



SAMOS MUNICIPALITY

**HELLENIC REPUBLIC
MUNICIPALITY OF SAMOS
MAYOR'S OFFICE**



MICHALIS ANGELOPOULOS

Samos Island, 31 October 2018

Dear colleagues,

It is with respect and a firm sense of responsibility that I am contacting you in order to bring to your attention my candidature for re-election as Vice-President of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress at the upcoming 35th plenary session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities next week.

I was first elected Vice-President in 2016. During these 2 years, I have served the congress on several occasions promoting its goals and priorities, I believe with dedication and a strong sense of responsibility.

Please refer underneath to a non-exhaustive list of the work I have carried out on behalf of the congress (11/2016 - 10/2018).

- I was the co-rapporteur for the verification of the new Congress members' credentials and alternative thematic spokesperson of the Congress on "South-Mediterranean Partnership"
- I represented the President of the Congress to the International Conference of the Spanish Association of Municipalities, held in Valencia, Spain on 15 November 2016 and spoke about Inter-municipality and local democracy.
- Accompanying the President of the Congress Gudrun Mosler-Törnström we were received by the President of the Hellenic Republic, Prokopios Pavlopoulos, in Athens on 25 May 2017 a wide-ranging exchange of views on the situation of refugees in Greece and the role of local authorities, and particularly of the island municipalities receiving refugees was discussed. The role of local and regional authorities in the Council of Europe's member States as well as the political dialogue those authorities need to initiate with central authorities regarding the main challenges they are faced with was also discussed.
- I committed myself to the promotion of the '1 in 5 Pact' campaign (stop sexual violence against children) at the local level strengthening the cooperation between the Central Union of Municipalities of Greece (KEDE) and the Congress. On her visit in Athens, on 1st September 2017, the Chair of the Congress Current Affairs Committee, Gabriele NEFF, held talks with the President of KEDE to further promote the Pact.
- As co-rapporteur together with Marianne Hollinger (Switzerland, L, ILDG) we carried out the first monitoring visit to Monaco since it has ratified the European Charter of Local Self-Government in 2013, drafting and presenting to the plenary recommendation 417(2018) [CG34(2018)16] on Local democracy in Monaco.
- I presented the work of the Congress and, in particular, its report on "The situation of Roma and Travellers in the context of rising extremism, xenophobia and the refugee crisis in

Europe" adopted in 2016 at the conference on "Strengthening Roma networks at local and regional level" held in Athens on 12 April 2018.

- As co-rapporteur, I participated to the delegation of the Congress that carried out a monitoring visit to Georgia from 17 to 18 April 2018. The delegation examined the situation of local and regional democracy in the light of the provisions of the European Charter of Local Self-Government, ratified by Georgia in 2004. With my co-rapporteur on local and regional democracy, Mr. Stewart DICKSON (United-Kingdom, ILDG) we focused on the developments in the field of local and regional democracy drafting and presenting to the plenary recommendation [CG35(2018)18] on Local and Regional democracy in Georgia.
- As Congress Vice-President, I opened the seminar which brought together Congress members and experts, in Minsk, on 11 September 2018, to discuss the situation of local self-government in Belarus. In particular, I presented the European Charter of Local Self-Government and the monitoring activities carried out by the Congress.
- As Vice-president of the Congress and alternate Spokesperson on the South-Med Partnership, I participated in the Conference on Migrant, Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women and Girls in the Euro-Mediterranean Region, organised by the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity of the Council of Europe (North-South Centre), on 3-4 October 2018, in Athens, Greece. A conference that brought together representatives of governments, national parliaments, local and regional authorities and civil society experts from several European countries, as well as from countries of the southern Mediterranean.

Furthermore, in my capacity as head of the Greek Delegation to the Congress, I would like to reassure you of our strong belief for an active participation to both the works of the Congress and of its Committees, ensuring a continuous and useful relation between the Congress and the Greek Municipalities. This also reflects my personal conviction for a strong European co-operation and for an enhanced application of the European Charter of Local Self Government. I commit myself to work with inspiration for the fulfillment and the implementation of the work plan of the Congress so as of the basic principles of the Council of Europe.

As Greece is still facing an economic crisis that has brought significant implications to the function of Local authorities and, taking into account that the sustained refugee crisis and the related migration issues has especially affected the island of Samos, to which I have the honour to serve as its Mayor, I sincerely feel that my contribution to the work of the Congress the next two years, will be a positive one.

I will gladly be at your disposal for any further information and clarification you may wish on my candidature and I am looking forward to present my views before the plenary session.

I would greatly appreciate if you would endorse my effort and I would be much obliged and honored to have your trust and support.

A brief CV is hereby attached also my Declaration of Candidature and Motivation letter.

Sincerely yours,



Michalis Angelopoulos,

Mayor, Samos Island, Greece.

3rd Vice President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the CoE (LOCAL)

Head, Greek Delegation, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the CoE.

Former Vice-Chair, Monitoring Committee, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities.

Member, Executive Board, Central Union of Municipalities of Greece (KEDE).



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Declaration of candidature

Election to the post of Vice-President of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

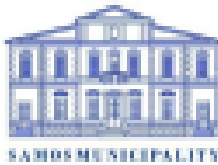
Candidature of: **ANGELOPOULOS Michail, Greece, (L, PPE/CCE-EPP/CCE)**

Dear Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress,

I hereby submit my candidature for the position of **Vice-President of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress** for the election that will take place on **6 November 2018** during the 35th Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

Please find attached a motivation letter as well as a short CV.

Michail Angelopoulos,
Mayor, Samos Island, Greece.
Vice President, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the CoE.
Head, Greek Delegation, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the CoE.
Member, Executive Board, Central Union of Municipalities of Greece (KEDE).



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Motivation Letter

Election to the post of Vice-President of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

Candidature of: **ANGELOPOULOS Michalis, Greece, (L, PPE/CDCE-EPP/CDCE)**
Mayor of Samos Island, Vice President of the Congress and
Head of the Greek Delegation.

Dear Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress,

According to the Rules and Procedures of the Congress, I hereby present my motivation letter in relation to my candidature for the position of Vice-President of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress.

Dear colleagues,

Having gained substantial experience serving:

a. **local authorities** as a Mayor of the Greek border island of Samos which is affected severely by the refugee/migration crisis and as an elected member to the Board of the Central Union of Municipalities of Greece (KEDE) since 2014

b. **regional authorities** as a Governor of the Greek Region of East Macedonia & Thrace for 3,5 years (2004-2007), and having a long professional experience as a lawyer specialising on European law and affairs

c. **the Congress** as its Vice President for the period 2016-2018, Vice President of the Monitoring Committee (2016) and Head of the Greek delegation since 2014

I can assure you that I have the proper qualification, motivation and engagement for an active and constructive involvement with the works of our Congress in the next two years. I am fully committed to the work of the Congress and its priorities and for an increased implementation of the European Charter of Local Self- Government. I commit myself to work with inspiration for the fulfilment of these goals alongside with the basic principles of the Council of Europe and my personal conviction for a strong European co-operation on a local and regional level of government as I have done in the past two years.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michalis Angelopoulos,
Mayor, Samos Island, Greece
Vice President, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the CoE.
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BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE

Michalis (Michail) ANGELOPOULOS

MAYOR, SAMOS ISLAND, GREECE

Vice-President to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe since October 2016.

Head, Greek Delegation, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe since 2014.

POLITICAL CAREER:

- In May 2014, was elected **Mayor of Samos Island**.
- In October 2014, was elected **member of the Board and the Executive Committee of the Central Union of Greek Municipalities (KEDE)** representing 325 municipalities in Greece.
- In November 2014, was elected **president of the Commission on Insularity of KEDE**.
- From 2008 to 2009 served as **Secretary (Head), of the Secretariat of Administrative Reform of the Greek Ministry of Interior** and contributed significantly to the use of EU funds in relation to the program "Administrative Reform", with a budget of EUR 675 million euros.
- From 2004 to 2007 was **General Secretary (Governor) of the Greek Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace**. During his mandate, an increase occurred of absorbency related to European projects subsidized by the structured funds for Eastern Macedonia and Thrace from 13% to 70%, while 250 private investment projects amounting to 200,000,000 Euros were approved and implemented.
- From 2004 to 2007 was president of the **Balkan & Black Sea Commission of the Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR)**.
- President of the Greek section of the **International European Movement**, (the oldest pan-European organisation with national sections in 39 countries).

CONGRESS EXPERIENCE:

- Since October 2016, Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.
- Since October 2014, Head of the Greek Delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.
- He has also served as vice-president of the Monitoring Committee of the Congress, 2016 (February/October).

EDUCATION:

- Studied Law at the Law School of the University of Athens. Graduated with first class honors in 1979.
- Obtained a post-graduate degree in European Law from the University of Brussels (Université Libre de Bruxelles - Licence Spéciale)
- Obtained a post-graduate degree in International Relations from the Center for Strategic and Diplomatic Studies in Paris (Centre d'Etudes Diplomatiques et Stratégiques - CEDS).

LANGUAGES: English, French, Spanish and Italian.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Attorney at law, member of the Athens Bar Association since 1981, practicing law in Athens, Greece specializing mainly in European law and on the implementation of the European Convention of Human Rights.
- In 2013 was appointed Chief Legal Advisor of the Hellenic Electricity Distribution Network Operator S.A. (DEDDHE).
- Served as Fellow-consultant at the European Parliament, (Committees on Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights and External Economic Relations) attached to the European People's Party group.
- Legal Advisor of the European Commission's Representation Office in Athens, Greece (Euro-jus Network) for 9 years (1995-2004).
