



Summary of decisions of the 8th PES Congress

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1. Congress organization

- **Confirmation of voting rights:** Out of 358 potential mandates, as presented in Annex 1 of the rules of procedure, 333 were considered valid: SDLP Northern Ireland (2 mandates) was not present and DS Italy (20 mandates) renounced its voting rights, the Partito Democratico being invited as a guest.
- The Congress unanimously adopted the [Congress agenda](#)
- The Congress unanimously adopted [Rules of procedures](#).
- Pieter Schieder (SPÖ Austria) was unanimously elected **Congress chair**. Carlos Carnero (PSOE Spain), Jiri Havel (CSSD Czech Republic), Marije Laffeber (PvdA Netherlands) and Ann Linde (SAP Sweden) were unanimously elected members of the **Congress bureau**. Jo Billingham (Labour UK), Maurice Braud (PS France), Björn Hacker (SPD Germany) and Damjana Karlo (SD Slovenia) were unanimously elected **tellers**.

2. Elections

- **Election of the PES President:** Poul Nyrup Rasmussen (SD Denmark) was the only candidate. He was elected by the Congress with 327 votes in favour (98,2%) and 6 votes against (1,8%).
- **Election of the PES Presidency:** The Congress unanimously confirmed the [PES Presidency](#) as presented by the Member Parties and organisations.
- **Election of the PES Secretary General and Treasurer:** The Congress was informed of the election by the PES Presidency of Philip Cordery (PS France) as PES Secretary General and Ruairi Quinn (Labour Party Ireland) as PES Treasurer.

3. Reports and Resolutions

- The Congress unanimously adopted the [PES activity report](#)
- The Congress unanimously took note of the [S&D group activity report](#)
- [Reports of other member organizations](#) were presented to the Congress
- The Congress unanimously adopted the resolution [“People first: a progressive European agenda”](#).
- The Congress unanimously adopted the resolution [“A new way forward: a stronger PES”](#).
- The Congress unanimously adopted the [“PES appeal to the world governments: Do not miss this historic opportunity – make the Copenhagen climate negotiations a success”](#)
- The Congress unanimously declared its support to the [Europeans for Financial Reform call to action: Regulate global finance now](#)

4. Membership

- The Congress ratified the [Presidency decisions regarding membership](#) with a qualified majority of 93,03% in favour (187 votes) and 6,97% against (14 votes).

5. Statutes

- After voting on the proposed amendments, the Congress unanimously adopted the revised [PES statutes](#).
- The Congress decided that due to the fact that the Lisbon Treaty is changing the voting rights in the Council of the EU, based on the principle of the double majority, that cannot be directly translated to the PES system of distribution of delegates, **a new solution for the PES system of distribution of delegates with voting rights** should be adopted by the next PES Congress.
- The Congress decided that, in line with Congress Resolution n°2, a **democratic and transparent process for designating the PES candidate for the European Commission Presidency** should be adopted by the next PES Council.