

## **Alexander DROZDENKO**

Governor of the Leningrad Region

**Date of birth:** November 1, 1964

**Place of birth:** Kazakhstan, USSR

**Education:** higher education, in 1986 graduated from the Leningrad Agricultural Institute.

**Degrees:** Ph.D. in Economics



### **Activity in the Russian Federation**

1988 - 1993 – Chairman of the Kingisepp City Council of People's Deputies of the Leningrad Region (elected).

1993 - 1995 – Deputy Mayor of Kingisepp District of the Leningrad Region.

1996 - 2002 – Mayor, Head of Kingisepp District municipality of the Leningrad Region (elected).

2002 - 2012 – Vice-Governor of the Leningrad Region.

In May 2012 the Legislative Assembly of the Leningrad Region vested Mr.Alexander Drozdenko with authority of the Governor of the Leningrad Region upon proposal of the President of the Russian Federation.

In the Governor election on September 13, 2015 Mr.Alexander Drozdenko received 82.1% of the votes cast.

Member of the State Council of the Russian Federation (in 2014-2015 – member of the State Council Presidium, since 2018 – Co-Chairman of the State Council Subgroup on Digital Economy).

Member of the Marine Board under the Government of the Russian Federation.

Mr.Alexander Drozdenko conducts a policy aimed at improving regional and municipal legislation, both administrative and financial, to ensure sustainable socio-economic development of municipalities and the entire region.

He is an active supporter of development of the direct democracy institutions, new tools and forms of the population self-organization (village headmen, community councils, initiative commissions). Based on his own experience of municipal management, he constantly promotes initiatives on institutionalising of these instruments.

## **Activity within the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe**

Since October 2016 Mr.Alexander Drozdenko has been the representative of the Russian Federation to the Chamber of Regions of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe. He has regularly taken part in the debates on topical issues of local self-government within the framework of the Congress sessions.

On his initiative an interactive multimedia presentation of the Leningrad Region dedicated to the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the region took place in the Palace of Europe on 19<sup>th</sup> of October, 2017, during the 33<sup>rd</sup> plenary session of the Congress.

A scientific conference devoted to the humanitarian relations between the North-West of Russia and Alsace was held at the National and University Library of Strasbourg. A theatrical concert “Leningrad Nights”, open to all residents and guests of Strasbourg, was held in the Cathedral of St. Thomas.

## **International Activity**

Mr.Alexander Drozdenko has initiated a significant number of people’s diplomacy projects with partner regions from Armenia, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovenia and the USA.

2012-2018 – permanent participant of the St.Petersburg International Economic Forum. In 2018 he took part in the Russia–France business dialogues (with participation of the presidents of the two countries) and Russia–Finland business dialogues (as a speaker).

Co-organizer of business forums “Day of Entrepreneurs: Russia in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern” (Germany) in 2014, 2016, 2018.

Initiator and organizer of the Days of German Economy in the Leningrad Region in 2015 and 2017.

Coordinator of the Leningrad Region participation in EU-Russia cross-border cooperation programmes: “Russia–South-East Finland”, “Russia–Estonia”, “Russia–Latvia”, transboundary programme “Interreg Baltic Sea Region”.

## **State Awards**

Order “For Merit to the Fatherland”, IV degree

Order of Honor

Order of Friendship

Medal of the Order “For Merit to the Fatherland”, I degree

Medal of the Order “For Merit to the Fatherland”, II degree

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Government of the Leningrad Region

3 November 2018

**Motivation Letter**

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

Candidature of: **DROZDENKO Alexander, Russian Federation (R, EPP/CCE)  
Governor of the Leningrad Region**

Dear Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Regions of the Congress,

Dear colleagues,

I hereby submit my candidature for the office of the Vice-President of the Chamber of Regions of the Congress to be elected during the 35th session of the Congress and would like to present my motivation letter.

Being a representative of the Chamber of Regions from the Russian Federation, a full member of the Governance Committee and the EPP/CCE Group member I hold the office of the Governor of the Leningrad Region of the Russian Federation. I would like to emphasize that over the course of 14 years I have gained extensive management experience on various positions within local authorities (see enclosed biography) and starting from 2002 – within regional authorities, including the offices of Vice-Governor of the Governor of the Leningrad Region.

I have the honour to be a member of the State Council of the Russian Federation and a member of the Marine Board under the Government of the Russian Federation.

One of the fundamental conditions of sustainable socio-economic development of municipalities and the entire region is a policy aimed at improving regional and municipal legislation, both administrative and financial in the spirit of the values of the European Charter of Local Self-Government.

My support of the direct democracy institutions, as well as new tools and forms of the population self-organization (village headmen, community councils, initiative commissions) is based on the conviction that the public good and justice can only be achieved through direct contacts between authorities and the people.

I represent a region which holds a leading position in the Russian Federation in the field of international and cross-border cooperation with partners from the European Union countries.

I am convinced that participation of the Russian representative in the Congress Bureau will contribute to a more effective promotion of values and priorities of the Congress in the Russian Federation, including recommendations developed during the monitoring procedures.

I would like to emphasize that I am fully committed to the work of the Congress and its priorities and for the increased implementation of the European Charter of Local Self-Government and to the fulfillment of these goals alongside with the basic principles of the Council of Europe aimed at strengthening cooperation at local and regional level.

Thank you for your consideration,

Alexander DROZDENKO,  
Governor of the Leningrad Region, Russian Federation  
Russia, R, EPP/CCE



35-я сессия Конгресса  
6-8 ноября 2018 года

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Ленинградская область  
Администрация Ленинградской области

2 ноября 2018 года

**Мотивационное письмо**

**Выборы на пост заместителя Председателя Палаты регионов  
Конгресса местных и региональных властей Совета Европы.**

Кандидатура: **Александр ДРОЗДЕНКО, Российская Федерация (ПР, ЕНП)  
Губернатор Ленинградской области**

Уважаемый Исполнительный секретарь Палаты регионов Конгресса!

Уважаемые коллеги!

Настоящим выдвигаю свою кандидатуру на пост заместителя Председателя Палаты регионов Конгресса, выборы которого состоятся в ходе 35-й сессии КМРВСЕ, и представляю вашему вниманию свое мотивационное письмо.

Являясь представителем Палаты регионов от Российской Федерации, полноправным членом Комитета по управлению и членом политической группы «Европейская народная партия», я занимаю пост Губернатора Ленинградской области Российской Федерации. Хотел бы подчеркнуть, что за 14 лет мной приобретен обширный управленческий опыт на различных должностях в органах местного самоуправления (см. прилагаемую биографию), а с 2002 года - в региональных органах власти, включая должности заместителя Губернатора и Губернатора Ленинградской области.

Для меня большая честь быть членом Государственного совета Российской Федерации, а также членом Морской коллегии при Правительстве Российской Федерации.

Исхожу из проведения политики, направленной на совершенствование регионального и муниципального законодательства, как административного,

так и финансового, для обеспечения устойчивого социально-экономического развития муниципальных образований и всего региона.

Кроме того, я активно выступаю за развитие институтов прямой демократии, а также новых инструментов и форм самоорганизации населения (сельские старосты, общественные советы, инициативные комиссии).

Я представляю регион, который в Российской Федерации является лидером в сфере межрегионального и приграничного сотрудничества с партнерами из стран Европейского Союза.

Убежден, что участие российского представителя в Бюро Конгресса позволит более эффективно продвигать ценности и приоритеты Конгресса в Российской Федерации, включая рекомендации, сделанные в ходе мониторинговых процедур.

Хотел бы подчеркнуть, что я всецело привержен работе Конгресса и его приоритетам, повышению эффективности реализации Европейской хартии местного самоуправления и достижению этих целей наряду с основными принципами Совета Европы в интересах укрепления сотрудничества местном и региональном уровнях.

Спасибо за внимание!

Александр ДРОЗДЕНКО,  
Губернатор Ленинградской области  
Российской Федерации



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