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## Monday 21 March 2022

### Bureaux meetings [EN/FR/DE/IT/RU]

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 9	Bureau of the Congress

### Political group meetings - 15.45-17.45

Room 9	European People's Party Group in the Congress (EPP/CCE) <small>[EN/FR/DE/IT/RU/TR]</small>
Room 8	Socialist Group, Greens and Progressive Democrats (SOC/G/PD) <small>[EN/FR/DE/IT/RU/TR]</small>
Room 6	Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG) <small>[EN/FR/DE/IT/RU/TR]</small>
Room 2	European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) <small>[EN/IT/RU/TR]</small>

### Secretaries of delegations meeting

Information meeting	15.40-16.20, Room 3
Coffee break with the youth delegates	16.20-17.00, outside Room 3

## Tuesday 22 March 2022

### Committee meetings [EN/FR/DE/IT/RU/TR]




Monitoring Committee	8.30-10.00, Room 9
Current Affairs Committee	8.30-10.00, Room 8
Governance Committee	8.30-10.00, Room 6

## Tuesday 22 March 2022

### Plenary sitting [EN/FR/DE/IT/RU/TR]

10.30-13.00, Hemicycle (salle d'écoute, Room 1)

\* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 15 March 2022*



10.30	<b>Opening of the 42nd Session of the Congress by the President</b> Leendert VERBEEK
10.35	<b>Verification of new members' credentials</b> [CG(2022)42-06] [CG(2022)42-20] Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/PD) and Aleksandra MALETIĆ, Serbia (R, EPP/CCE) Debate and vote on the draft resolution [CG(2022)42-02]* 
10.45	<b>Adoption of the draft agenda of the 42nd Session</b> [CG(2022)42-OJ] <b>Adoption of the draft minutes of the last sitting of the 41st Session (28 October 2021)</b> [CG(2021)41-PV-03] <b>Adoption of the composition of Congress committees</b> [CG(2022)42-03] 
10.50	<b>Communication by the President</b> Debate
11.00	<b>Involving children in sustainable development in their cities</b> Presentation by the rapporteur: Brigitte VAN DEN BERG, Netherlands (L, ILDG) Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Baroness Doreen E. MASSEY, Rapporteur on "The right to be heard: child participation, a foundation for democratic societies", Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe</li><li>- Grace O'HAGAN, United Kingdom, member of the advisory group of children on the Congress "Booklet on the Sustainable Development Goals for Children"</li></ul> Video feedback from the pilot projects Debate Vote on the amendments [CG(2022)42-10-AMDT] and draft resolution [CG(2022)42-10]* 
12.15	<b>Statement by Marija PEJČINOVIĆ-BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe</b> Questions
13.00	<b>Suspension of the sitting</b>

Tuesday 22 March 2022

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

14.30-19.30, Hemicycle (salle d'écoute, Room 1)

\* Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Tuesday 15 March 2022

14.30	<p><b>Italian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (17 November 2021 – May 2022)</b></p> <p><b>Statement by Mariastella GELMINI, Minister of Regional Affairs and Autonomy, on behalf of the Italian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers</b></p> <p>Questions</p>
15.30	<p><b>The aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine</b></p> <p>Statements by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Oleksiy CHERNYSHOV, Minister for Communities and Territories Development, Ukraine</b></li><li>• <b>Vitali KLITSCHKO, Mayor of Kyiv, Ukraine</b></li><li>• <b>Oleksandr SENKEVYCH, Mayor of Mykolaiv City, Ukraine</b></li></ul> <p>Presentation by the rapporteur: Leen VERBEEK, Netherlands (R, SOC/G/PD)</p> <p>Debate </p> <p>Vote on the amendments [<a href="#">CG(2022)42-21-AMDT</a>] and vote on the draft declaration [<a href="#">CG(2022)42-21</a>]*</p>
18.30	<p><b>Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government in Germany</b></p> <p>Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Konstantinos KOUKAS, Greece (L, EPP/CCE), and Jani KOKKO, Finland (R, SOC/G/PD)</p> <p>Debate and vote on the draft recommendation [<a href="#">CG(2022)42-16</a>]* </p> <p>Questions</p>
19.30	<p><b>Close of the sitting</b></p>

Wednesday 23 March 2022

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

9.00-12.00, Hemicycle

\* Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 16 March 2022

9.00	<b>Opening of the session of the chamber by the President</b> Bernd VÖHRINGER	
9.02	<b>Adoption of the draft agenda of the chamber</b> [CPL(2022)42-OJ]	
9.04	<b>Communication by the President</b> [CPL(2022)42-01]	
9.15	<b>Report on the observation of local elections in Georgia (2 October 2021)</b> Presentation by the rapporteur: David ERAY, Switzerland (R, EPP/CCE) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation <a href="#">[CPL(2022)42-02]</a> *	
10.00	<b>Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government in Luxembourg</b> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Christine CHEVALLEY, Switzerland (L, ILDG) and Marjorie CROVETTO, Monaco (L, NR) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation <a href="#">[CPL(2022)42-03]</a> * <b>Statement by Taina BOFFERDING, Minister of the Interior and Minister of Equality between Women and Men, Luxembourg</b> Questions	
10.45	<b>Information report on the observation of the partial local elections in Armenia (5 December 2021)</b> <a href="#">[CPL(2022)42-04]</a> Presentation by the rapporteur: Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG) Debate	
11.05	<b>Thematic debate: Fake news, threats and violence – pressures on mayors in the current crises in Europe</b> Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Wilma DELISSEN VAN TONGERLO, Co-Rapporteur on “Impact of hate speech and fake news on the working conditions of local and regional politicians”, Netherlands (L, ILDG)</li><li>- Michael BRYAN, Youth delegate, United Kingdom</li></ul> Debate	
11.59	<b>Adoption of the draft abridged report of the session of the chamber</b> [CPL(2022)42-DEC]	
12.00	<b>Close of the session of the chamber by the President</b>	

## Wednesday 23 March 2022

### Chamber of Regions [EN/FR/DE/IT/RU/TR]

9.00-12.00, Room 9 (salle d'écoute, Room 1)

\* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 16 March 2022*

9.00	<b>Opening of the session of the chamber by the President</b> Harald SONDEREGGER	
9.02	<b>Adoption of the draft agenda of the chamber</b> [CPR(2022)42-OJ]	
9.04	<b>Election of a vice-president of the chamber</b> <i>[deadline for candidatures: 7.00 Wednesday 23 March 2022]</i> Presentation of the candidates - Vote	
9.10	<b>Communication by the President</b> [CPR(2022)42-01]	
9.30	<b>Statement by Jean-Claude MARCOURT, President of the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE) and President of the Walloon Parliament, Belgium</b> Exchange of views	
10.00	<b>Democratic pluralism in regional governance: the relationship between the majority and the opposition (Opinion of the Venice Commission)</b> [CPR(2022)42-02] Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Pierre GARRONE, Head of the Division of elections and political parties, the European Commission for Democracy through Law of the Council of Europe (the Venice Commission)</li><li>- Vladimir PREBILIC, Slovenia (L, SOC/G/PD), Rapporteur on "The situation of independent candidates and the opposition in local and regional elections"</li><li>- Benno SCHERRER, President of the Zurich Cantonal Council, Switzerland</li><li>- Josef NEUMANN, Member of the State parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany</li></ul> Debate	
11.00	<b>Regions and diaspora: diaspora representation in host regions and relations with regions of origin</b> [CPR(2022)42-02] Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Domagoj HAJDUKOVIC, third Vice-Chair of the PACE Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, Member of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration PACE Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, Member of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration, Croatia</li><li>- Ingo ERRICHER, Tirol International Network for Tyroleans living abroad</li><li>- Pedro FARIA E CASTRO, Member of the Regional Government of the Azores, Portugal</li><li>- Sharon AMADI, youth delegate, Italy</li></ul> Debate	
11.45	<b>Free debate</b>	
11.58	<b>Date of the next session</b> - October 2022	
11.59	<b>Adoption of the draft abridged report of the session of the chamber</b> [CPR(2022)42-DEC]	
12.00	<b>Close of the session of the chamber by the President</b>	

Wednesday 23 March 2022

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

14.00-19.30, Hemicycle (salle d'écoute, Room 1)

\* Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Wednesday 16 March 2022

14.00	<b>Adoption of the draft minutes of the sitting of the Congress on 22 March 2022</b> [CG(2022)42-PV-01] 
14.02	<b>Formal adoption of texts approved by the Chamber of Local Authorities</b> [CG(2022)42-04] 
14.05	<b>Statement by Roberto GUALTIERI, Mayor of Rome, Italy</b> Exchange of views
14.50	<b>Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government in Turkey</b> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs Vladimir PREBILIC, Slovenia (L, SOC/G/PD) and David ERAY, Switzerland (R, EPP/CCE) Debate Vote on the amendments <a href="#">[CG(2022)42-14-AMDT]</a> * and on the draft resolution and draft recommendation <a href="#">[CG(2022)42-14]</a> * 
16.00	<b>Statement by Tiny KOX, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe</b> Questions
16.45	<b>Presentation of the TERRI study (Territorial Governance, Powers and Reforms in Europe) of the CEMR</b> Statement by Stefano BONACCINI, President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) Exchange of views
17.15	<b>Beyond elections: the use of deliberative methods in European municipalities and regions</b> Presentation by the rapporteur: Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, Belgium (R, SOC/G/PD) Statement by: - Mario KORDIĆ, Mayor of the City of Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina Debate and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation: <a href="#">[CG(2022)42-12]</a> * 
18.15	<b>Statement by Apostolos TZITZIKOSTAS, President of the European Committee of the Regions</b> Exchange of views
18.45	<b>Rural youth and the role of local and regional authorities</b> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Aida JALILZADE, Azerbaijan (R, ECR) and James MOLONEY, Ireland (L, ILDG) Statement by: - Ingebjørg Flyum BJØRLO, youth delegate, Norway Debate and vote on the draft resolution and the draft recommendation <a href="#">[CG(2022)42-15]</a> * 
19.30	<b>Close of the sitting</b>





**Thursday 24 March 2022**

**Plenary sitting** [EN/FR/DE/IT/RU/TR]

9.00-12.45, Hemicycle (salle d'écoute, Room 1)

\* *Deadline for tabling amendments: 10.00 Thursday 17 March 2022*

9.00	<b>Adoption of the draft minutes of the sessions of the chambers and of the sitting of the Congress on 23 March 2022</b> [CPL(2022)42-PV], [CPR(2022)42-PV] and [CG(2022)42-PV-02]
9.05	<b>Ceremony awarding the Congress medal to an honorary member</b> Gaye DOGANOGLU, Turkey
9.25	<b>Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government in the United Kingdom</b> Presentation by the co-rapporteurs: Vladimir PREBILIĆ, Slovenia (L, SOC/G/PD) and Magnus BERNTSSON, Sweden (R, EPP/CCE) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation <a href="#">[CG(2022)42-18]</a> * <b>Statement by Neil O'BRIEN MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Levelling Up, The Union and Constitution), United Kingdom</b> Questions
10.45	<b>Report on the observation of local and regional elections in Denmark (16 November 2021)</b> Presentation by the rapporteur: Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, EPP/CCE) Debate and vote on the draft recommendation <a href="#">[CG(2022)42-17]</a> * 
11.15	<b>The situation of independent candidates and the opposition in local and regional elections</b> Presentation by the rapporteur: Vladimir PREBILIC, Slovenia (L, SOC/G/PD) Debate and vote on the draft resolution and draft recommendation <a href="#">[CG(2022)42-13]</a> * 
12.15	<b>Information report on municipal and regional elections in the Kingdom of Morocco (8 September 2021)</b> <a href="#">[CG(2022)42-19]</a> Presentation by the rapporteur: Vladimir PREBILIC, Slovenia (L, SOC/G/PD) Debate
12.44	<b>Adoption of the draft abridged report of the 42nd Session</b> [CG(2022)42-DEC] 
12.45	<b>Close of the 42nd Session by the President of the Congress</b>

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