



*To the all Branch Leadership  
To the National Political Committee and Steering  
Committee members  
To all the members of Parliament.*

Paris, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**National Circular # 1419**

***Adopted unanimously by the National Congress Preparatory Commission on September 22, 2020.***

***SUBJECT: Preparation of the 79th Congress of the Socialist Party on December 12 and 13, 2020.***

- ***Calendar***
- ***Deposit of thematic contributions***
- ***Filing of Orientation Texts***
- ***Electoral body***
- ***Federal congress organizing committees***
- ***Elections of the First Chair***
- ***Branches Congress, vote of the First Branch Chair, and of the Chapter Chairs***
- ***Assistance in the organization of the Congress in the branches***

Dear comrade,

The National Political Committee gathered on September 13, 2020 adopted the launch of the procedure leading to the 79th Congress of the Socialist Party to be held in Villeurbanne on December 12 and 13, 2020.

This circular, resulting from the work of the National Commission on the Preparation of the Congress, aims to specify the terms adopted during the National Congress Committee meeting per the party bylaws. Most of the organizational arrangements for the Villeurbanne congress are identical to those applied at the previous Aubervilliers congress.

As part of this congress phase, other circulars will clarify or supplement certain organizational arrangements.

## 1- Calendar.

- Sunday, September 13, 2020: National Council launching the Congress procedure;
- From September 25 to October 24, 2020: filing and publication of thematic contributions in the space provided for this purpose;
- Saturday October 24, 2020: National Council for the Deposit of Guidance Texts;
- Thursday November 26, 2020: membership vote on the Orientation Texts;
- Thursday, December 3, 2020: membership vote of the First National Chair;
- Saturday December 5 or Sunday December 6, 2020: Branch Congresses – Candidate registration for the positions of Branch chair;
- Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 December 2020: 79th Congress in Villeurbanne;
- From Thursday, December 17, 2020 to Thursday, January 14, 2020: militant vote on the branch and chapters chairs. It will be up to each branch, in conjunction with the national political committee, to determine the date.

## 2- Deposit of thematic contributions.

The National Council of September 13, 2020 adopted the organization of a thematic contribution phase to allow everyone to participate in the internal debates of the Party and its future directions. In order to open this phase to as many people as possible, the submission of a thematic contribution will not be conditional on the signature of a member of the National Council.

In order to allow civil society to participate in our work, associations or unions may also submit thematic contributions.

Thematic contributions must be posted on the dedicated page of the Party's website: [https://www.parti-socialiste.fr/contrib\\_thematiques](https://www.parti-socialiste.fr/contrib_thematiques). The submissions rules will be available on that page.

In order to be admissible, a thematic contribution must be signed either by:

- at least one full member of the National Political Committee;
- at least ten up-to-date members from three different branches;
- a chapter, after adoption by a chapter General Assembly;
- a branch, after adoption by the Branch Council.

They may also be accompanied by the signatures of members and, where appropriate, sympathizers, associative actors, personalities from organized civil society, or citizens who recognize themselves in the values of the Socialist Party.

The possibility of contributing to the congress debate through thematic contributions may be open to associations, unions and collectives that recognize themselves in the values of the Socialist Party.

Thematic contributions must not exceed 15,000 characters and must respect the values and principles of the Charter of the Socialist Party.

### **3- Deposit of Guidance Texts.**

The final text of each Orientation Text will be recorded by the National Council which will be held on October 24, 2020. To this end, they must be submitted to the session chair before 3 p.m., in paper format and on a USB key (document in .doc format) to which will be appended at least the list of its first 15 signatories (full members of the National Council), as well as the sponsorship forms duly completed and signed (attached in appendix 1 of this circular).

The Guidance Texts must not exceed, excluding the list of the first signatories, 50,000 characters including spaces.

Applicants will have until Monday, October 26, 2020 at 12 noon to send an electronic version of the Guidance Texts, purged of any typos to the Coordination of the Socialist Party at the following email address: (coordination@parti-socialiste.fr).

The Orientation Texts and the list of their first signatories will be sent as soon as possible to the branches and members, as provided for in the statutes. This transmission will be made electronically. They will also be posted on the Party's website. A link to the website of each guidance text will appear at the bottom of each published text. Guidance texts can be sent to Socialist Party activists in hard copy on request (no Internet connection, no email, difficulty in reading).

At the end of the period for depositing guidance texts, a specific circular will specify the arrangements for organizing the debate as well as the vote.

### **4- Electoral body.**

To vote, members must:

- Have joined by May 26, 2020 at the latest;
- Be up to date with their membership dues and all of their elected representative's dues, it being understood that it is possible to update oneself at the time of the vote; it is possible to update your membership dues by regularizing only the year 2020 (with the exception of elected officials who must pay their membership dues in full).

With regard to the YDS, any member of the YDS whose card for the current year has been centralized at the National Office of the YDS and who requests it, in accordance with article 2.1.9 of the statutes, becomes a member of the Socialist Party without additional contribution the first year. The conditions governing the voting rights of these comrades are the same as those in force for Party members: at least 6 months of service within the Socialist Party is therefore required to vote.

All the operations of establishing the Party's membership lists are carried out under the control of the National Membership Office. If, in the period between January 1 and May 26, 2020, a wave of memberships in very large numbers and likely to modify the sincerity of the ballot were observed in a chapter, the National Office could bring back the date stopping the electorate as of January 1, 2020.

Any regularization of contribution made in cash can only take place on an exceptional basis, within the limit of 10% of the members of the chapter. In this case, it must be the subject of a receipt signed by the chapter treasurer and given to the member, with a compulsory copy to the president of the Federal Membership Board.

### **5- Federal congress organizing committees.**

The branch congress preparation committees must be set up no later than Tuesday, September 29, 2020. In accordance with article 3.2.3 of the internal regulations, they are made up of the branch chair, the chairs of the chapters in that branch and two representatives per orientation text of the Aubervilliers congress, with a goal of parity. Following the deposit of the Guidance Texts, this composition will change: two representatives per Guidance Text filed will replace the representatives of the previous Guidance Texts.

### **6- Elections of the First National Secretary**

A specific circular will detail the arrangements for organizing the election of the First National Secretary.

### **7- Federal Congress, vote of the First Federal Secretary, and of the Section Secretary.**

A specific circular will detail the organizational arrangements for Federal Congresses, the election calendar for the Branch and Chapters chairs.

## 8 - Assistance in organizing the Congress in the federations

If you have any questions regarding the organization and running of the Congress, we invite you to call us on 01 81 94 05 00 or send us an email at [assistancecongres2020@parti-socialiste.fr](mailto:assistancecongres2020@parti-socialiste.fr). A response will be provided by the Party services as soon as possible.



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