

Motivation Letter

I submit this letter of motivation as a part of a dossier supporting my application for the position of vice-president of the Chamber of Local Authorities and therefore the vice-president of the congress and the member of the Bureau of the Congress.

Keeping in mind my experience acquired throughout the professional carrier, I can offer quality input necessary for attaining the objectives of the Bureau member. An attractive combination of academic knowledge and ongoing practical experience in the relevant fields, as well as good knowledge of the Council of Europe, its structures, legal instruments and working methods should be instrumental in understanding the needs of the LAs in CoE member states and its responsibilities enshrined in the European Charter on Local Self-governance.

I have profound experience in legal and political matters concerning the functioning of local and regional democracy. For a number of years I was involved in the Georgian local politics, serving as a member of Tbilisi city Assembly and Acting Mayor of Tbilisi, the capital city of Georgia. As an lawyer I was involved in drafting and evaluation of international and national legislative pieces, reform strategies and action plans, analytical, comparative and monitoring reports, elaboration of training modules and guidelines, as well as actual implementation of training activities for the target groups including elected and appointed representatives of the local self-government.

The extensive knowledge of European Charter and other relevant standards, coupled with the good knowledge and the professional contacts in CoE member states should also be of added value for carrying out the assigned tasks.

As a member of the congress I am affiliated with the EPP/CCE political group from the beginning of my mandate at the congress, I take active part in all activities and motions of this political group at the congress and enjoy support from members of this political group in my work at home and at the congress. What is more, in 2016-2017 I hold the position of the Vice-President of Chamber of Region of the Congress which gave me significant experience and the opportunity to use this experience for the well-being of my country.

I would like to pay your attention to the fact that my domestic political party UNM that is the major opposition party in Georgia is member of EPP group and we actively promote objectives of EPP in Georgia and at the European political arena. I would like to highlight that my election as a vice-president of the congress will promote not only my political party, but it will highly contribute in strengthening of local governments and high visibility of EPP in Georgia.

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I have been a member of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Governments since 2009. I was twice the Vice Chairman of the Governance Committee and twice the Vice President of the Congress.

I am a member of the Georgian delegation, I was a member of the Tbilisi Assembly 4 times. Vice-Mayor and Acting Mayor of the capital city Tbilisi. Also a member of Mtskheta and currently Senaki assembly.

As a representative of the former Soviet Republic, I am working to develop a young democracy in my country. After Russia's aggressive invasion of Ukraine, my main focus became working against Russian propaganda, in support of Ukraine. For this, I use meetings with the population, the media.

I participate in election observation missions. I am also a lecturer at one of the state universities in Tbilisi, where I teach municipal law and international public law courses.

My main goal is to develop local democracy in my country and share the experience with my colleagues.