



Summary of decisions of the 2013 PES Sofia Council

1- Confirmation of voting rights

The Council followed the recommendation of the Presidency: out of 235 potential mandates, 219 are considered valid.

2- Adoption of the Council agenda

The Council agenda was unanimously adopted (Annex 1).

3- Adoption of the Rules of procedures

The Rules of procedures were unanimously adopted (Annex 2).

4- Election of Council Tellers

The Council elected Katerina Bocianova (CSSD, Czech Republic) and Kirsten Meijer (PvdA, The Netherlands) as Council Tellers.

5- Resolutions and policy papers

The Council unanimously adopted *the* Appeal '[Europe's Youth deserves more!](#)'.

The Council unanimously adopted the Resolution '[A European Industrial Policy for growth and employment](#)'.

The Council unanimously adopted the [Fundamental Programme](#).

Council agenda adopted by PES Council

1. Opening of the Council
2. Confirmation of voting rights
3. Adoption of the Council agenda
4. Adoption of the rules of procedure
5. Adoption of the Council Appeal '*Europe's Youth deserves more!*'
6. Adoption of the Council Resolution: '*A European Industrial Policy for growth and employment*'
7. Adoption of the PES Fundamental Programme
8. Closing of the Congress

Rules of procedure

To be adopted by the PES Council 2013, Sofia

Introduction

These rules are based on the PES Statutes currently in force, adopted at the 9th PES Congress in Brussels on 29th September 2012.

Composition of the Council

Article 1

The number of Council delegates, nominated in accordance with article 29 of the PES Statutes, is listed in Annex A of the Rules of Procedure.

The list of other parties, organisations and individuals invited to the Congress, adopted by the Presidency in accordance with article 29.5 of the PES Statutes, is available with the Council Secretariat.

Registered PES Activists are invited to the Council, in their own capacity, as guests. In this quality, they may attend plenary sessions without the right to speak or to vote.

Article 2

In accordance with article 43.3, member of the PES are not entitled to vote or take part in the Council if they have not paid their annual membership fees.

In accordance with article 29.3 of PES Statutes, PES members' delegation should be gender-balanced, i.e. there should not be more than a difference of 1 delegate between the two genders. If a delegation does not respect this rule, its vote to the Council will be reduced proportionally.

Powers of the Council

Article 3

In accordance with article 28 of the PES Statutes, the Council shall contribute to the shaping of the PES policy and shall serve as a platform for strategic discussions. It can adopt resolutions and recommendations.

Article 4

In accordance with article 11 of the PES Statutes, full member delegates have the right of expression, the right of initiative and the right to vote. Associate member delegates have the right of expression and the right of initiative. Observer member delegates have the right of expression.

The Presidency may also invite guests to address the Council.

Article 6

Speaking time at the Council will be shared fairly among full member parties and organisations on the basis of their number of delegates.

Conduct of the Congress

Article 7

The internal rules of procedure and the agenda are adopted once the Council is opened.

The President or the Secretary General announces the start and the end of the Congress.

Article 8

Following a Presidency proposal, the Council elects 2 tellers, from different member parties, by simple majority. The Council tellers are responsible for counting the votes.

Decisions and votes by the Council

Article 9

In accordance with article 19.5 of the PES Statutes, the quorum for votes requires two thirds of full member parties to be present.

Any request for a quorum must be made by 25% of full member parties. In the event that a quorum is requested and not met, the vote cannot take place.

Article 10

In accordance with article 19.3 of the PES Statutes, political decisions shall, whenever possible, be taken on the basis of consensus. If a consensus cannot be reached, they shall be taken on the basis of qualified majority.

According to article 19.5, qualified majority requires 50% of weighted votes cast.

The allocation of votes for a qualified majority per party and per organisation is equal to that party and organisation's number of delegates to the PES Council (see Annex 1).

Proxy voting is not permitted.

Article 11

In accordance with article 19.7 of the PES Statutes, a full member party may declare that it is not bound by a political decision taken by qualified majority, provided it expresses the intent before the vote is taken.

Article 12

Amendments shall have priority over the text to which they relate and shall be put to the vote before the text.

If two or more amendments have been tabled to the same part of a text, the amendment that departs furthest from the original text shall have priority and shall be put to the vote first. If it is adopted the other amendments shall fall. If it is rejected, the amendment next in priority shall be put to the vote and similarly for each of the remaining amendments.

Article 13

In accordance with article 19.5 of the PES Statutes, votes are cast per member party and organisation.

Member parties and organisations are free to cast their votes individually or collectively. A show of hands is called. If the result is unclear a roll call per party/.organisation shall be made.

Article 14

A vote shall be declared open and closed. Once the vote has been declared open, no one shall be allowed to speak until the vote is closed. The Tellers shall decide whether the result of the vote is valid.

Procedural Motions

Article 15

Any delegate may be allowed to speak to draw the attention to any failure to respect the Council Rules of Procedure (Point of order). The delegate shall first specify to which rule s/he is referring.

A request to raise a point of order shall take precedence over all other requests to speak. Speaking time shall be one minute. An immediate decision on a point of order shall be taken, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, and shall be announced that decision once a point of order has been raised.

Council decisions

Article 16

In accordance with article 31 of the PES Statutes, the decisions and the documents adopted by the Council shall be communicated to members of the PES and shall be published on the PES Website.

**Delegates to 2013 PES Council
On the basis of article 29 of the PES Statutes**

Delegates with voting rights¹

Party / organisation	Number of Congress delegates ²	Number of Council delegates	Presidency members	Council delegates + Presidency members
Austria SPÖ	9	5	1	6
Belgium PS	6	3	1	4
Belgium SPA	3	2	1	3
Bulgaria BSP	5	3	1	4
Cyprus EDEK	1	1	1	2
Croatia SDP	7	4	1	5
Czech Republic CSSD	10	5	1	6
Denmark SD	5	3	1	4
Estonia SDE	2	1	1	2
Finland SDP	4	2	1	3
France PS	40	20	1	21
Germany SPD	30	15	1	16
Greece PASOK	6	3	1	4
Hungary MSzP	5	3	1	4
Hungary MSzDP	0	0	1	1
Ireland Labour	4	2	1	3
Italy PSI	0	0	1	1
Lithuania LSDP	5	3	1	4
Luxembourg LSAP	3	2	1	3
Malta PL	4	2	1	3
Netherlands PvdA	9	5	1	6
Norway DNA	7	4	1	5
Poland SLD	7	4	1	5
Poland UP	1	1	1	2
Portugal PS	11	6	1	7
Romania PSD	14	7	1	8
Slovakia SMER	10	5	1	6
Slovenia SD	2	1	1	2
Spain PSOE	33	17	1	18
Sweden SAP	9	5	1	6

¹ PES Statutes

Article 29.1. The PES Council shall consist of the following delegates with voting rights:

- representatives of full member parties, representing half of the Congress delegates, as defined in Article 19.6;
- representatives of the group in the European Parliament, equal to 50% of the number of National delegations, rounded upwards;
- one representative from each other full member organisation;
- the Members of the Presidency.

² As stated in the PES Standing Orders

UK Labour	30	15	1	16
Northern Ireland	1	1	1	2
S&D Group in the EP	27	14	1	15
PES Group in the CoR	2	1	1	2
YES	2	1	1	2
PES Women	2	1	1	2
FEPS	2	1	1	2
PES President			1	1
PES Vice-Presidents			4	4
PES SG			1	1
Total				235

Delegates without voting rights³

Party / organisation	Council delegates
S&D Group in the EP	48
PES Group in the CoR	30
FEPS	5
PES Women	5
YES	12
PS Albania	2
SDP Bosnia & Herzegovina	2
pBS Bulgaria	2
SDSM FYR of Macedonia	2
Samfylkingin Iceland	2
DPS Montenegro	2
SDP Montenegro	2
DS Serbia	2
PS Switzerland	2
BDP Turkey	2
CHP Turkey	2
Socialist International	2
Socialist group in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe	2
Socialist group in the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE	2

³ PES Statutes Article 29.2.

The PES Council shall also consist of the following delegates without voting rights:

- a delegation of its political groups in the European Parliament and the Committee of the Regions, equal to 25% of its members, rounded upwards;
- a delegation of the bureau of other full member organisations, equal to 25% of their members, rounded upwards;
- 2 representatives per associate member;
- 1 representative per observer member

PSD Andorra	1
CTP Cyprus	1
Labour Party Israel	1
Meretz-Yachad Israel	1
LSDSP Latvia	1
SDPS Latvia	1
DP Moldova	1
Fatah Palestine	1
PSD San Marino	1
FDTL – Ettakatol Tunisia	1
ESDP Egypt	1
USFP Morocco	1
EFDS	1
ESO	1
IFM-SEI	1
ISDUE	1
IUSY	1
SAMAK	1
Rainbow Rose	1
SIW	1
USLRRE	1
Total	149

Ex-officio delegates without voting rights⁴

President of the European Parliament	1
European Commissioners	6
1 st Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions	1
Total	8

⁴ PES Statutes Article 29.4.

The following are also ex-officio delegates, without the right to vote:

- the President of the European Parliament if he/she is a PES member;
- PES members of the European Commission;
- the President of the European Council, if he/she is a PES member;
- the President or 1st Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions, if he/she is a PES member;
- the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe if he/she is a PES member;
- the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE, if he/she is a PES Member.