

The Bureau of the Congress

CG-BUR(2021)38-17¹
17 May 2021

Work plan of the committees 2021-2022 and Congress priorities

Document submitted for approval to the Bureau of the Congress on 26 May 2021

¹ This document is classified as confidential until it has been examined by the Bureau of the Congress.

WORK PLAN OF THE COMMITTEES 2021-2022 AND CONGRESS PRIORITIES

(last update: 20 April 2021)

CONGRESS PRIORITIES	Year	Monitoring Committee	Governance Committee	Current Affairs Committee
6a) Effective local and regional response to public health crisis	2020	Report on local and regional elections in major crisis situations adopted in September 2020 (rec and res).		
	2021	Report on ensuring the respect of the Charter in times of major crisis (rec and res) adopted in March 2021.		
	2021-2022	monitoring reports with a new section as of 2021 dedicated to the management of the pandemic at local and regional level	Debates and reports on the post-COVID situation and recovery strategies related to local and regional governance (2021/22).	
6b) The quality of representative democracy and citizen participation	2021-2022	Reports on monitoring the application of the Charter in the 47 member States of the CoE (cf. list of the countries to be monitored in 2021-2022) and on observation of local and regional elections	Report on the future role of municipal councillor (in progress- for adoption in October 2021)	
	2021	Report on holding referendum at local level (rec and res to be adopted in June 2021) Report on the situation of independent candidates and opposition in local and regional elections (rec and res planned for 2022).	Report on deliberative democracy at local and regional levels (in progress - for adoption in March 2022).	
	2022			

6c) Reducing inequalities in the field	<p>2021</p> <p>2021</p>	<p>Monitoring reports on the Charter (special attention to art. 9-5).</p> <p>Human rights Handbook at local and regional levels (social rights Handbook vol. II).</p>	<p>Report on territorial solidarity (to be adopted in 2021 (June or October)</p>	<p>Report on the Protection of LGBTI people in the context of rising anti-LGBTI hate speech and discrimination: role and responsibilities of local and regional authorities (rec and res to be adopted in June 2021).</p> <p>Debate on rural youth and the role of local authorities (reducing inequalities incl. between rural and urban areas)</p>
6d) Environmental issues and climate action in cities and regions	2022	HR Handbook on environmental issues at local and regional level Vol. III (adoption planned for March 2022)		Booklet for children on sustainable development in their cities (2021-2022).
6e) Digitalisation and artificial intelligence in the local context	2021		<p>Report on Home-sharing platforms: challenges and opportunities for municipalities (adoption in June 2021- rec and res)</p> <p>Report on Smart cities and smart regions (adoption planned for 2022).</p>	

CG-BUR(2021)38-17