

# **HELGESEN Gunn Marit**

To the Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Regions  
Council of Europe – Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

## **Candidacy for President – Chamber of Regions**

I hereby declare my candidacy for the position as President of the Chambers of Regions,  
Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

Please find attached a short CV, as well as a list of signatures of supporting delegates.

Strasbourg 19 October 2016

  
Gunn Marit Helgesen

Member and vice-president of the Chamber of Regions  
Head of the Norwegian delegation to the Congress

### **CV – Gunn Marit Helgesen**

*Gunn Marit Helgesen (born 30 October 1958) was elected President of the Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS) in 2012. In 2016 Ms Helgesen was re-elected as President for a second period of four years.*

*Ms Helgesen is educated as a chemical engineer and has been a Senior Engineer in Statoil and Norsk Hydro. She was Chair of Telemark County Council from 2003 to 2011, after two periods as Vice-Chair. Today she is group leader of the County Council for the Conservative Party and serves as member of the County Committee in Telemark. Furthermore, she is substitute member in Porsgrunn City Council. From 1993 to 2009 Ms Helgesen was substitute member to the Norwegian Parliament from Telemark County.*

*Ms Helgesen was elected as Vice President of the Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions (CPMR) since 2000, and was President of the North Sea Commission 2004 – 2012.*

*In Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) Gunn Marit Helgesen is Vice-President of the Executive Bureau and member of the Policy Committee. She also represents Norway in the World Council and Executive Bureau of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG).*

*Since 2012 Ms Helgesen has been delegate to the Congress of the Council of Europe as head of the Norwegian delegation. Furthermore she is 6<sup>th</sup> Vice-President of the Bureau of the Congress and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President of the Chamber of Regions. She is a member of the Monitoring Committee of the Congress.*

