

## CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF VICE-CHAIR OF THE CHAMBER OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Helsinki, 17 October 2023

I, Jani Kokko, consent to the nomination as candidate to the position of the Vice-President of the Chamber of Local Authorities.

I have been member of the Congress and member of the Monitoring Committee since 2017 and Vice Chair of the Finnish delegation. In addition, I have been the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair of the Monitoring Committee since 2021, and therefore taken part in monitoring activities in several countries and took part in country reporting. I've participated actively for the work of the Congress and I'm very eager to continue the work for democracy, human rights and rule of law. For the past few years I have seen the challenges facing the work of the Congress I would like to be part of solutions together with all my colleagues in the Congress and secretariat. I believe that I have experience, diplomatic skills and enthusiasm to work with different delegations in the Council of Europe and also with local and regional authorities of the members states for the benefit of the Europeans.

I am committed to work for the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities.



Jani Kokko

Name: Jani Kokko

Country: Finland

Political group: SOC/G/PD

Member of the Chamber of Local Authorities

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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## **CURRENT WORK**

Member of Parliament in Finland

Member of Grand and Defence Committees

## **EDUCATION**

Master of Arts (History)

University of Jyväskylä (2012)

Bachelor of Arts (History)

University of Jyväskylä (2011)

PhD Candidate, University of Jyväskylä

Dissertation: *The Empire of Ideas: The American Values and Institutional Rhetoric of the United States Presidents from George Washington to Barack Obama 1789-2016*

## **CURRENT AND PAST POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**

Council of Europe, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

- Deputy Head of Delegation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair and full member of the Monitoring Committee
- Full member of the Chamber of Regional Authorities
- Auditor (Group of Socialists, Greens and Progressive Democrats) (past)
- Representative of the Chamber of Regions (past)

Other Political Activities

- Member of Parliament in Finland 2023-
- Member and president of the council in the Wellbeing services county in Central Finland 2022-
- Member of Muurame City Council 2009-
- Vice Chair of Muurame City Board 2017-2021
- Member of Central Finland Regional Council 2017-2023
- Member of National Security and International Affairs Advisory Group 2014-2023