

## Motivation Letter

I submit this letter of motivation as a part of a dossier supporting my application for the position of vice-president of the Chamber of Local Authorities and therefore the vice-president of the congress and the member of the Bureau of the Congress.

Keeping in mind my experience acquired throughout the professional carrier, I can offer quality input necessary for attaining the objectives of the Bureau member. An attractive combination of academic knowledge and ongoing practical experience in the relevant fields, as well as good knowledge of the Council of Europe, its structures, legal instruments and working methods should be instrumental in understanding the needs of the LAs in CoE member states and its responsibilities enshrined in the European Charter on Local Self-governance.

I have profound experience in legal and political matters concerning the functioning of local and regional democracy. For a number of years I was involved in the Georgian local politics, serving as a member of Tbilisi city Assembly and Acting Mayor of Tbilisi, the capital city of Georgia. As an lawyer I was involved in drafting and evaluation of international and national legislative pieces, reform strategies and action plans, analytical, comparative and monitoring reports, elaboration of training modules and guidelines, as well as actual implementation of training activities for the target groups including elected and appointed representatives of the local self-government.

The extensive knowledge of European Charter and other relevant standards, coupled with the good knowledge and the professional contacts in CoE member states should also be of added value for carrying out the assigned tasks.

As a member of the congress I am affiliated with the EPP/CCE political group from the beginning of my mandate at the congress, I take active part in all activities and motions of this political group at the congress and enjoy support from members of this political group in my work at home and at the congress. What is more, in 2016-2017 I hold the position of the Vice-President of Chamber of Region of the Congress which gave me significant experience and the opportunity to use this experience for the well-being of my country.

I would like to pay your attention to the fact that my domestic political party UNM that is the major opposition party in Georgia is member of EPP group and we actively promote objectives of EPP in Georgia

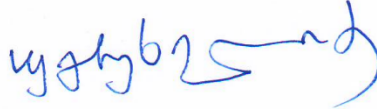
and at the European political arena. I would like to highlight that my election as a vice-president of the congress will promote not only my political party, but it will highly contribute in strengthening of local governments and high visibility of EPP in Georgia.

The details are explored in the CV that is included in the present dossier.

I remain at your disposal should you require any additional information,

17.03.2021

UGREKHELIDZE Sevdia

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'UGREKHELIDZE Sevdia', written in a cursive style.

Member of Mtskheta Municipal Council

Member of The Georgian Delegation to the Congress

EPP/CCE



## **Sevdia Ugrekhelidze**

A member of the Georgian delegation in the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities since 2009.

A lawyer.

Since 1992 worked in various human rights organizations.

A member of the United National Movement (UNM) since its foundation, 2001.

In 2004 was elected in Tbilisi Sakrebulo (Assembly) served as a chairperson of commission of human rights and legal issues.

In 2013–2014 served as a Tbilisi Vice–Mayor and acting Mayor.

2014–2017 a member of Tbilisi municipality Sakrebulo (Assembly) a chairperson of faction ‘United National Movement’

Since 2017 a member of Mtsketa municipality of Sakrebulo (Assembly).

2009 Was involved in founding Tbilisi municipality project 'Tbilisians Lawyer' – free legal aid for municipality citizens, under her leadership the project attracted many law students in municipal law and grew into biggest legal clinic in the country.

Sevdia Ugrekhelidze is an active member of the congress, served a deputy chairperson of the governance committee, vice president of the regional chamber in 2016–2017.

Was involved in the congress observation missions for local elections in Ukraine, Moldova, Serbia, Finland.

As a vice president performed various tasks in the name of the congress president, participated in the meeting of the eastern partnership countries, in Poland and Brussels, represented the president in Armenia.

Sevdia Ugrekhelidze is a lecturer at the Ilia State University, Tbilisi, in municipal law.