

The Bureau of the Congress

To all members of the Congress

Meeting of the Bureau of the Congress
Thursday 31 October 2019

Council of Europe
Strasbourg
Room 8

Summary of decisions CG/BUR30(2019)DEC¹
17 December 2019

The Bureau of the Congress,

meeting at the Council of Europe, in Strasbourg, on 31 October 2019, with Anders KNAPE, President of the Congress, in the chair,

welcomed the election of Emin YERITSYAN [CV] as vice-president of the Chamber of Local Authorities and that of Mustafa Tunç SOYER [CV] as vice-president of the Chamber of Regions replacing Gaye DOGANOGLU and Johan van den HOUT in their respective chambers; took note of the new composition [CG/BUR30(2019)INF69] of the Bureau of the Congress as from 30 October 2019;

considered the following items:

- ➔ **the draft agenda:** adopted the draft agenda [CG/BUR30(2019)OJprov];
- ➔ **the organisation of the 37th Session of the Congress** (Strasbourg, 29-31 October 2019): given the non-representation of the French Presidency of the Committee of Ministers at the 37th Session, a first since the establishment of the Congress, and the late sending of the speech and replies to the written questions of Congress members, instructed the three Presidents to write to the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers, Jean-Yves LE DRIAN, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France;
- ➔ **communication by the President and the Secretary General of the Congress:**
 - was informed of the content of the President's meetings with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the President of the Parliamentary Assembly;
 - was informed that no meetings could be held in Georgia during its chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers (27 November 2019 - May 2020);
 - took note of the new name of the Socialist Group which becomes the Group of Socialists, Greens and Progressive Democrats (SOC/G/PD);
 - took note that the matter concerning membership in the ECR Group raised by the Turkish deputy-head of delegation in the session on 29 October 2019 was settled;
 - was invited to contact the Secretariat concerning participation in a conference to mark the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall on 9 November 2019;

¹ Adopted by the Bureau of the Congress on 16 December 2019 by written procedure (e-mail).

- **the appointment of the rapporteurs on the verification of new members credentials and new appointment procedures and of the Congress Adviser on Constitutional Matters:**
 - as a result of the replacement of Johan van den HOUT in his delegation and of the end of mandate, on 6 November 2019, of Michalis ANGELOPOULOS, approved the nomination of Barbara TOCE, Italy (L, SOC/G/PD), and Harald SONDEREGGER, Austria (R, EPP/CCE), as the new rapporteurs on the verification of new members credentials;
 - after reviewing the curriculum vitae [CG/BUR30(2019)INF71] of Francesco PALERMO, approved his appointment as the new Congress Adviser on Constitutional Matters; he replaces Tania GROPPi, whose remarkable contribution to the Congress work was welcomed by the Bureau;
- **the chambers (sessions of 30 October 2019):** heard information from the 1st Vice-President of the Chamber of Regions Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ (in the absence of the President, Gunn Marit HELGESEN) and Xavier CADORET, President of the Chamber of Local Authorities, concerning the debates in their respective sessions;
- **the committees (meetings of 29 October 2019):**
 - heard the activity reports presented by the chairpersons of the committees and the Secretariat; welcomed the election of Andrew DAWSON, United Kingdom (R, ECR), as the 5th Vice-Chair of the Governance Committee [CG/BUR30(2019)INF72];
 - approved the terms of reference [CG/BUR30(2019)50] of the following reports for consideration at the October 2020 session:
 - report on “Territorial solidarity and territorial justice: towards better burden-sharing between regions” to be prepared by the Governance Committee for adoption by the Chamber of Regions;
 - report on “Youth work: the role of local and regional authorities” to be prepared by the Current Affairs Committee for adoption by the Congress;
 - report on “Cultures without borders: cultural heritage management as a tool for local and regional development” to be prepared by the Current Affairs Committee for adoption by the Congress;

The next meeting of the Congress Bureau will be held in Strasbourg on 2 December 2019.²

Items and documents for information on the meeting agenda:

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| 2. | [Update of the day's proceedings as at 31.10.2019]; | |
| | [CG/BUR30(2019)INF70] | Chairing of the plenary sitting of 31 October 2019 |
| 4. | [CG/BUR30(2019)49] | List of Bureau rapporteurs, Congress spokespersons and others |
| 6.1 | [CG/MON15(2019)OJprov] | Monitoring Committee - meeting of 29 October 2019 |
| | [CG/GOV12(2019)OJprov] | Governance Committee - meeting of 29 October 2019 |
| | [CG/CUR13(2019)OJprov] | Current Affairs Committee - meeting of 29 October 2019 |
| 7.2 | [CG/BUR30(2019)73] | Calendar 2020 of bureaux meetings and sessions |

Copy for information:

Private office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe: Director of PO, Miroslav PAPA; Markus ADELSBACH

Secretariat of the Committee of Ministers: Bjorn BERGE; Geneviève MAYER; Katherine ANDERSON

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Secretaries of the national delegations and political groups of the Congress

Congress Secretariat

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Appendix: list of participants

² This meeting has since been cancelled. The next meeting will be held in Paris on 3 February 2020.

List of participants**Members of the Bureau:**

Anders KNAPE, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE), President of the Congress
 Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, EPP/CCE), President of the Chamber of Regions apologised for absence
 Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/PD), President of the Chamber of Local Authorities
 Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, Belgium (R, SOC/G/PD)
 Barbara TOCE, Italy (L, SOC/G/PD)
 Harald SONDEREGGER, Austria (R, EPP/CCE) apologised for absence
 Liisa ANSALA, Finland (L, ILDG) apologised for absence
 Tamar TALIAHVILI, Georgia (R, SOC/G/PD)
 John WARMISHAM, United Kingdom (L, SOC/G/PD) apologised for absence
 Yuliya SVITLYCHINA, Ukraine (R, ILDG)
 Clemens LAMMERSKITTEN, Germany (L, EPP/CCE)
 Anna MAGYAR, Hungary (R, EPP/CCE) apologised for absence
 Cristina MORENO MORENO, Spain (L, SOC/G/PD) apologised for absence
 Alexander DROZDENKO, Russian Federation (R, EPP/CCE) apologised for absence
 Emin YERITSYAN, Armenia (L, EPP/CCE)
 Mustafa Tunç SOYER, Turkey (R, SOC/G/PD) apologised for absence

Past President:

Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, Austria (L, SOC/G/PD)

Presidents of Congress political groups:

Bernd VOEHRINGER, Germany (L, EPP/CCE)
 Piero FASSINO, Italy (L, SOC/G/PD)
 Marc COOLS, Belgium (L, ILDG)
 Svitlana BOHATYRCHUK KRYVKO, Ukraine (R, ECR)

Chairs of committees:

Leendert VERBEEK, Netherlands (R, SOC/G/PD), Monitoring Committee apologised for absence
 Robert-Csongor GRÜMAN, Romania (R, EPP/CCE), Governance Committee
 Gabriele NEFF, Germany (L, ILDG), Current Affairs Committee

Statutory partners:

Assembly of European Regions (AER): Thomas ANDERSSON
 Council of European Municipalities and Regions: Frédéric VALLIER apologised for absence

Advisors:

Maria BIGDAY (Secretary to the ILDG Group)
 Sabine DREES (advisor to Clemens LAMMERSKITTEN)
 Dominique FAYMONVILLE (advisor to Anders KNAPE)
 Knuth HJORTH-JOHANSEN (advisor to Gunn Marit HELGESEN)
 Erja HORTTANAINEN (advisor to Liisa ANSALA)
 Alain HUBERS (advisor to Leendert VERBEEK)
 Laura KAMISLI (advisor to Bernd VOEHRINGER)
 Nikolai KARTSEV (advisor to Alexander DROZDENKO)
 Richard KITT (advisor to John WARMISHAM)
 Ayben OKKALI (advisor to Mustafa Tunç SOYER)
 Tatiana BOKUCHAVA (advisor to Tamar TALIAHVILI)
 Anthony PAPADIMITRIOU (advisor to Michail ANGELOPOULOS)
 Eleonore PARK-EDSTRÖM (advisor to Anders KNAPE)
 Carla REY (advisor to Piero FASSINO)
 Luana LUPI (advisor to Barbara TOCE)
 Fabian WEISE (advisor to Gaby NEFF)

Congress secretariat:

Andreas KIEFER, Secretary General of the Congress
 Jean-Philippe BOZOULS, Director of the Congress
 Renate ZIKMUND, Acting Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Local Authorities
 Dmitri MARCHENKOV, Acting Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Regions
 Dolores RÍOS TURÓN, Secretary of the Bureau
 Sabine ZIMMER, Head of the Private Office of the President and the Secretary General of the Congress

Tim LISNEY, Deputy-Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Local Authorities
Giampaolo CORDIALE, Deputy-Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Regions
Linette TAESCH, co-Secretary of the Bureau
Anne-Marie KLEIN, Assistant to the Bureau
Cécile CHEVALIER LAIGNEL, Assistant to the Bureau