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## **ELECTIONS 25th OCTOBER 2023**

**IN THE CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES, COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

### **CANDIDACY FOR THE POSITION OF “VICE-PRESIDENT” CHAMBER OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF THE CONGRESS**

**Candidate Name: Mr. Konstantinos Koukas, Greece (EPP/CCE), Mayor of Mykonos,  
Head of the Greek Delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities**

Dear Congress Colleague, Dear friend,

In the past three years, I was honored to serve as one of the Vice-Presidents in the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (Chamber of Local Authorities) with the support of my Political Group EPP/CCE, together with your encouragement and continuous support. These years have been full of parallel challenges at all levels, which called for action from our side. I am proud to say that we have all tried our best to ensure the promotion of our democratic principles, making the Congress a reference point for all our member states, at local and regional level.

Thus, my ambition is to utilize the experience we have all gained, take up the challenges and continue bringing added value to our member states on the basis of the promotion of democratic principles, as the proposals and decisions of the Congress should always be beneficial for our citizens safeguarding the proper functioning of democracy at local administration level.

Taking into consideration the above, I would like to announce my new candidacy for the position of Vice-President of the Chamber of Local Authorities for the next mandate.

I was born and raised in the island of Mykonos, a very popular Cycladic Island in Greece. Having completed my university education with two Bachelor Degrees (Faculty of Law and Department of Language, Literature and Culture of the Black Sea Countries) and two Master's Degrees (European-International Studies and Tourism-Business Administration Studies), I started my career in politics in 2010, as elected Regional Councilor (South Aegean Region), being the youngest elected regional representative in Greece and first in votes. In January 2012, I was elected Vice-President of the South Aegean Regional Council.

In 2014 and 2019, I was elected Mayor of Mykonos. I am also an elected Vice-President of the Central Union of Municipalities of Greece (KEDE), representing all the Greek Municipalities (332), being the first elected Vice-President coming from insular municipalities in the history of the Union.

In January 2020, I was unanimously elected as Head of the Greek Delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and in November 2020 as Vice-President of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress, a position that I hold until today.



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I strongly believe that I have the suitable qualifications, motivation and engagement for a constructive involvement in the works of the Congress for the upcoming term.

All these years, I have worked hard by participating in our meetings and delegations in the member states. I have gained valuable experience attending Annual Sessions, Plenaries and meetings in Strasbourg. A very important moment for my political career was to speak in the 44th Session of the Congress in March 2023 and highlight the benefits of a mandate given directly by the citizens to a person representing the municipality as a whole.

At the same time, I have acted as Congress delegate in the local elections' observation mission in Albania (2023) and Congress delegate-rapporteur to evaluate and monitor the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Germany (2021), while I am Bureau Rapporteur of the Congress on Budget and Resources and a thematic spokesperson of South-Med Partnership.

I am really proud to have invited and organized -for the first time- the Congress Bureau in Athens, Greece (June 2023), under the auspices of KEDE, organizing and participating in very constructive meetings between the Bureau and Greek local authorities.

Together with the EPP/CCE Group and its members, I look forward to deepening our partnerships and collaboration at all levels and make our voice heard in all our member countries, from capitals and big cities to smaller towns and villages.

It will be a great honor for me to receive your support and trust in the upcoming mandate joining forces alongside with the basic principles of the Council of Europe, always under the European co-operation in local and regional level of local administration.

Yours sincerely,

**Konstantinos P. Koukas**

*Mayor of Mykonos*

*Vice-President of the Central Union of Municipalities of Greece (KEDE)*

*Head of the Greek Delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities*



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## **KONSTANTINOS P. KOUKAS**

(b. 1982)

**Mayor of Mykonos, Greece** (since 2014)

**Head of the Greek Delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe** (since 2020)

**Vice-President to the Congress of Local Authorities of the Council of Europe** (since 2020)

**Vice-President to the Board of Mayors and Local Councilors of the Central Union of Municipalities of Greece (KEDE)** (since 2023)

### **POLITICAL CAREER**

#### **2019 – Present**

- Elected Mayor of the island of Mykonos.
- Elected - fourth (4th) place in votes - to the Board of Mayors and Local Councilors of the Central Union of Municipalities of Greece (KEDE).
- Elected as Head of the Greek Delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe by the Board of KEDE.
- Elected as Vice President of the Local Authorities of the Congress of the Council of Europe.
- Bureau Rapporteur on Budget and Resources of the Congress.
- Thematic spokesperson on South-Med Partnership of the Congress.
- Selected member of the Young Elected Politicians programme (YEPs) – European Committee of the Regions (CoR) for politicians under 40 holding a mandate at regional or local level in the EU with participation in activities organized by the CoR, including various meetings with rapporteurs, events and seminars organized by the CoR, and communication activities (2021).
- Member of the Committee of the Political Bureau of New Democracy Party, Greece (EPP).
- Member of the Island Policy Council (SY.NI.PO.) of the Ministry of Shipping and Insular Policy (since 2020).
- Member of National Cruise Co-ordinating Committee (since 2020).

#### **2014 – 2019**

- Elected Mayor of the island of Mykonos.
- Elected as member of the Board of Mayors at the Regional Association of Southern Aegean Municipalities (Greece).
- Appointed as member of the 'Committee of Institutions and Equality', Central Union of Municipalities of Greece (KEDE).
- Appointed as member of the Board of Mayors and Local Councilors, Hellenic Institute of Local Administration (ITA) – scientific organ of local administration of KEDE, Greece.

#### **2012 – 2014**

- Elected 'Vice President' of the South Aegean Regional Council (Greece).

## 2010 – 2014

- Elected Regional Councilor of the Region of South Aegean, being the first elected representative in votes in the Cyclades and at the same time, one of youngest elected representatives in Greece.

## 2009 – 2010

- Vice-President of the European Parliament Stagiaire Association.

## EDUCATION

- Master's Degree in Tourism and Business Administration, Hellenic Open University (Greece).
- Master's Degree in European and International Studies, Law School, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece). Dissertation Title: "The case law of the European Court of Human Rights as a framework for the analysis of the defendant's presumption of innocence".
- Bachelor's Degree, Faculty of Law, Law School of Democritus University of Thrace (Greece). Special focus on International and European Law, Public Law, Criminal Law, Civil Law & International Relations.
- Bachelor's Degree, Department of Language, Literature and Culture of the Black Sea Countries, Democritus University of Thrace (Greece).
- LANGUAGES: Greek (mother tongue), English, Italian.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### 2010 – Today

- Attorney at Law, Court of Appeals  
KONSTANTINOS KOUKAS Law firm in Mykonos (Greece)

### 2009 – 2010

- Completed internship –Schuman Scholarship– at the European Parliament, Directorate-General for the Presidency, Brussels (Belgium).

### 2007 – 2009

- Full-time Member of the Ministerial Cabinet, Greek Ministry of Interior (Political personnel), with key administrative and political responsibilities, in the fields of Public Order and Public Administration.