

26TH WORLD ENERGY CONGRESS 2025

VOTING PROCEDURE AND FAQs

How is the host venue selected?

- Bids presented for voting have been reviewed by the Council Secretariat to ensure they meet the essential criteria to host the World Energy Congress. The Officers and Finance Committee of the Council also confirm each bid's eligibility.
- The selection vote is carried out by secret ballot of eligible member committees.

When can my member committee vote?

- The voting platform will open on **7 October 2020** at 12.00 (London time) and close on **6 November 2020** at 17.00 (London time). Please ensure you meet the deadline for voting.

Who is eligible to vote?

- Each member committee in good standing ("good standing" means all payments owed, including subscriptions for 2020, have been paid) will be permitted to cast its vote using a secure electronic online voting platform.
- Each eligible member committee has one vote only.
- The vote is cast by the nominated voting representative for the member committee identified in advance to the Council Secretariat. This is either the Secretary or the Chair, as advised to the Council Secretariat.

How will Member Committees vote?

- The online voting facility is run by electionrunner.com, an encrypted, secure site specialising in online anonymous voting.
- Member committees in good standing will each receive an email to the nominated representative for voting provided to the Council. This is usually the Secretary or the Chair.
- The email will contain an invitation to vote, and a unique, single use code.
- Member committees in good standing shall receive their codes on 7 October 2020.
- When the voter has cast their vote, they are able to download a confirmation receipt of voting.
- All Members should ensure that their email details are up to date with the Council Secretariat via memberservices@worldenergy.org, or through their respective Regional Manager.
- It is the responsibility of the Member Committee to ensure that their unique code is used only by the authorised voting representative. The Secretariat takes no responsibility for any code that is used by accident or without permission of the member committee.

How does the vote work?

- Given that there are only two bidders, voters will only select their preferred option and the winner will be decided by simple majority.
- In the unlikely event of a tie, a second ballot will be scheduled.

What if we are in arrears?

- If you are in arrears, you still can pay your outstanding subscription(s) during the voting period to ensure you are able to vote before the 6 November 2020 deadline.
- If you pay your subscriptions during the voting period, you will receive your voting code within 2 business days of receipt of payment.

We did not get an email with the code, even though we have no arrears

- First, please check your junk mail filter after 7 October 2020 to ensure the email is not in your junk or spam folder.
- Second, please check with the Council Secretariat Membership Services team to confirm that your voting representative email address is correct. Contact memberservices@worldenergy.org You will be required to validate your identity if you wish to change the email address we have on file for you.
- It may be possible to re-send or to generate a new code for a Member Committee if the code has not been used. **However, if it has been used, a new code will not be provided as your vote will have already been cast.**

What if I change my mind? Can I vote again?

- No, **you can only vote once**, so please vote carefully. Bidders for the World Energy Congress have put a lot of time, resource and effort into their bids for your consideration.
- Under no circumstances can a vote be cancelled or withdrawn once placed. This means that when you vote, it is final.

Who can see how we have voted?

- No one else will be able to see how you have voted. All votes are anonymous and through a secure link.
- The website will, however, help the London Secretariat to track whether voters have cast their vote and to remind those who have not yet voted to do so. No staff or third parties are able to see how individual voters have voted.

Is the vote independently monitored?

- The process remains unchanged from the previous World Energy Congress voting process in 2018 when an independent scrutineer was engaged to validate the voting process, and confirmed that the process was protected from interference and fraud and had appropriate processes in place to produce a valid result. Therefore, as the same process is being used, no additional scrutineer is deemed necessary.

Are we voting at the Executive Assembly?

- No, bidders will present their bid at the Executive Assembly on 6 October 2020 and electronic voting will then open on 7 October 2020.

Can I ask someone else to vote for me?

- No. Your vote is yours and as this is electronic, there is no need to nominate any proxies.

What happens next?

- Once voting is complete on 6 November, the Council Secretariat will advise the Officers' Council and the Finance Committee of the outcome for confirmation.
- The winning bidder will then be announced on 16 November 2020. The announcement process will include an email from the Secretary General to both bidders followed by a communication to member committees and an announcement on the Council's website and social media channels.