

Application vice-president in the Chamber of Local authorities

Letter of candidature

Since 2015, I have served as Lord Mayor of Greifswald, a town of 60,000 inhabitants on the Baltic Sea coast. For the past five years, I have been a member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities. Initially, I served on the Good Governance Committee, and since last year, I have been a member of the Monitoring Committee. At present, I am participating in an election observation mission in Serbia, and I serve as rapporteur for the application of the Charter in the smallest states.

I am convinced that it is at the local level where the resilience of democracy, the rule of law, and human rights must be assessed, monitored, and defended. The Congress can play a valuable and important role in addressing these crucial challenges for our future.

I am standing for election as Vice-President of the Chamber of Local Authorities in order to take on greater responsibility for these important tasks.

I was born in 1966 in Munich, Germany, and grew up in Algiers, Algeria, and Ulm, Germany. I studied archaeology, history, and theology in Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany, and Aix-en-Provence, France. From 1996 to 1999, I worked in Paderborn, Germany, on a major historical exhibition. I then spent 16 years as Head of the Historical Department at the Pomeranian State Museum in Greifswald, where I was responsible for developing the collections and exhibitions.

In 2015, I was elected Lord Mayor of Greifswald and re-elected in 2022. I am a member of the presidiums of the German Association of Cities (Deutscher Städtetag) and the Association of Cities and Municipalities of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (Städte- und Gemeindetag Mecklenburg-Vorpommern), as well as a member of the Main Committee of the German section of CEMR.

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Stefan Fassbinder

