

Martine Dieschburg-Nickels, Deputy Standing Rapporteur on Human Rights of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities



Martine Dieschburg-Nickels has been a member of the town council in Strassen, a very cosmopolitan municipality in Luxembourg, since 2011. Over 60% of citizens are non-Luxembourgish, representing more than 100 different nationalities. That is why since the beginning of her political mandate, she has been committed to promoting and

strengthening dialogue between communities, fostering social cohesion and inclusion. For her, political engagement means meeting citizens, exchanging ideas with them, listening to their concerns, proposing solutions and encouraging participation.

Since March 2021, she has been a member of the Social Inclusion Committee at the Congress and has contributed actively to its work. In recent years, she has been a rapporteur on various reports, such as:

- Empowering local and regional authorities to combat human trafficking for labour exploitation
- The Declaration of the Congress for the United Nations Second World Summit for Social Development;
- How are social rights guaranteed at the local and regional levels? A comparative study based on selected country examples.

As Vice-President of the Chamber of Local Authorities, she has represented the Congress at various conferences, particularly at the 2025 Paris Summit of Mayors Against Antisemitism.

Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home, so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any map of the world. Yet they are the world of the individual person: the neighborhood he lives in; the school or college he attends; the factory, farm or office where he works. Such are the places where every man, woman and child seeks equal justice, equal opportunity, equal dignity without discrimination. Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world.” ~ Eleanor Roosevelt