

48th SESSION
CG(2025)48-PV-03

MINUTES

Third Sitting

| Thursday 27 March 2025 | |
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| Plenary Sitting | |
| 09.30 – 13.00, Hemicycle | |
| | <i>Bernd VÖHRINGER, Vice-President of the Congress, opened the sitting at 09:32</i> |
| 1. | <p>Adoption of the minutes of the sessions of the Chambers and of the sitting of the Congress on 26 March 2025</p> <p>The minutes of the sessions of the Chambers and the sitting of the Congress on 26 March 2025, in documents CPL(2025)48-PV, CPR(2025)48-PV and CG(2025)48-PV-02, were adopted.</p> |
| 2. | <p>Addressing homelessness in towns and cities</p> <p>The Vice-President welcomed Olivier DE SCHUTTER, UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, and Johannes M. BÖHMER, Vice-Governor for the Social Development Strategy, Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), and invited them to make a statement.</p> <p>Olivier DE SCHUTTER and Johannes M. BÖHMER made statements.</p> <p>The debate was opened.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Gudrun MOSLER-TOERNSTROEM, Austria, (L, SOC/G/PD); Joris BENGEOVOORD, Netherlands (L, SOC/G/PD); Renars KARLINSKIS, Latvia (youth delegate); Maïke ELSASSER, Germany (youth delegate); Jewel MIAH, United Kingdom (L, SOC/G/PD); Heather BRANNAN McVEY, United Kingdom (L, SOC/G/PD); Amandine ECKEL, France (youth delegate); Karin THOMASSON, Sweden (R, SOC/G/PD); Veronique BERTHOLLE, France (L, SOC/G/PD); Enes HOCAOGULLARI, Türkiye (youth delegate); Emilija NOVAKOVIC, Serbia (youth delegate); James MOLONEY, Ireland (L, ILDG); Joanne Louise LABAN, United Kingdom (L, ECR); Lisett HANSEN, Estonia (youth delegate); Mikolaj Franciszek PATALONG, Poland (youth delegate); Rachel BAILEY, United Kingdom (R, ECR); Eugene McCARTHY, United Kingdom (youth delegate); Eimer CONLON, Ireland (youth delegate); Christos PARMAKKIS, Cyprus (youth delegate); Michael WEILCH, Austria (youth delegate).</p> <p>Johannes M. BÖHMER and Olivier DE SCHUTTER replied to the debate.</p> <p>The debate was closed.</p> <p>The Vice-President thanked Olivier DE SCHUTTER and Johannes M. BÖHMER.</p> |

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| | <p><i>Marc COOLS, President of the Congress, took the Chair at 10.52.</i></p> |
| 3. | <p>Debate under urgent procedure: Dismissals of mayors in Türkiye</p> <p>The co-rapporteurs David ERAY, Switzerland (R, EPP/CCE) and Bryony RUDKIN, United Kingdom (L, SOC/G/PD), presented the draft declaration in document CG(2025)48-18.</p> <p>The debate was opened.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Zana GUMUS, Türkiye (L, SOC/G/PD); Melanie LEPOULTIER, France (L, ILDG); Andrew BOFF, United Kingdom (R, ECR); Emine Helil INAY KINAY, Türkiye (R, SOC/G/PD); Konstantinos KOUKAS, Greece (L, EPP/CCE); Tahir BUYUKAKIN, Türkiye (R, EPP/CCE); Rasim ARI, Türkiye (L, ILDG); Jelena DRENJANIN, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE); Bernd VÖHRINGER, Germany (L, EPP/CCE); Ozkan YALIM, Türkiye (SOC/G/PD); Amanda SERJEANT, United Kingdom (L, SOC/G/PD); Ahmet Bilal KIYMAZ, Türkiye (L, EPP/CCE); Kader UZUN MADENKUYU, Türkiye (L, SOC/G/PD); Brian BAATZSCH, Germany (R, SOC/G/PD); Christos PARMAKIS, Cyprus (youth delegate); Joris BENGEOVOORD, Netherlands (L, SOC/G/PD); Benoît PILET, France (L, ILDG); Enes HOCAOGULLARI, Türkiye (youth delegate); Angela DORN, Germany (R, SOC/G/PD); Emrah OZDEMIR, Türkiye (R, EPP/CCE); Ali Kemal DERIN, Türkiye (L, NR); Gunes PEHLIVAN, Türkiye (R, SOC/G/PD); Stamatia KAFATSAKI, Greece (L, SOC/G/PD); Ayse UNLUCE, Türkiye (R, SOC/G/PD); Emrah ALYAPRAK, Türkiye (R, ECR); Hilmi GULER, Türkiye (L, EPP/CCE); Nikolaos GIALITAKIS, Greece (L, SOC/G/PD); Hilal AYIK, Türkiye (L, EPP/CCE); Baran GUNES, Türkiye (R, SOC/G/PD); Lukas LANGER, Czechia (youth delegate); Andrea BORRACCETTI, Italy (youth delegate).</p> <p>The co-rapporteurs replied to the debate.</p> <p>The debate was closed.</p> <p>The Congress proceeded to vote on the draft declaration in document CG(2025)48-18 and the amendment tabled to it, in document CG(2025)48-18-AMDT.</p> <p>Amendment 1 was presented by Bryony RUDKIN, United Kingdom (L, SOC/G/PD) on behalf of the co-rapporteurs.</p> <p>The Congress proceeded to vote on amendment 1.</p> <p>The amendment was agreed.</p> <p>The Congress proceeded to vote on the draft declaration, as amended.</p> <p>The draft declaration was adopted.</p> |
| 4. | <p>Observation of local elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (6 October 2024)</p> <p>The rapporteur Marcin GOLASZEWSKI, Poland (L, EPP/CCE), presented the draft recommendation in document CG(2025)48-16.</p> <p>The debate was opened.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Igor STOJANOVIC, Bosnia and Herzegovina (R, SOC/G/PD); Emina PASANOVIC, Bosnia and Herzegovina (youth delegate); Christa CARPELAN, Finland (R, EPP/CCE); Truls GIHLEMOEN, Norway (R, ECR); Gunes PEHLIVAN, Türkiye (R, SOC/G/PD).</p> <p>The rapporteur replied to the debate.</p> <p>The debate was closed.</p> <p>The Congress proceeded to vote on the draft recommendation.</p> <p>The draft recommendation was adopted.</p> |
| 5. | <p>Adoption of the abridged report of the 48th Session</p> <p>The abridged report of the 48th Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe in document CG(2025)48-DEC was adopted.</p> |

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| 6. | <p>Close of the 48th Session by the President of the Congress</p> <p>The President thanked members for their participation in the work of the Congress and the two Chambers.</p> <p>The President thanked all the secretariat of the Congress who had contributed to the work of the Session.</p> <p>The President noted that the 49th Session would take place from 28 to 30 October 2025.</p> <p>The President declared the 48th Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe closed at 12.52.</p> <p><i>The European anthem was played.</i></p> |
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