List of the Political Bureau
As of 21 May 2024 – further to the BBSC General Assembly (online)

THE POLITICAL BUREAU
(Article 4. from the BBSC Rules of Procedure)

1- The Political Bureau is made up of:
   a) The President of the Commission who chairs the Political Bureau and is a full member of it;
   b) A full member and a substitute member nominated by the Member Regions of each State within which BBSC has members. The nomination shall be ratified by the General Assembly.

2- The full members of each State, except the new President, will be Vice-Presidents of the BBSC. In order to ensure geographical balance, if the new President comes from a Balkan country, non-bordering the Black Sea, the 1st Vice-President and alternate representative of the BBSC President to the Political Bureau of the CPMR will have to come from a country bordering the Black Sea. In case the new President comes from any country bordering the Black Sea, the 1st Vice-President and alternate representative of the BBSC President to the Political Bureau of the CPMR will have to come from any Balkan country non-bordering the Black Sea. The 1st Vice-President will be appointed by the Political Bureau further to the President’s proposal.

3- The Political Bureau shall meet at least twice a year.

4- The Bureau meets at the invitation of the President or at the initiative of a simple majority of its members.

5- Each member of the Political Bureau shall be elected for a period of two years. The members shall be office-holding representatives of regional authorities. If a member loses his/her position within the regional authority, this implies ipso facto withdrawal from the Political Bureau, on which s/he shall be replaced.

6- Given that the Rules of Procedure have provided for the substitution of full members of the Political Bureau by substitute members, instruments of proxy shall only be used in case of absolute necessity, and granted to a member of the same Regional Government or Regional Assembly as the full member concerned. If no political representative is available, and only in such cases, proxy can be given, where appropriate, to a senior civil servant who has responsibility for policies within the administration, or to a civil servant who has been authorised by the full member – or if he or she is unable to do so – the substitute member.

7- In the event of a major requirement or particular need, and if the reasons are explained, the President may propose, at his initiative or at the request of a Member of the Bureau, the written adoption of a decision between two Bureau meetings. In such an event, he will email the draft decision to all Bureau Members, asking for a reply within 15 days. If no reply is received by the deadline, the proposal is considered approved by the Member. In the event of amendment(s), the amended version is sent to Members of the Bureau for final approval within 5 working days. If no reply is received in this period, the proposal shall be deemed approved by the Member.

8- The tasks of the Bureau:
   a) To propose topics for the Commission to work on;
   b) To determine working methods;
   c) To monitor the work undertaken by the Commission;
   d) To propose Commission meetings;
   e) To propose which resolutions to submit to the CPMR General Assembly and to adopt political resolutions between General Assemblies.
FULL MEMBERS

Georgia
SAMEGRELO-ZEMO SVANETI
Giorgi GUGUCHIA, State Representative - Governor

Greece
DYTIKI ELLADA (Western Greece)
President of the BBSC
Fokion ZAIMIS, Deputy Governor of Achaia

Italy
EMILIA-ROMAGNA
(to be nominated)

Romania
TULCEA
1st Vice-President of the BBSC
Horia TEODORESCU, President of Tulcea County Council

ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Georgia
AJARA
Tornike RIJVADZE, Chairman of the Government, Ajara Autonomous Republic

Greece
EASTERN MACEDONIA AND THRACE
Charalampos DALKITZIS, Regional Vice Governor of International Relations, Interregional Cooperation and Extroversion

Romania
CALARASI
Ion SAMOILĂ, Vice-President of the Călărași County Council
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