

**To: Mr. Marc COOLS**

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

Dear Mr. Cools,

Please accept my deepest gratitude for you and the work of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe. I would like to kindly propose you to consider my candidacy for the post of the First Vice-Chair of the Monitoring Committee.

With my extensive experience in local government and international cooperation, along with an understanding of the importance of effective monitoring and implementation of European standards in local and regional governance, I am confident that I could make a significant contribution to the Committee's work.

At the same time, as a delegate and rapporteur of the Congress, I am honored to represent Ukraine on the international stage, focusing on the severe consequences of the aggression by the Russian Federation, which destroys both infrastructure and cultural heritage. It is not only a loss for our country, but also for all of humanity, because cultural heritage is an important element of global identity, as I emphasized in my statement during the Plenary meeting of the 47<sup>th</sup> session. I also stress the need for active international collaboration and support for Ukraine and draw attention to the importance of holding the aggressor accountable for war crimes, which is critical to establishing a just and lasting peace in Europe.

As the Chairman of the Dnipropetrovsk Regional Council and the First Vice-President of the All-Ukrainian Association of Local Self-Government Bodies, I am actively engaged in improving the local governance system, addressing human rights issues, and integrating European standards into regional policy. In turn, as the Head of the National Association of Arbitration Administrators of Ukraine, I have submitted proposals to the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on protecting the rights of foreign investors in bankruptcy proceedings and I also initiated key reforms aimed at improving bankruptcy procedures and raising professional standards in the field of arbitration administration, which are necessary to ensure the independence and effectiveness of the institution of arbitration administrators, who play an important role in maintaining the economic stability and development of Ukraine.

In my work, I am always guided by the principles of transparency, integrity, and sustainable development. One of my key priorities is to strengthen the role of

local authorities in the context of implementing the European Charter of Local Self-Government by the Council of Europe member states.

I also actively work to expand international cooperation and attract grant funding for the development of local communities, including through partnerships with European institutions.

I would be grateful for your consideration of my candidacy and the opportunity to contribute to the work of the Congress. I am eager to support the enhancement of cooperation between local authorities and the structures of the Council of Europe, as well as to strengthen the role of the Congress in promoting democratic local governance across Europe.

I am open to further discussions and look forward to the support of the Congress in implementing joint initiatives.

Yours sincerely,

**Chairman of the Dnipropetrovsk  
Regional Council, Member of the  
Ukrainian delegation to the Congress  
of Local and Regional Authorities  
of the Council of Europe**

Done in Dnipro, Ukraine  
on February 17, 2025



**Mykola LUKASHUK**



## **Mykola LUKASHUK**

### **Chairman of the Dnipropetrovsk Regional Council**

Date and place of birth:

**24.11.1980**, the city of Kryvyi Rih, Dnipropetrovsk region, Ukraine

Statesman and political figure, I have 15 years of professional experience as an arbitration administrator in the field of bankruptcy and recovery of the debtor's solvency. In 2020, I entered the TOP-100 Lawyers of Ukraine, the client's choice in the "Bankruptcy" nomination". I possess the fifth - the highest - level of qualification as an insolvency trustee. Expert in local government and decentralization. Expert in restructuring and bankruptcy.

#### **Education:**

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| 2002 year | Kyiv National Economic University; specialization – Management of Organizations, educational qualification – Specialist;   |
| 2017 year | National University "Odessa Law Academy", specialization "Law", educational qualification – Specialist;  |
| 2024 year | Municipal Higher Education Institution “Dnipro Academy of Continuing Education” of the Dnipropetrovsk Regional Council, specialization: Public management and administration, specialization: Public management and administration, educational qualification – PhD in Philosophy. |
| 2024 year | Kyiv School of Public Administration named after Serhiy Nyzhnyy, course "School of Ministers IX" for senior civil servants.  |

#### **Professional experience:**

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| 2005 – 2020 years | Arbitration administrator<br><i>the right to act as an insolvency administrator was suspended due to the election as the Chairman of the Dnipropetrovsk Regional Council of the VIII convocation</i> |
| 2019 – 2020 years | Head of the Non-Commercial Professional Organization "National Association of Arbitration Administrators of Ukraine"   |
| 2019 – 2020 years | Lawyer<br><i>the right to practice law was suspended due to the election as the Chairman of the Dnipropetrovsk Regional Council of the VIII convocation</i>  |

December of 2020	elected as a member of the Dnipropetrovsk Regional Council of the VIII convocation from the political party "SERVANT OF THE PEOPLE"
December of 2020	elected as the Head of the member fraction of the political party "SERVANT OF THE PEOPLE" of the Dnipropetrovsk Regional Council of the VIII convocation
December of 2020	elected as the Chairman of the Dnipropetrovsk Regional Council
February of 2021	Representative of Ukraine in the Chamber of Regions of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe (Decree of the President of Ukraine dated February 10, 2021 No. 54/2021)
September of 2022	Head of the "Association of Local Authorities in Dnipropetrovsk Region"
September of 2023	First Vice President of the "Ukrainian Association of District and Regional Councils"

**Marital status:** married, raising three children