

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to submit for your consideration my candidacy for the position of Vice-President of the Chamber of Local Authorities.

I have been a member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities since 2017, and over these years I have had the privilege of gaining rich and diverse experience. This path has allowed me to closely appreciate the concrete value of the Congress's work in safeguarding and strengthening local democracy in our territories.

We are currently living through a complex historical phase, marked by profound challenges that test citizens' trust in institutions and the very resilience of democratic systems. In this context, the role of the Congress becomes even more essential: promoting dialogue, supporting local self-government, and defending democratic principles represent a responsibility that calls on us with urgency.

My administrative experience as a Mayor has further strengthened this awareness: I have seen firsthand how fundamental it is to have strong, transparent local institutions capable of responding to the needs of communities. For this reason, I deeply believe in the mission of the Congress as a place for dialogue, for sharing best practices, and for growth—not only institutional, but also personal and collective.

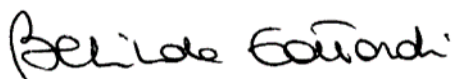
Over the years, I have found in the Congress an authentic space for dialogue among diverse experiences, united by common values. It is this dimension—both human and political—that motivates me to put my experience and commitment at your disposal.

It would be a great honour to have the opportunity to serve as Vice-President of the Chamber of Local Authorities, contributing—through responsibility, a spirit of cooperation, and vision—to strengthening our common work.

Trusting in your support, I thank you for your attention and remain at your disposal for any further discussion.

Yours sincerely,

Belinda Gottardi

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Belinda Gottardi". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Belinda" and the last name "Gottardi" clearly distinguishable.

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