



Conservative party (EPP)

Dear colleagues,

I, Hereby, declare my availability for the election for President of the Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

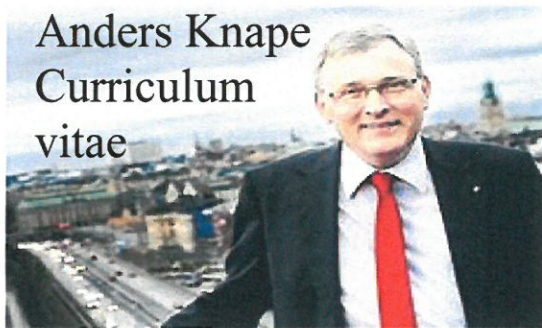
Local and regional authorities are the foundation of our democracy, upon which, the human rights and our well-being of the citizens depend. It is our duty to protect and guarantee these rights within all our member States. Our daily work is to continue the consolidation of local democracy and local autonomy within the Council of Europe, to help through dialogue each member to reach the objectives of the European Charter of Local Self-Government. The Congress must be a strong voice in the European concert in order to promote a stronger local and regional democracy, ensure good governance and strengthen the principle of subsidiarity and the right of consultation.

My hope is that together we will be able to strengthen the Congress work with the following priorities, among others:

- Ensure the Congress position in the Council of Europe
- Continuing to improve monitoring and election observation activities
- Defending the right to consultation
- Strengthen post-monitoring dialogue
- Fast track gender equality policy in the Congress and in the member States
- Pursuing work on the Human Rights Handbook
- Implementing the strategy against corruption
- Working on integration of migrants.
- Supporting the work of the Alliance of Cities and Regions on Roma inclusion.
- To combat populism and all forms of intolerance and radicalisation
- Encourage and improve youth participation

Yours Sincerely





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**Born 1955, lives in Karlstad, Sweden**

**Married, two children**

**Education and profession: Economist**

Member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe since 1994

Vice President of the Swedish Association of Local and Regional Authorities since 2015

Lord Mayor, City of Karlstad since 2014

Member of the bureau, Committee of the Regions since 2007

Executive President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions since 2010

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

President of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress, 2014-2018

Thematic rapporteur on the consultation of local authorities. Among earlier rapporteurships: Local and regional democracy in Turkey, Credentials, European Charter of Local Self-Government

### **Swedish Association of Local and Regional Authorities**

President, 2007 - 2015

### **Municipality of Karlstad**

Elected councilor of Karlstad Municipality since 1976

Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Karlstad, 1988 – 2007

Chair of the City Council since 2014

### **Committee of the Regions**

Member since 1995, member of the bureau and Coter Commission

President of Committee for Financial and Administrative Affairs, 2014-2017, Vice President since 2017

### **Awards**

Maximilian Prize, 2016