2022-2024). Congress Members are indicated **in bold with an asterisk**. AEBR substitutes are in brackets.

<b>Presidency</b> <b>Karl-Heinz Lambertz*</b>	President of the Parliament of the German-speaking Community of Belgium	BE
<b>First Vice-Presidency</b> <i>To be elected</i>		
<b>Vice-Presidencies</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>Treasurer</b> <b>Joris Bengevoord*</b> ( <i>Christoph Almering</i> ) <sup>2</sup>	EUREGIO (DE/NL), Mayor of Winterswijk	NL

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

<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
Peter Hansen ( <i>Julia Schatte</i> )	Director, Region Sønderjylland-Schleswig (DE/DK), Coordinator of the German Grouping in AEER, 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> )	Vice-President of the Euregio Egrensis Saxony/Thuringia	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
Magdalena Fotek Kulak ( <i>to be nominated</i> )	Euroregion Bug Poland (PL/UA/BY)	PL
Pal Arne Oulie ( <i>Katarina Nordmark</i> )	“Utvalg for kultur”, Innlandet County Council	NO
Michael Fahmüller ( <i>Georg Riedl</i> )		DE

Juan Manuel Moreno Bonilla ( <i>Enrique Millo Rocher / José Antonio Martínez Marín</i> )	Landrat/Governor of Rottal-Inn (DE); EUREGIO Bayerischer Wald –Böhmerwald–Unterer Inn e.V. (AT/CZ/DE)	ES
António Ceia da Silva ( <i>Sandra Jorge</i> )	President of the Region of Andalucía	PT
Christoph von Ach ( <i>Karin Gschnitzer</i> )	President of the Commission for Coordination and Development of Alentejo Region	IT
Manuel Friesecke ( <i>to be nominated</i> )	Secretariat General, EGTC Europaregion Tirol-Südtirol-Trentino (AT/IT)	CH
Michael Dejozé ( <i>to be nominated</i> )	Director, Regio Basiliensis	BE
Irena Stróżyńska ( <i>Andrea Gronwald</i> )	Director, Euregio Maas-Rhein (BE/DE/NL)	PL
Harald Altekrüger ( <i>Carsten Jacob</i> )	Vice-Secretary General of the Polish Association of Euroregion Pomerania	DE
Eszter Csókási ( <i>to be nominated</i> )	President of the Euroregion Spree-Neiße-Bober (DE/PL); Governor of Spree-Neiße	HU
Johannes Waidbacher ( <i>Gerhard Obermair</i> )	Managing Director, DKMT Euroregional development Agency (HU/RO/RS)	AT
Dawid Lasek ( <i>Barbara Inglot</i> )	Chairman of the Euroregion Inn-Salzach (AT/DE)	PL
Eduard Syromolot ( <i>Nataliia Gavkalova</i> )	Director, Association of the Carpathian Euroregion Poland	UA
(Jesús Gamallo Aller) ( <i>Beraldino Pinto</i> )	Association Euroregion Slobozhanschina	ES/ PT
Ionel Ovidiu Bogdan ( <i>Doru Alexandru Lazăr</i> )	(Director-General for EU and External Relations, Xunta de Galicia) (Galicia-Norte)	RO
	President of Maramureş County Council	
<b><u>Advisory Committee</u></b>		
Jens Gabbe	Chairman	
<b><u>Secretary General</u></b>		
Martín Guillermo Ramírez		ES

## II. Assembly of European Regions (AER)

Executive Board (elected on 30 June 2023, mandate 2023-2025)

<b><u>Presidency</u></b>	
Spain, Catalonia	Albert Castellanos Maduell
<b><u>Vice-Presidency</u></b>	
Treasurer – France, Grand Est	<b>Christian Debève*</b>
For Science – Georgia, Ajara	David Batsikadze
For democracy, governance and Values – Sweden, Västerbotten	Nina Björby
For Innovation, Urban and Territorial Planning – Italy, Abruzzo	Nicola Campitelli
For sustainability, Green Transition and Health – Sweden, Norrbotten	Johannes Sundelin
For public services, digitalisation & cohesion – Slovenia, Zahodna Slovenija	Lilijana Madjar
For European integration and wider Europe – Austria, Lower Austria	Lukas Mandl
For Local Dimension and Ukraine recovery – Ukraine, Kryvi Rih	Sergii Miliutin
For youth, culture and tourism – Ireland, Donegal County Council	Mícheál Ó hÉanaigh
For social policy and Rural Opportunities – Ireland, Mayo	Gerry Murray
For interregional and global cooperation – Belgium, Brussels-Capital	Jean-Luc Vanraes
For employment, education and skills – Norway, Nordland	Simon Johnsen
For regional development and investment – Serbia, Vojvodina	Damir Zobenica
<b><u>Chairs of programmes</u></b>	
Eurodysey – Spain, Catalonia	Esther Estany
Youth Regional Network – Norway, Nordland	Jim Simonsen Jenssen
Summer Academy – Norway, Nordland	Kari Anne Bøkestad Andreassen
Honorary President – Türkiye, Istanbul	Dr. Hande Özsan Bozatli
Honorary President – Sweden, Västra Götaland	Magnus Berntsson
<b><u>Secretary General</u></b>	Christian Spahr

### 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 Cultural Association <i>Progettarte</i> , Italy	Alessandro Perelli Francesco Zarzana
<b><u>Treasurer</u></b> Individual member, United Kingdom	Roger Lawrence
<b><u>Members</u></b> Association <i>Trentino per i Balcani</i> , Italy Centar Municipality, North Macedonia Kutaisi Municipality, Georgia Social Cooperative “Studio Progetto”, Italy Centre for Democracy Foundation, Serbia Individual member, Serbia	Maurizio Camin Emir Coric Shorena Khukhua Andrea Rilievo Nataša Vučković Dobrica Milovanović
<b><u>Statutory members</u></b> Delegate of the LDA of Dnipropetrovsk Region (Ukraine)  Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe	Anzhelika Pylypenko  Irina Sahakyan-Vetter
<b><u>Secretary General</u></b>	Antonella Valmorbida

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 the Brussels-Capital Region	Rachid Madrane (elected on 20 December 2022)
<b><u>Vice-President</u></b> Parliament of Wallonia	André Frederic
<b><u>Member states representatives</u></b> Belgium, Vlaams 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 Madeira	Liesbeth Homans <b>Harald Sonderegger*</b> Karl Freller Roberto Ciambetti Vicenç Thomas i Mulet Bert Häggblom José Manuel Rodrigues
<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> Spain, Parliament of Canary Islands  <b>Education in legality and anti-mafia culture</b>	Piero Mauro Zanin  Nicola Ignazio Finco  Blanca Martín Delgado  José Manuel Rodrigues  Luís Garcia  André Frederic  Astrid María Pérez Batista

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



Italy, Regional Council of Lombardy	Alessandro Fermi
<b>Women empowerment and fight against gender-based violence</b> Italy, Legislative Assembly of Emilia-Romagna Region	<b>Lia Montalti*</b>
<b><u>Secretary General</u></b> Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region	Ludwik Kurzeja

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

Executive Bureau (elected on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022, mandate 2023-2025).<sup>4</sup>

<b><u>Presidency</u></b> Councillor, Vestfold and Telemark County, Norway	<b>Gunn Marit Helgesen*</b>
<b><u>Co-Presidents</u></b> Mayor of Sceaux; Vice-President of Territoire Vallée Sud - Grand Paris; Member of the Ile-de-France Regional Council, France President of the County of Karlsruhe, Germany	Philippe Laurent Christoph Schnaudigel
<b><u>Vice-Presidents</u></b> Councillor, Syddjurs Kommune, Denmark Mayor of Cumpăna, Romania Mayor of Soria, Spain Member of the Tbilisi City Assembly, Georgia Leader of Warwickshire County Council, United Kingdom Mayor of Jonava, Lithuania Mayor of Oostende, Belgium Mayor of Slezská Ostrava, Czech Republic Mayor of Thessaloniki, Greece	<b>Kristine Helene Bille*</b> Mariana Gâju Carlos Martínez Mínguez Nino Rukhadze Izzi Seccombe Mindaugas Sinkevičius Bart Tommelein Richard Vereš Konstantinos Zervas
<b><u>Executive Presidents</u></b> President of Emilia Romagna Region, Italy Mayor of Gdansk, Poland Mayor of Paris, France Member of Karlstad City Council, Sweden Mayor of The Hague, Netherlands	Stefano Bonaccini Aleksandra Dulkiewicz Anne Hidalgo <b>Anders Knappe*</b> Jan Van Zanen
<b><u>CEMR Financial Management Committee</u></b> Councillor of Medway, United Kingdom (Chair) Innsbruck City Councillor, Austr	Vince Maple Christine Oppitz-Plörer
<b><u>Secretary General</u></b>	Fabrizio Rossi

<sup>4</sup> Secretary General Fabrizio Rossi was elected at the Steering Committee meeting on 23 January 2022, replacing Frédéric Vallier.

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

Political Bureau (elected on 27 October 2022, mandate 2022-2024), updated on 17 November 2023

<b><u>Presidency</u></b> President of Brittany Region, France	Loïg Chesnais-Girard
<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 - <i>To be nominated</i> 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 - <i>To be nominated</i>	<i>To be nominated</i> Eugenio Giani Talvikki Jori Tornike Rijvadze <i>To be nominated</i>
<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, Mayor of Pärnu 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, Governor, Crete Region Ireland, Councillor, Donegal County council Italy, President of the Tuscany Region Malta, Minister for Gozo The Netherlands, Regional Minister of Zuid-Holland Norway, Councillor of Vestfold og Telemark	Marina Duhani Jean De Bethune Patrino Taramidou Henrik Qvist Romek Kosenkranius Talvikki Jori Loïg Chesnais-Girard Bettina Martin Tornike Rijvadze Stavros Arnaoutakis John Sheamais O'fearraigh Eugenio Giani Clint Camilleri Mariëtte Van Leeuwen <b>Gunn Marit Helgesen*</b>

Portugal, President, Government of the Autonomous Region of Madeira	<b>Miguel Albuquerque*</b>
Romania, Vice-President, Călărași County Council	Ion Samoilă
Spain, Regional Minister of the Presidency, Spokesperson and for External Action, Murcia Region	Marcos Ortuño Soto
Sweden, Regional Commissioner, Region Skåne	Anna Jähnke
United Kingdom, Welsh Government Representative	Derek Vaughan
<b><u>Honorary Members</u></b>	
Honorary President of CPMR - President of the Regional Council, Region Skåne (Sweden)	Annika Annerby Jansson
Honorary President of CPMR - Member of the Regional Assembly of the Azores (Portugal)	Vasco Alves Cordeiro
<b><u>Presidents of the Commissions</u></b>	
President of the Atlantic Arc Commission: President of the Basque Government (Spain)	Iñigo Urkullu
President of the Balkan & Black Sea Commission: President, Tulcea County Council (Romania)	Horia Teodorescu
President of the Baltic Sea Commission: Vice-President, Committee for Regional Development, Region Västerbotten (Sweden)	Tomas Mörtzell
President of the Intermediterranean Commission: President of Calabria Region (Italy)	Roberto Occhiuto
Acting President of the Islands Commission: President of the Regional Government of the Azores (Portugal)	José Manuel Cabral Dias Bolieiro
Acting President of the North Sea Commission: Councillor, Viken County Council (Norway) – until 29.11.2023	Andreas Lervik
<b><u>Representative of the Outermost Regions</u></b>	
La Réunion (France)	<i>To be nominated</i>
<b><u>Secretary General</u></b>	Eleni Marianou

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

Executive Bureau (elected in 2023, mandate 2024-2025)

<b><u>Presidency</u></b>	
Mayor of Fatih, in Istanbul, Türkiye	Mehmet Ergün Turan
<b><u>First Vice President</u></b>	
Mayor of Vulcana-Băi, Dâmbovița County, Romania	Emil Drăghici
<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	-
Association of Local Autonomy of Albania	Agron Haxhimali
	Adelina Farrici

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

UCLG World Council Members (approved by the General Assembly in Daejeon in October 2022, mandate 2022-2026).

<b><u>Collegial Presidency ticket by rotation:</u></b>	
Mayor of Montevideo (Uruguay) – year 1	Carolina Cosse
Mayor of Konya (Türkiye) – year 2	<b>Uğur İbrahim Altay (current President)</b>
Mayor of The Hague (Netherlands), President of the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (NVG) – year 3	Jan van Zanen
Mayor of Daejeon (South Korea) – year 4	Lee Jang-Woo
<b><u>Co-Presidents</u></b>	
Mayor of San José (Costa Rica) President of the South African Local Government Association - SALGA (South Africa) Mayor of Astana (Kazakhstan) Mayor of Xi'an (China) Mayor of Kitchener (Canada), President Emeritus of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) President of Nouakchott Region (Mauritania), Chair of the UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality	Johnny Araya Bekhe Stofile  Zhenis Kassymbek Ye Niuping Berry Vrbanovic  Fatimetou Abdel Malick
<b><u>Treasurer</u></b>	
Mayor of Rabat (Morocco)	Asmaa Rhlalou
<b><u>Special appointments for UCLG representation:</u></b>	
<b><u>Ambassadors of the Pact for the Future</u></b>	
City Councillor of Barcelona (Spain): Ambassador for the Future of People	Ada Colau
Mayor of Paris (France): Ambassador for the Future of the Planet	Anne Hidalgo
Mayor of Balıkesir (Türkiye): Ambassador for the Future of Government	<b>Yücel Yılmaz*</b>
<b><u>Special Envoys</u></b>	
City Councillor of Sala (Sweden), as Special Envoy for Freedom, Solidarity and Fighting Violence against Local Political Leaders	Carola Gunnarsson
Mayor of Soria (Spain): Special Envoy for the New Urban Agenda	Carlos Martínez
Mayor of Chefchaouen (Morocco): Special Envoy for Food Systems	Mohamed Sefiani

## Vice-Presidency

<b>Africa</b> Mayor of Niamey (Niger)	Oumarou Dogari Moumouni
<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)	Aysen Nikolaev
<b>Europe</b> First Vice-President of the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR)	Carola Gunnarsson
<b>Latin America</b> Mayor of Esteban Echeverria (Argentina)	Fernando Gray
<b>Middle East and West Asia</b> Mayor of Balıkesir (Türkiye)	<b>Yücel Yılmaz*</b>
<b>North America</b> TBC	TBC
<b>Metropolitan</b> Mayor of Bogotá (Colombia), President of Metropolis	Claudia López
<b>Forum of Regions</b> President of the Consortium of Provincial Autonomous Governments from Ecuador – CONGOPE (Ecuador)	Paola Pabón

## Host of the World Secretariat

<b>UCLG Secretary General</b>	Emilia Saiz Carrancedo
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