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Monday 14 October 2024

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 <i>[EN/FR/DE/IT]</i>
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Political group meetings - 15.45-17.45

Room 1	European People's Party Group in the Congress (EPP/CCE) <i>[EN/FR/DE/IT]</i>
Room 8	Group of Socialists, Greens and Progressive Democrats (SOC/G/PD) <i>[EN/FR/DE/IT]</i>
Room 6	Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG) <i>[EN/FR/DE/IT]</i>
Room 10	European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) <i>[EN/DE/IT]</i>

Secretaries of national delegations meeting - 15.40-16.20

Room 11	Information meeting
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Tuesday 15 October 2024 - Committee meetings [EN/FR/DE/IT]




Monitoring Committee	9.00-10.30, Room 1
Social Inclusion Committee	9.00-10.30, Room 6
Governance Committee	9.00-10.30, Room 10

Tuesday 15 October 2024

Plenary sitting [EN/FR/DE/IT]

11.00-13.00, Hemicycle

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: Tuesday 8 October 2024, 10.00*

11.00	Opening of the 47th Session of the Congress by the President Marc COOLS	
11.05	Renovation of the hemicycle: voting system and request to speak function Test vote	
11.10	Verification of new members' credentials [CG(2024)47-04] 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)47-02]*	
11.20	Adoption of the agenda of the 47th Session [CG(2024)47-OJ] Adoption of the minutes of the last sitting of the 46th Session (28 March 2024) [CG(2024)46-PV-03] Adoption of the composition of Congress committees [CG(2024)47-03]	
11.25	Statement by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe (tbc) Questions	
12.05	Human rights handbook for local and regional authorities (vol. 4): Human-Centred Artificial Intelligence Presentation by the rapporteur: tbd. Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG(2024)47-x]*	
12.25	Statement by Theodoros ROUSOPOULOS, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (tbc) Exchange of views	
13.00	Suspension of the sitting	
13.15	EVENT:	

Tuesday 15 October 2024

Plenary sitting [EN/FR/DE/IT]

14.30-19.30, Hemicycle

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: Tuesday 8 October 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) Statement by a high-level speaker (tbc) Debate and vote on a text for adoption: [CG(2024)47-X]* 
16.30	Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Finland Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Konstantinos KOUKAS, Greece (L, EPP/CCE) and Rachel BAILEY, United Kingdom (R, ECR) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CG(2024)47-XX]* Statement by Anna-Kaisa IKONEN, Minister of Local and Regional Government, Finland (tbc) Questions 
17.30	Ageing communities – quality social care as a matter of human rights Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Carla DEJONGHE, Belgium (R, ILDG) and Joanne LABAN, United Kingdom (L, ECR) Statement by a guest speaker Debate and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation [CG(2024)47-x]* 
18.30	Observation of local elections in Türkiye (31 March 2024) Presentation by the rapporteur: David ERAY, Switzerland (R, EPP/CCE) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CG(2024)47-0x]* 
19.30	Close of the sitting

Wednesday 16 October 2024

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

9.00-12.30, Hemicycle

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: Wednesday 9 October 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)47-OJ]
9.10	Communication of the President of the Chamber [CPL(2024)47-01]
9.25	Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Iceland Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Matthias GYSIN, Switzerland (L, ILDG) and Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, Austria (L, SOC/G/PD) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CPL(2024)47-02]* Statement by Svandís SVAVARSDÓTTIR, Minister of Infrastructure, Iceland (tbc) Questions 
	Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Latvia Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Jorge SEQUEIRA, Portugal (L, SOC/G/PD) and Gobnait NI MHUIMNEACAIN, Ireland (L, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CPL(2024)47-03]* Statement by Inga BĒRZIŅA, Minister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia (tbc) Questions 
	Thematic debate: The European Convention on Human Rights: a tool or a constraint for local elected representatives? (working title) Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mattias GUYOMAR, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights (France) (tbc)• Clare OVEY, Head of Department on the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (tbc)• Local elected representative (country tbc)• Congress youth delegate (tbc) Debate
	Monitoring of the application of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Malta Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Cecilia Felicitasz FRIDERICS, Hungary (L, ECR) and Matthias GYSIN, Switzerland (L, ILDG) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [CPL(2024)47-04]* Statement by a representative of the Maltese authorities (tbc) Questions 
12.30	Close of the session of the chamber by the President

Meeting between the youth delegates and Congress members – 13.00-14.00

Portuguese Gallery Open to youth delegates, Congress members, secretaries of delegation and advisers
(near the Restaurant Bleu) *Finger sandwiches and refreshments provided*

Wednesday 16 October 2024

Chamber of Regions [EN/FR/DE/IT/

9.00-12.30, Room 1

9.00	Opening of the session of the Chamber by the First Vice-President Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (EPP/CCE)
	Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber [CG(2024)47-OJ]
	Communication of the First Vice-President of the Chamber [CPR(2024)47-01]
	Election of the President of the Chamber of Regions [deadline for candidatures: 7.00 Wednesday 16 October 2024] Presentation of the candidate(s) (3 minutes each) Vote using the KUDO Platform Result of the election
	Statement by the newly elected President of the Chamber
	Regions with special status [CPR(2024)47-02] Statements by guest speakers (tbc) Debate
	Digitalisation, artificial intelligence and regional governance [CPR(2024)47-02] Statements by guest speakers (tbc) Debate
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Wednesday 16 October 2024

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

14.30-19.30, Hemicycle

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: Wednesday 9 October 2024, 10.00*


14.30	Adoption of the minutes of the sitting of the Congress on 15 October 2024 [CG(2024)47-PV-01am] [CG(2024)47-PV-01pm]
14.32	Adoption of texts approved by the Chamber of Local Authorities [CG(2024)47-06]
14.40	Lithuanian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (17 May 2024 – 13 November 2024) Statement by a representative of the Lithuanian Government on behalf of the Presidency of the Committee of Ministers Oral reply to written questions [CG(2024)47-15] <i>Deadline for tabling written questions: Monday 14 October 2024, 16.00</i>
15.30	Additional protocol to the European Charter on Local Self-Government on the Environment (tbc) Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Belinda GOTTARDI, Italy (L, SOC/G/PD) and (tbd) Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [CG(2024)47-x]* 
16.30	Congress Rejuvenating Politics Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the grass-roots projects by the 2024 youth delegates [CG(2024)47-16]• 10th anniversary of the Congress youth delegates project Introduction by Veronique BERTHOLLE, France (L, SOC/G/PD) Congress thematic spokesperson on Youth Statements by guest speakers (tbc) Debate
18.00	Fostering circular economy in municipalities and regions of Council of Europe member States [provisional working title] Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Linda GILLHAM, United Kingdom (L, ILDG) and Kristoffer TAMSONS, Sweden (R, EPP/CCE) Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation [CG(2024)47-XX]* 
19.30	Close of the sitting
	EVENT:

Thursday 17 October 2024

Plenary sitting [EN/FR/DE/IT]

10.00-13.00, Hemicycle

* *Deadline for tabling amendments: Thursday 10 October 2024, 10.00*

10.00	Adoption of the minutes of the sessions of the chambers and of the sitting of the Congress on 16 October 2024 [CPL(2024)47-PV], [CPR(2024)47-PV] and [CG(2024)47-PV-02]
10.05	Ceremony awarding the Congress medal to an honorary member (tbc) John WARMISHAM (United Kingdom)
10.20	Statement by Carlo MONTICELLI, Governor of the Council of Europe Bank for Development (tbc) Exchange of views
10.50	Thematic debate: Mayors under pressure (tbc) Statements by guest speakers (tbc) Debate
12.05	Recurring issues based on assessments resulting from Congress monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-Government and election observation missions (reference period 2021-2024) Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG) and Thibaut GUIGNARD, France (L, EPP/CCE) Debate and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation [CG(2024)47-x]* 
13.00	Close of the 47th Session by the President of the Congress

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- Electronic voting: votes in the plenary sittings (meeting in the hemicycle of the European Parliament) will be held using a nominative badge which will be distributed before the opening of the session to all representatives or duly designated substitutes who registered for the session before **4 October 2024**
 - Participants are reminded that access to the hemicycle is strictly limited to holders of badges which indicate the specific hemicycle symbol.
 - The conditions and deadlines for tabling amendments (congress.session@coe.int): at the latest at **10.00, 7 days before** the day when the texts to which they refer are to be discussed. Amendments must be signed by 5 delegates from at least two delegations for texts debated in plenary sittings or by five delegates from at least two national delegations sitting in a chamber for texts debated in that chamber.
 - Registration of speakers: the registration of speakers for the debates should be done directly in Congress Connect.
 - **Finance Office:** Offices 1076/1078
 - **Table office** for any other question: Office 1081
 - **SPEAKING TIMES APPLIED IN THE DEBATES - Rule 30 paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Rules and Procedures of the Congress**
6. Speaking time for delegates is limited as follows:
- a. Single rapporteurs presenting reports: ten minutes;
 - 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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