

CLRAE Committee on Governance,
Civic Engagement and the Environment

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Dear Members of the Congress,

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving as First Vice-Chair of the Committee on Governance, Civic Engagement and the Environment of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities. I am a member of the Swedish Left Party and of CLRAE:s (SOC/G/PD) group.

I bring over three decades of experience as an elected representative at municipal and regional levels in Sweden, serving continuously since 1994. I am currently Group Leader for the Left Party in Region Östergötland, where I remain actively engaged in governance and public policy. Since 2007, I have also served on the board of the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR), contributing to national coordination and development in local and regional governance.

At the European level, I serve as Vice President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), where I have also held responsibility as spokesperson for equality. These roles have provided me with extensive experience in multilevel governance, international cooperation, and the promotion of democratic values across Europe.

The mandate of the Governance Committee closely aligns with both my professional experience and personal commitment. I have a longstanding interest in public administration, civic participation, and the integration of human rights into governance. Earlier in my career, I served as an investigator in the Swedish "Ansvarskommittén," a national commission reviewing and proposing reforms for public administration, which strengthened my understanding of institutional design and accountability.

I am particularly motivated by the Committee's broad scope, covering governance, civic engagement, environmental sustainability, education, and culture, all grounded in a human rights perspective. I strongly support the Congress' priorities under the Reykjavík Declaration and the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, as well as the Committee's collaborative approach and engagement with diverse European and international stakeholders.

On a personal note, I am 50 years old, live in Linköping, and am married with three (more or less) adult children. I have an academic background in political science, religious studies, and communication, which has informed my professional and political work.

I would be honoured to contribute to the leadership of the Governance Committee and support its important work. I am committed to strengthening democratic governance, civic participation, and ensuring that local and regional authorities continue to uphold our shared European values.

Yours sincerely,



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