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Monday 25 March 2024 – 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 10	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 [EN/FR/DE/IT]
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Political group meetings - 15.45-17.45

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

Secretaries of national delegations meeting - 15.40-16.20

Room 11	Information meeting <i>followed by a coffee break with the youth delegates</i>
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Tuesday 26 March 2024 - Committee meetings – meetings held in the Palais de l'Europe

[EN/FR/DE/IT/TR]

Monitoring Committee	8.45-10.00, Room 5
Current Affairs Committee	8.45-10.00, Room 9
Governance Committee	8.45-10.00, Room 10

Tuesday 26 March 2024 – meeting held in the European Parliament Hemicycle

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

10.30-12.30

* Deadline for tabling amendments: Tuesday 19 March 2024, 10.00

10.30	Opening of the 46th Session of the Congress by the President Marc COOLS	
10.35	Verification of new members' credentials [CG(2024)46-04] Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Andrew BOFF, United Kingdom (R, ECR) and Martine DIESCHBURG-NICKELS, Luxembourg (L, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG(2024)46-02]*	
10.40	Adoption of the agenda of the 46th Session [CG(2024)46-OJ] Adoption of the minutes of the last sitting of the 45th Session (26 October 2023) [CG(2023)45-PV-03] Adoption of the composition of Congress committees [CG(2024)46-03]	
10.45	Statement by Marija PEJČINOVIĆ-BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe	
11.05	Revision of the Rules and Procedures of the Congress Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/PD) and Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, EPP/ECC) Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG(2024)46-11]*	
11.45	Statement by Dunja MIJATOVIĆ, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights Exchange of views	
12.30	Suspension of the sitting	
12.45	EVENT: Inauguration: exhibition on the 50th anniversary of the "Carnation revolution" - Permanent Representation of Portugal - Lobby of the hemicycle of the Palais de l'Europe	

Tuesday 26 March 2024 - meeting held in the European Parliament Hemicycle

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

14.30-19.30

* Deadline for tabling amendments: Tuesday 19 March 2024, 10.00

14.30	Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine ** Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Martine DIESCHBURG-NICKELS, Luxembourg (L, ILDG) and Gunn-Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, EPP/CCE)  Debate Vote on the amendment [CG(2024)46-12-AMDT] and on the draft declaration: [CG(2024)46-12] * Protecting the rights of the children of Ukraine On-line statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Daria HERASYMCHUK, Presidential Commissioner for Children's Rights and Child Rehabilitation, Ukraine- Galyna MINAYEVA, Mayor of Chuhuiv, Kharkiv oblast, Ukraine Debate
15.45	Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Italy Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Andrew LEADBETTER, United Kingdom (L, ECR) and Randi MONDORF, Denmark (R, ILDG) Debate Vote on the amendment [CG(2024)46-13-AMDT] and on the draft recommendation [CG(2024)46-13] *  Statement by Roberto CALDEROLI, Minister for Regional Affairs and Autonomies, Italy (on-line participation) Questions
16.45	Local and Regional Authorities as Actors and Guarantors of the Rule of Law Presentation by the rapporteur: Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG) Debate Vote on the amendments [CG(2024)46-20-AMDT] and on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation: [CG(2024)46-20] * 
17.30	Local and regional authorities in Europe in the face of rising antisemitism and anti-Muslim hatred Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Kaya COMER-SCHWARTZ, Leader of Islington Council, London, United Kingdom- Evein OBULOR, Director of the European Coalition of Cities against Racism (ECCAR), Germany- Bertil COTTIER, Chair, European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) Debate
18.45	Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Norway Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Thibaut GUIGNARD, France (L, EPP/CCE) and Carla DEJONGHE, Belgium (R, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CG(2024)46-14] *  Statement by Ole Gustav NARUD Secretary of State for the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, Norway Questions
19.30	Close of the sitting

Wednesday 27 March 2024 - 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: Wednesday 20 March 2024, 10.00*

9.00	Opening of the session of the Chamber by the President Bernd VÖHRINGER
9.05	Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber [CG(2024)46-OJ]
9.10	Communication of the President of the Chamber [CPL(2024)46-01]
9.25	Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Andorra Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Jean-Paul BASTIN, Belgium (L, EPP/CCE) and Christine CHEVALLEY, Switzerland (L, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CPL(2024)46-02]* Statement by: Ladislau BARÓ, Minister of Institutional Relations, Education and Universities of Andorra (video message) 
	Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Montenegro Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Cemal BAS, Türkiye (L, EPP/CCE) and Sören SCHUMACHER, Germany (R, SOC/G/PD) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CPL(2024)46-03]* 
	Thematic debate: Environment: What responsibility do local authorities have? [CPL(2024)46-05] Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Corine MAUCH, Mayor of Zürich, Switzerland- Einar ÞORSTEINSSON, Mayor of Reykjavík, Iceland- Liana LIU IOANNIDES, Congress youth delegate, Cyprus Debate
	Observation of local elections in the Republic of Moldova (5 November 2023) Presentation by the rapporteur: Vladimir PREBILIC, Slovenia (L, SOC/G/PD) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CPL(2024)46-04]* 
12.29	Adoption of the abridged report of the session of the Chamber [CPL(2024)46-DEC]
12.30	Close of the session of the chamber by the President

**Wednesday 27 March 2024 - meeting to be held in the Palais de l'Europe
Chamber of Regions** [EN/FR/DE/IT/TR/**UKR]

9.00-12.30, Room 9


9.00	Opening of the session of the Chamber by the First Vice-President Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (EPP/CCE)
9.05	Adoption of the agenda of the Chamber [CG(2024)46-OJ]
9.10	Communication of the First Vice-President of the Chamber [CPR(2024)46-01]
	Right to water under threat: what is at stake for territories? ** [CPR(2024)46-02] Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tetiana OBYDENNA, First Deputy Mayor of Nikopol, Ukraine- Debora GONÇALVES, Congress youth delegate, Portugal Debate
	Intercultural regions: embracing diversity [CPR(2024)46-02] Round table chaired by Gunn-Marit HELGESEN (EPP/CCE, Norway) with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Eunice ROMERO, Director General for Migrations, Asylum and Anti-racism, Government of Catalonia, Spain- Lia MONTALTI, Regional Councillor of Emilia-Romania, Italy- Daniel SJÖGREN, Chairman of the Arts and Culture Committee, Skellefteå Municipality, Sweden- Afia Mansoor AHMED, Congress youth delegate, Germany Debate
	Exodus of services of general interest from peripheral and rural regions [CPR(2024)46-02] Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Radim SRŠEŇ, Deputy Minister of Regional Development, Czechia (on-line participation)- Enrique GARCILAZO, Head of Regional and Rural Policy Unit, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division, OECD- Viorel FURDUI, Executive Director, Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova (CALM), Municipal Councillor, Strășeni, Moldova- Maria Virginia ILIUTA, Congress youth delegate, Spain Debate
12.29	Adoption of the abridged report of the session of the chamber [CPR(2024)46-DEC]
12.30	Close of the session of the chamber by the First Vice-President

Wednesday 27 March 2024 - meeting held in the European Parliament Hemicycle

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

14.30-19.30

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: Wednesday 20 March 2024, 10.00*

14.30	Adoption of the minutes of the sitting of the Congress on 26 March 2024 [CG(2024)46-PV-01am] [CG(2024)46-PV-01pm]
14.32	Adoption of texts approved by the Chamber of Local Authorities [CG(2024)46-06]
14.40	Liechtenstein Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (15 November 2023 – 17 May 2024) Statement by Sabine MONAUNI, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, Economy and Environment on behalf of the Presidency of the Committee of Ministers Oral reply to written questions [CG(2024)46-15] <i>Deadline for tabling written questions: Monday 25 March 2024, 16.00</i>
15.30	The role of local and regional authorities in supporting Belarusian democratic forces and civil society Statement by Sviatlana TSIKHANOUSKAYA, Leader of the Belarusian democratic forces Exchange of views
16.30	Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in France Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Bryony RUDKIN, United Kingdom (L, SOC/G/PD) and Matija KOVAC, Serbia (R, EPP/CCE) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CG(2024)46-16] *  Statement by Dominique FAURE, Minister with responsibility for Local Government and Rural Affairs, attached to the Minister for Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion, France Questions
17.30	Close of the sitting
17.30	30th anniversary of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities [CG(2024)46-21] Opening by Marc COOLS, President of the Congress, Sabine MONAUNI, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, Economy and Environment, Liechtenstein and Vasco Alves CORDEIRO, President of the European Committee of the Regions (video message) New challenges ahead: is local democracy fit for purpose? Round table with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dominique FAURE, Minister with responsibility for Local Government and Rural Affairs, attached to the Minister for Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion, France- Josep DALLERÈS, member of the Council of Europe High-Level Reflection Group, former Ambassador to the Council of Europe, Andorra- Danela ARSOVSKA, Mayor of Skopje, North Macedonia- José Manuel RIBEIRO, Mayor of Valongo, Portugal- Željko VUKŠA-FEJZIĆ, 2023 Youth Delegate to the Congress, Bosnia and Herzegovina Debate
19.30	Closing
19.45-21h15	EVENT: Reception to mark the 30th anniversary of the Congress offered jointly by the Permanent Representation of Liechtenstein and the Congress – Lobby of the Hemicycle of the Palais de l'Europe

Thursday 28 March 2024

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

8.30-9.15, Room 10 [EN/FR/DE/IT]

Thursday 28 March 2024 - meeting held in the European Parliament Hemicycle

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

10.00-13.00

* Deadline for tabling amendments: Thursday 21 March 2024, 10.00

10.00	Adoption of the minutes of the sessions of the chambers and of the sitting of the Congress on 27 March 2024 [CPL(2024)46-PV], [CPR(2024)46-PV] and [CG(2024)46-PV-02]
10.05	Local and regional responses to natural disasters and climate hazards: from risk preparedness to resilience Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Jean-Paul BASTIN, Belgium (L,EPP/CCE) and Christian DEBÈVE, France (R, ILDG) Statement by Daniela BEHRENS, Minister for Interior and Sports, State of Lower Saxony, Germany Debate and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation [CG(2024)46-17] * 
11.15	UN Summit of the Future (23-24 September 2024) Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Gunn-Marit HELGESEN (R, EPP/CCE, Norway) and Carla NUNES TAVARES, Portugal (L, SOC/G/PD) Statement by: Arnaud NGATCHA, Deputy Mayor of Paris responsible for European and International Affairs and relations with the Francophonie, France Debate Vote on the amendment [CG(2024)46-19-AMDT] draft recommendation [CG(2024)46-19] * 
12.05	Draft Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence, Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, approved by the Council of Europe Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI) on 14 March 2024 Presentation by Hanne JUNCHER, Director of Security, Integrity and Rule of Law, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe Debate
12.25	Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Croatia Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Gobnait NI MHUIMNEACAIN, Ireland (L, ILDG) and Cecilia DALMAN EEK, Sweden (R, SOC/G/PD) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CG(2024)46-18] * 
12.59	Adoption of the abridged report of the 46th Session [CG(2024)46-DEC]
13.00	Close of the 46th Session by the President of the Congress

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 - 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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