

Sommervieu, 25/03/2026,

To

**The members of the Chamber of local
authorities of the Congress**

Dear Sir, Madam,

In 2019, as a young French mayor, I had the opportunity to attend a session of the Congress among the youth delegates. This experience strengthened my willingness as an elected representative and my great interest in local democracy.

In 2022, I entered the French delegation as a mayor and vice-president of my county, Calvados. I soon wished to get involved in the work of the Congress, notably by being a rapporteur of subjects for which I could bring some interest or experience, for instance the democratic role of local media, the fight against rural depopulation, or access to healthcare in local areas. My involvement was acknowledged by the bureau of the Congress who proposed to nominate me as deputy standing rapporteur on human rights in 2024.

Following the renewal of the Congress this year, I now wish to get more involved on the work of the **Chamber of Local Authorities**. The subjects and thematics we share in the Chamber are deeply relevant for representatives of all levels of local authorities. This Chamber gives us opportunities to share experiences between pairs and speak out for the Congress in our own communities. I thus welcomed a delegation from the Congress in Normandy to study the preparation and resilience of the population facing the rise of the sea level. My role as a member of this Chamber is therefore to bring out the questions and challenges we are facing in our communities and sharing back to them the work the Congress is doing, its purposes and its achievements.

I would then be honored to become a vice-president of the Chamber of Local Authorities. Dear Sir, Madam, you can be sure of my complete commitment to speak out for the Congress and the local authorities of the 46 member states of the Council of Europe.

Best regards,



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