

The Bureau of the Congress

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Timetable and deadlines for elections 47th Session of the Congress – 15-16 October 2024

Action required: for decision

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| | PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS | 1 VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES |
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| Election date | Wednesday 16 October 2024 | Wednesday 16 October 2024 |
| Voting system | Vote using the electronic voting Platform KUDO (smart device needed). | In the Chamber of Local Authorities: Vote using the voting system of the hemicycle of the Council of Europe. In the Chamber of Regions: Vote using the electronic voting Platform KUDO (smart device needed). |
| Candidatures | <p>When a president of a chamber ceases to be a representative, an extraordinary election to the office in question for the remainder of the term outstanding must be held at the start of the following session. [Rule 15.3 of the Rules and Procedures]</p> <p>No Member State shall have more than one member in the Bureau. [Article 10.1 of the Charter]. The Bureau of the Congress currently has one member from each of the following delegations: Belgium (President of the Congress), Germany (President of the Chamber of Local Authorities and 2nd Vice-President of the Congress), Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom. No member of the delegations of these countries may be elected in this election.</p> <p>Only representatives sitting in the Chamber of Regions may stand for election as President of the Chamber. [Article 10.4 of the Charter]</p> <p>No representative may hold office as president of a Chamber for more than two consecutive terms, whether complete or partial. [Rule 15.2 of the Rules and Procedures]</p> <p>Candidates who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ president or 1st vice-president of a political group [Rule 17.1.a of the Rules and Procedures] ▪ chair or 1st vice-chair of a committee [Rule 17.1.b of the Rules and Procedures] ▪ standing rapporteur or deputy standing rapporteur [Rule 17.1.c of the Rules and Procedures] ▪ thematic spokesperson or deputy thematic spokesperson [Rule 64.2.a of the Rules and Procedures] <p>shall immediately resign from these positions in the event of election.</p> <p>Candidates must be sufficiently proficient in one of the official languages of the Congress (English or French) to be able to chair sessions of the chambers in one of these languages, in accordance with Rule 103.3 of the Rules and Procedures.</p> <p>All Congress members must submit a Declaration of Interests and sign the Code of Conduct [Rule 6.5 and Appendix I to the Rules and Procedures]. Applications from members who have not fulfilled these obligations will not be considered.</p> | <p>When a vice-president other than a president of a chamber ceases to be a representative or if his or her seat on the bureau becomes vacant, that position is filled by the next bureau member of his or her chamber according to order of precedence. The Bureau of the Congress must make provision for the election of a new vice-president at the next chamber sitting. [Rule 15.4 of the Rules and Procedures]</p> <p>No Member State shall have more than one member in the Bureau. [Article 10.1 of the Charter]. The Bureau of the Congress currently has one member from each of the following delegations: Belgium (President of the Congress), Germany (President of the Chamber of Local Authorities and 2nd Vice-President of the Congress), Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom. No member of the delegations of these countries may be elected in this election.</p> <p>Only representatives sitting in the Chamber concerned may stand for election as vice-president of the Chamber. [Article 10.5 of the Charter]</p> <p>Candidates who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ president or 1st vice-president of a political group [Rule 17.1.a of the Rules and Procedures] ▪ chair or 1st vice-chair of a committee [Rule 17.1.b of the Rules and Procedures] ▪ standing rapporteur or deputy standing rapporteur [Rule 17.1.c of the Rules and Procedures] <p>shall immediately resign from these positions in the event of election.</p> <p>Insofar as the vice-presidents of a chamber may occasionally be called upon to chair all or part of its sessions, candidates' attention is drawn to Rule 103.3 of the Rules and Procedures, which stipulates that chamber sessions must be chaired in an official language of Congress (English or French).</p> <p>All Congress members must submit a Declaration of Interests and sign the Code of Conduct [Rule 6.5 and Appendix I to the Rules and Procedures]. Applications from members who have not fulfilled these obligations will not be considered.</p> |
| Submission of candidatures | All candidatures for the office of President of the Chamber of Regions must be notified in writing and sent to the Executive Secretary of the Chamber: daniel.popescu@coe.int , copy to congress.session@coe.int . | All candidatures for the office of vice-president of the Chamber must be notified in writing and sent to the Executive Secretary of the Chamber: Chamber of Local Authorities: stephanie.poirel@coe.int copy to congress.session@coe.int |

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| | <p>Candidatures comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a letter of candidature dated and signed (in English and/ or French) together with the list of at least 10 supporting delegates sitting in the relevant chamber from at least 4 national delegations [Rule 13.3 of the Rules and Procedures]: surname, first name, country, signature. The form for requesting supporting signatures is available on the 47th Congress Session webpage; a curriculum vitae (CV) not exceeding 2 pages (in English and/or French - official languages of the Council of Europe). [Paragraph 26 of Administrative Rule n°1]. Candidates may also provide other language versions. | <p>Candidatures comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a letter of candidature dated and signed (in English and/ or French); a curriculum vitae (CV) not exceeding 2 pages (in English and/or French - official languages of the Council of Europe). [Paragraph 40 of Administrative Rule n°1]. Candidates may also provide other language versions. |
| Deadline for submission | <p>At the latest two hours before the opening of the session of the chamber that is by 7.00 on Wednesday 16 October 2024. [Rule 13.3.c of the Rules and Procedures]</p> <p>The documents of all valid candidatures will be published on the Congress website.</p> | <p>At the latest two hours before the opening of the session of the Chamber that is by 7.00 on Wednesday 16 October 2024. [Rule 13.4.b of the Rules and Procedures]</p> <p>The documents of all valid candidatures will be published on the Congress website.</p> |
| Right to vote | <p>Only representatives and duly mandated substitutes sitting in the Chamber of Regions may vote.</p> <p>Deadline for registration is 4 October 2024 – 18h00 (CET)</p> | <p>Only representatives and duly mandated substitutes sitting in the Chamber concerned may vote.</p> <p>Deadline for registration is 4 October 2024 – 18h00 (CET)</p> |
| Conditions | <p>Elections for the post of president of the Chambers must be by secret ballot (which may be held electronically) even where there is only one candidate. [Rule 14.3 of the Rules and Procedures].</p> <p>A candidate to the post of President of a Chamber is elected if more than half of the votes cast are in his or her favour. If this is not the case, a new election must take place as follows:</p> <p>With regard to the post of president of a chamber, candidatures must be presented to the Executive Secretary of that chamber in accordance with Rule 13.3.b within one hour of notification of the result of the election to that chamber's members by the provisional President. The new election shall be held as soon as possible thereafter and preferably before the end of the chamber session. [Rule 14.4.b of the Rules and Procedures]</p> | <p>Where there is one candidate to the post of vice-president of a chamber, he or she is declared vice-president without proceeding to a ballot unless a ballot is requested by at least 20 representatives (or substitutes duly mandated) of that chamber from at least four delegations and whose credentials have been ratified by the Congress. Where such a ballot is requested, it shall be held immediately (this may be electronically), be secret and provide for votes in favour, votes against and abstentions. [Rule 15.7 of the Rules and Procedures]</p> <p>If there is more than one vacancy for vice-president in the same chamber, the election shall be held in accordance with Rules 14.7 to 14.9. In the event of a tie between several candidates in the final round, lots shall be drawn. [Rule 15.8 of the Rules and Procedures]</p> <p>A candidate for the office of vice-President is eliminated from election if a representative belonging to the same national delegation has already been elected as President of the Congress or of that chamber. [Rule 14.7 of the Rules and Procedures]</p> <p>If more than one representative from the same national delegation is a candidate to be vice-president of the same chamber, only the representative with the highest number of votes can be declared elected. In the event of a tie between several candidates, lots shall be drawn. [Rule 14.8 of the Rules and Procedures]</p> <p>If more than one representative from the same national delegation is candidate to be vice-president of the two chambers, only the representative with the highest percentage of votes is declared elected. In the event of a tie between several candidates, lots shall be drawn. [Rule 14.9 of the Rules and Procedures]</p> |
| Results | <p>On the KUDO Plateform (smart device needed).</p> | <p>In the Chamber of Local Authorities: on the screens of the hemicycle of the Council of Europe.</p> <p>In the Chamber of Regions: on the KUDO Platform (smart device needed).</p> |

| | 5 th VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE |
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| Election date | Tuesday 15 October 2024 |
| Voting system | Vote using the electronic voting Platform KUDO (smart device needed). |
| Candidatures | <p>Only representatives who are members of the committee may stand for election. [Rule 47.1]</p> <p>The chair and vice-chairs of a committee remain in office for two and a half years and may be re-elected for a second (but no further) consecutive mandate. [Rule 47.4 of the Rules and Procedures]</p> <p>All Congress members must submit a Declaration of Interests and sign the Code of Conduct [Rule 6.5 and Appendix I to the Rules and Procedures]. Applications from members who have not fulfilled these obligations will not be considered.</p> |
| Submission of candidatures | <p>Candidatures must be notified in writing to the Secretary of the Governance Committee: roman.chlapak@coe.int, copy to congress.session@coe.int.</p> <p>Candidatures comprise [Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Administrative Rule No. 2]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ a letter of candidature dated and signed (in English and/or French);▪ a curriculum vitae (CV) not exceeding 2 pages (in English and/or French - official languages of the Council of Europe) (Candidates may also provide other language versions). |
| Deadline for submission | Candidatures must be submitted to the Secretary of the committee at the latest at 18.00 on the day before the meeting at which the election is to take place, that is by Monday 14 October 2024 at 18.00 . [Rule 47.3 of the Rules and Procedures] |
| Right to vote | <p>Only representatives, members of the committee and duly mandated substitutes may vote.</p> <p>Deadline for registration is 4 October 2024 – 18.00 (CET).</p> |
| Results | On the KUDO Platform (smart device needed). |