

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities



19th SESSION

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PUBLIC MEETING

19th Session of the Congress

Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe,
26-28 October 2010

Members' attention is drawn to:

- The deadlines for tabling **written questions** for oral reply (Office 1081): each member should limit herself/himself to one question to the **Secretary General** (deadline: **Tuesday 26 October at 12.00**), one question to the **Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers** (deadline: **Tuesday 26 October at 12.00**) and one question to **Manuel CHAVES GONZÁLEZ**, Third Vice-President of the Government and Minister for Territorial Policy, Spain (deadline: **Tuesday 26 October at 16.00**).
- The deadlines for **tabling amendments** (Office 1081): at the latest at **16.00** on the eve of the day when the texts to which they refer are to be discussed (Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the Congress and its Chambers).
- **Registration of speakers for the debates**: the form for registration of speakers for the debates must be submitted to the Table Office seated in front of the President's rostrum.
- **Finance Office** for reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenses: Office 1040.
- **Table Office** for any further questions: Office 1081.

Monday 25 October

Eve of the Session

BUREAUX MEETINGS

Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities (Room 6)
10.00 – 11.00

Bureau of the Chamber of Regions (Room 7)
11.00 – 12.00

Bureau of the Congress (Room 8)
14.00 – 16.00

Seminar for new members (Room 6)
16.30 – 18.00

Tuesday 26 October (morning)

Parallel meetings of the three **Political Groups of the Congress** – 8.30 – 12.00:

- European People's Party/Christian Democrats Group (EPP/CD) (Room 9)
- Socialist Group (SOC) (Room 10)
- Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG) (Room 8)

Meeting of the **Secretaries of Delegations** (Room 7) – 9.00 – 10.00

Tuesday 26 October (afternoon)

PLENARY SITTING – Hemicycle – 14.00 – 16.15

- **Opening of the 19th Session**
by the oldest member present
- **Verification of new members' credentials and new appointment procedures**
Presentation by the Rapporteurs:
Anders KNAPE, Sweden (L, EPP/CD) and **Günther KRUG**, Germany (R, SOC)

Debate and vote
[CG(19)2] (RES)
- **Election of the President of the Congress**
Presentation of the candidatures
Commencement of voting (voting will close at 15.15)
NB: **The tellers shall count the votes cast from 15.15 to 15.45**

SUSPENSION OF THE SITTING

25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE EUROPEAN CHARTER OF LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT A CHARTER FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITIES

Moderator: **Ulrich BOHNER**, former Secretary General of the Congress

- Statements by:

Robert HERTZOG, Professor at the University of Strasbourg
Claude HAEGI, Past-President of the Congress
- Debate

RESUMPTION OF THE SITTING

- **Statement by the newly-elected President**
- **Adoption of the draft agenda of the session**
[CG(19)OJ1PROV]
- **State of the Congress**
Activity report of the outgoing President *ad interim*
[CG(19)3]

Debate

Tuesday 26 October (afternoon)

CHAMBER OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES – Hemicycle – 16.30 – 19.00

- **Opening** by the oldest member present
- **Election** of the President of the Chamber
- **Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber**
[CPL(19)OJ1PROV]
- **Election** of the 7 Vice-Presidents of the Chamber
- **Statement by the outgoing President**
Ian MICALLEF, Malta (EPP/CD)
[CPL(19)1]
- **Local democracy in Montenegro**
Presentation by the Rapporteur: **Nigel MERMAGEN**, United Kingdom (ILDG)

Debate and vote
[CPL(19)4] (REC)
- **Local democracy in Estonia**
Presentation by the Rapporteur: **Jos WIENEN**, The Netherlands (EPP/CD)

Debate and vote
[CPL(19)5] (REC)
- **Social time, leisure time: which local time planning policy?**
Presentation by the Rapporteur: **Clotilde TASCON-MENNETRIER**, France (SOC)

Debate and vote
[CPL(19)3] (REC and RES)
- **Closing** by the President

Tuesday 26 October (afternoon)

CHAMBER OF REGIONS – Room 1 – 16.30 – 19.00

- **Opening** by the oldest member present
- **Election** of the President of the Chamber

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ROUND TABLE ON THE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE CONGRESS AND ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTING REGIONS IN EUROPE

- **Statements by:**
 - **Michèle SABBAN**, President of the Assembly of European Regions (AER)
 - **Ligia KRAJEWSKA**, Vice-President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)
 - **Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ**, President of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR)
 - **Nazario PAGANO**, President of the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE) elected for 2011
 - **Alberto Joao JARDIM**, Member of the political Bureau of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR)
 - **NN...**, Representative of the Conference of European Regions with Legislative Power (REGLEG)

Exchange of views

Conclusions by the Rapporteurs

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- **Election** of the 7 Vice-Presidents of the Chamber
- **Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber**
[CPR(19)OJ1PROV]
- **Statement by the outgoing President**
Ludmila SFIRLOAGA, Romania (SOC)
[CPR(19)1]
- **Co-operation between the Congress and associations representing regions in Europe**
Presentation by the rapporteurs: **Ludmila SFIRLOAGA**, Romania (SOC) and **Herwig VAN STAA**, Austria (EPP/CD)

Debate and vote
[CPR(19)3] (RES)

- **Sustainable development of mountain regions and the experience of the Carpathian Mountains**
Presentation by the Rapporteur: **Mykhaylo KICHKOVSKYY**, Ukraine (EPP/CD)

Debate and vote
[CPR(19)2] (REC and RES)

- **Closing** by the President

Wednesday 27 October (morning)

Bureau of the Congress – 9.00 – 9.45 (Room 8)

PLENARY SITTING – Hemicycle – 10.00 – 13.00

- **The reform of the Congress**
Presentation by the Rapporteurs: **Halvdan SKARD**, Norway (L, SOC) and **Günther KRUG**, Germany (R, SOC)

Debate and vote
[CG(19)4] (REC)
[CG(19)5] (RES)
- **2011-2012 Priorities of the Congress**
Presentation by the Rapporteur: **Ian MICALLEF**, Malta (L, EPP/CD)

Debate and vote
[CG(19)6] (RES)
- Statement by **Thorbjørn JAGLAND**,
Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Oral reply to written questions
Deadline for tabling written questions: Tuesday 26 October at 12.00
- Statement by **Mevlüt ÇAVUSOĞLU**, President of the **Parliamentary Assembly** of the Council of Europe

Oral reply to questions
- **Signature of the European Charter of Local Self-Government by Andorra**

Statement by **Jaume BARTUMEU CASSANY**, Prime Minister of Andorra

Wednesday 27 October (afternoon)

Bureau of the Congress – 14.15 – 15.00 (Room 8)

PLENARY SITTING – Hemicycle – 15.00 – 19.00

- Statement by **Manuel CHAVES GONZÁLEZ**, Third Vice-President of the Government and Minister for Territorial Policy, Spain

Oral reply to written questions

Deadline for tabling written questions: Tuesday 26 October at 16.00

- Statement by **Musa XHAFERRI**, Minister of Local Self-Government of “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, on behalf of the Chairmanship of the **Committee of Ministers** of the Council of Europe

Oral reply to written questions

Deadline for tabling written questions: Tuesday 26 October at 12.00

- Statement by **Mercedes BRESSO**, President of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union

Exchange of views

- **Adoption of the composition of the Standing Committee and statutory committees**
[CG(19)7PROV]

- **Observation of municipal elections in Georgia**
Presentation by the Rapporteur: **Günther KRUG**, Germany (R, SOC), with the participation of **Sharon TAYLOR**, on behalf of the members of the Committee of the Regions participating in the observation mission

Statement by **George UGULAVA**, Mayor of Tbilisi

Debate and vote

[CG(19)8] (REC and RES)

- **Landscape: a new dimension of public territorial action**
Rapporteurs: **Devrim ÇUKUR**, Turkey (R, SOC) and **Inger LINGE**, Sweden (R, EPP/CD)
Presentation by **Devrim ÇUKUR**, Turkey (R, SOC)

Debate and vote

[CG(19)14] (REC and RES)

- **Ceremony awarding the Congress Medal to Valerio PRIGNACHI, Honorary Member**
former Chair of the Committee on Social Cohesion of the Congress

Thursday 28 October (morning)

Meetings – 8.00 – 9.00

Bureau of the Chamber of Regions (Room 7)

Bureau of the Chamber of Local Authorities (Room 6)

PLENARY SITTING – Hemicycle – 9.00 – 12.00

- **Formal adoption of texts approved by the Chambers**
[CG(19)9]

- **Rights and responsibilities of local and regional elected representatives: the risks of corruption**

Presentation by the Rapporteur: **Dubravka SUICA**, Croatia (L, EPP/CD)

Statements by:

Antti LIIKKANEN, member of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union

Giovanni KESSLER, President of the Council of the Autonomous Province of Trento, Italy, former judge

Miklos MARSCHALL, Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia of Transparency International

Debate and vote
[CG(19)10] (RES)

- **Local and regional democracy in the Russian Federation**

Rapporteurs: **Knud ANDERSEN**, Denmark (R, ILDG) and

Christopher NEWBURY, United Kingdom (L, EPP/CD)

Presentation by **Knud ANDERSEN**, Denmark (R, ILDG)

Statement by **Stepan KIRICHUK**, President of the Russian National Congress of Municipalities

Debate and vote
[CG(19)11] (REC)

- **Coastal towns and cities tackling threats from the sea**

Presentation by the Rapporteur: **Iñigo DE LA SERNA HERNAIZ**, Spain (L, EPP/CD)

Debate and vote
[CG(19)13] (REC and RES)

Thursday 28 October (afternoon)

Committee meetings – 14.00 – 15.00

PLENARY SITTING – Hemicycle – 15.00 – 18.00

- **Cultural integration of Muslim women in European cities**

Presentation by the Rapporteur: **Amy KOOPMANSCHAP**, The Netherlands (L, SOC)

Statement by **Naima AZOUGH**, former member of the House of Representatives of The Netherlands

Debate and vote
[CG(19)12] (RES)

- **The integration of young people from disadvantaged areas**

Presentation by the Rapporteur: **Eunice CAMPBELL-CLARK**, United Kingdom (R, SOC)

Debate and vote
[CG(19)15] (RES)

- **Closing of the session by the President of the Congress**