

**Name:** Leen Verbeek  
**Place and date of birth:** 5 March 1954, Leiderdorp (the Netherlands)

**Council of Europe experience:**

March 2021- present **President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe**  
 2016 - March 2021 Chair of the Monitoring Committee; in 2018 elected for a second term as Chair of the Monitoring Committee  
 Full member of Congress (CLRAE)  
 Advisor of the Bureau of CLRAE  
 Member of the Bureau Group of Socialists, Greens and Progressive Democrats  
 Head Dutch delegation (since 2014)  
 Thematic spokesperson 'preventing radicalization' (2015-2018)  
 Advisor of the Venice Commission  
 Member of the Statutory Forum (since 2014)  
 Rapporteur Ensuring respect of European Charter in major crisis situations (2021)  
 Rapporteur fact-finding mission Turkey (2016-2017)  
 Missions to Bosnia-Herzegovina (post monitoring local elections, 2017), Morocco (Parliamentary colloquium on decentralization, 2017), Ukraine (programme on democracy, 2017), Belarus (round table conference on local democracy, 2018)

2010 - 2016 **Vice-President of the Chamber of Regions** (since 2014)  
 Member of the Bureau (since 2014)  
 Full member of Congress and the Monitoring Committee  
 Vice-President Group of Socialists, Greens and Progressive Democrats (2014-2016)  
 Co-rapporteur on Local and Regional Democracy reports in Spain (2012/2013), Slovak Republic (2015) and Estonia (2016)

**Work experience:**

2008 - present **King's Commissioner in the Province of Flevoland**  
 - This function is comparable to that of governor of a region. The King's Commissioner is both chair of the provincial parliament and president of the provincial government. This position is politically neutral, he is expected to offer an independent perspective on policies of the provincial government. In combining these two roles, The King's Commissioner is able to provide continuity and balance in politics. In June 2020 reappointed on the recommendation of the provincial parliament for a third term of six years.  
 - The King's Commissioner advises the Minister of Interior Affairs on the appointment of mayors. He is a public figure representing the province on official occasions. And he defends the interests of the region on a national and international level.

2003 - 2008 **Mayor of the town of Purmerend**  
 Member of the executive board of the Amsterdam Metropolitan Region

1994 - 2003 **Verbeek Interim Management & Consultancy Ltd.**

1990 - 1994 **Alderman for the municipality of Houten for the Labour Party**

**Relevant additional functions:**

- Chair of the Committee of recommendation of Amnesty International, department Almere
- Chair of the board of Dutch Governors (Commissioners of the King)
- Chair Supervisory Board Victim Support Netherlands
- President of the Delta Metropolis Association (including Amsterdam, The Hague, Rotterdam and Utrecht)
- Co-founder and chair of International Tree Fund (rural projects Costa Rica and Guatemala)