



European Conservatives and Reformists group

Draft Minutes

Meeting held on 23rd October 2023 at 16.00 Strasbourg time at the Palais d'Europe

1. The meeting agreed the Agenda.
A moments silence was observed for the victims of Russian aggression and the innocent victims of the conflict in Israel and Gaza.
Celebrate National day of independence for Hungary. **Anna Magyar** told us of the anniversary of the 23/10/56 revolution and the ceremony in the Congress after this meeting.
2. Welcomed out new Italian member **Ms Sabrina Bocchino**
3. The President, **Mrs Svitlana Bohatyrchuk-Kryvko**, reported on the activities of the of the Bureau. For the first time our Group will have a voting member of the Bureau. We are very active in the Congress and other parties have recognised this. She asked each member to present at their committees.
The Russian occupation of Ukraine continues. When local representatives from municipalities say no to the occupiers, Russian soldiers kill them.
The mayor of Nova Kakhovka is still in contact with the residents of his occupied city. Local residents have been forced into hiding.
This is why the Ukrainian delegation are proposing that the emphasis of the resolution to be proposed in Congress should be shifted towards those who are in the occupied territories and to condemn the crimes of the Russian Federation.
Together with the Georgian delegation we are backing an amendment to include a President calling Sakishvili for his release.
4. Missiles are landing on Ukraine's grain reserves and Russia is organising its efforts to continue this during the Winter. Millions are being left without energy. 40 cities in Ukraine have been destroyed.
Our children are going to school in bomb shelters and many schools cannot work online. Only united with our common values can we defeat the russians.
The President told us that her while her community is not in the front line, in the West of Ukraine, a month ago a missile passed through her house and exploded by some energy infrastructure where 6 people died. East and West of Ukraine are under attack. More than 500 people have died from her community. She reminded us that the war has been going on and is becoming more horrific. We are concerned at what is going to happen in the winter.
Sergii Mazur On 27th February my city was hit by two missiles. 11 people, male and

female from the age of 18 to 35, were murdered. For more than a year we have supported each other from bomb shelters. I took a decision and pushed for offline education and now our students can continue their studies despite the war. Missiles became the norm in our City but this norm is being changed by our brave soldiers and partners who are ensuring that 90 out of 100 missiles are not landing on our city. I am very often visiting the front line to talk to our brave soldiers. You cannot understand how horrific this war is from the TV. I would like to thank all of those countries who have helped us fight Russian aggression. It's not just a local conflict. We know that the war is having an influence in other countries as well, prices and the migration crisis. But we have to understand that if there is no Ukraine there will be no peace in Europe. Let's just stay united and ensure that justice prevails. Thank you.

Joanne Laban Our citizens know that Ukraine has to win and the UK has been very supportive.

Rafet Vergili supported Ukraine but was concerned that we should be commemorating Palestinian children who were suffering in Gaza. The Presidents apologised that that reference at the start of the meeting must have been lost in translation.

5. The President and **Andrew Boff** updated the members on activities in the Congress Bureau as part of her opening remarks..
6. The Congress Agenda was discussed.
7. A 'family photo' was taken at the end of the meeting.