

## **Gudrun Mosler-Törnström, Standing Rapporteur on Human Rights of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities**



Gudrun Mosler- Törnström is an Austrian politician committed to promoting democracy and citizen participation at local level. She was elected as the first female President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe in October 2016.

After studying system sciences and starting a career in ergonomics, Gudrun Mosler-Törnström entered politics and became a member of the Salzburg provincial parliament in Austria in 1999.

She joined the Austrian delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe in 2009, before going on to head it from 2011. She was President of the Group of Socialists, Greens and Progressive Democrats in 2012-2014,

Chair of the Chamber of Regions during 2014-2016, and Chair of the Monitoring Committee in 2021-2023.

As a member of the Congress, Gudrun Mosler-Törnström took part in several monitoring visits to Council of Europe member countries (Lithuania, Azerbaijan, Sweden, France and Greece) and in the observation of elections in Ukraine, Georgia, Azerbaijan and the Netherlands.

Having been elected President of the Congress in October 2016, she worked to improve the quality of democracy at regional and local level and was very active in promoting better community relations characterised by mutual respect and acceptance of diversity. Gudrun Mosler-Törnström also strove to raise the profile of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and sought to raise awareness in Austria of the lessons learnt from its work.

Since March 2024, Gudrun Mosler-Törnström is the Standing Rapporteur on Human Rights of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities.

Her professional commitment to human rights, democracy, and the rule of law is complemented by her personal commitment as a volunteer working to help disadvantaged young people in Salzburg and to preserve the environment.