

31st Session of the Congress

**Mrs. Stéphanie Poirel
Secretary of the Monitoring Committee
F-67075 Strasbourg cedex**

Saint-Petersburg, 17 October 2016

Motivation letter

Election to Vice-Chair of the Monitoring Committee of the Congress

Candidature of Mr. BELIKOV Vlevolod, Russian Federation (L, EPP/CD - PPE/DC)

Dear Mrs. Stéphanie Poirel,

According to Rule 14 of the Congress Rules and Procedures, I hereby present the motivation for my candidature for the position of Vice-Chair of the Monitoring Committee of the Congress.

Since its foundation, I have been involved in the work of Monitoring Committee of the Congress (since 2010) where I have gained a profound experience in the promotion of the European values, objectives and principles at regional and local levels. I am ready to continue my work as Vice-Chair of the Monitoring Committee at promoting the development of democracy at local and regional levels in the Council of Europe member states.

Yours faithfully,



Vsevolod Belikov

1st Full member of the Monitoring Committee,
Head of delegation of the Russian Federation
in the Chamber of the Local authorities

VSEVOLOD BELIKOV



Office held and date of assumption of office:

Head of Finlyandsky municipal district of Saint Petersburg since 2001

Chairman of Council of municipalities of Saint Petersburg since 2005

Date and place of birth:

July 7, 1960, city of Kagul, the Moldavian Soviet Socialist Republic, the USSR

Educational Qualifications:

1981 - High command school of artillery (Odessa, Ukraine);

1992 - Military artillery Academy (Saint Petersburg, Russia);

2001 – North-West Academy of Public Administration (Saint Petersburg, Russia);

2005 – Saint Petersburg Law Academy (Saint Petersburg, Russia).

Academic degree and status:

- PhD, Professor of public administration in Saint Petersburg Academic University;
- has more than 80 scientific works on the problems of local self government.

Career:

- 1977 - 2001 - military service in Armed forces of the USSR, Russia;
- Since 2001 - Head of Finlyandsky municipal district of Saint Petersburg;
- Since 2005 - Chairman of Council of municipalities of Saint Petersburg.

Positions held:

- Member of the Council on development of local self-government under the Chairman of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation;
- Member of Presidium of Russian National Congress of Municipalities;
- Head of the Chamber of inner city municipalities of Russian National Congress of Municipalities;
- Member of collegial bodies and commissions of Saint Petersburg city authorities.

International positions:

- Representative of the Russian Federation in the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe since 2008;
- Head of delegation of the Russian Federation in the Chamber of Local authorities in the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe since 2013.

State awards:

- Order of Medal of the Order for Merits to the Fatherland of the 2nd Class;
- Medal “In Memory of the 300th Anniversary of Saint Petersburg”;
- Gracings of the President of the Russian Federation, Chairman of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Governor of Saint Petersburg.

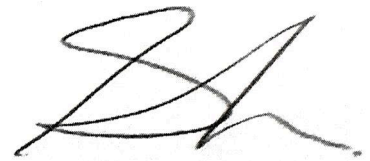
Activity in the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe (the Congress):

- Since 2008 - Representative of the Russian Federation in the Congress; member of the Monitoring Committee of the Congress;
- Since 2013 - Head of delegation of the Russian Federation in the Chamber of Local authorities in the Congress;
- Mr. Belikov has provided high level of participation of municipalities of Saint Petersburg in the European Week of Local Democracy. Finlyandsky municipal district of Saint Petersburg which is headed by Mr. Belikov was chosen as pilot city for the European Week of Local Democracy in 2009;
- Mr. Belikov has taken part in the Congress observation mission on Local elections in the Republic of Moldova, 14 June 2015;
- Since 2008 Mr. Belikov has taken active role and made reports at the conferences and seminars, organized by the Congress (or with participation of the Congress);
- Mr. Belikov has taken part in the Congress observation mission on Local elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina from 28 September to 3 October 2016.

Strasbourg, 18 October 2016

LETTER OF CANDIDATURE:

I, Stewart Dickson, consent to the nomination as candidate to the post of the Vice-President of the Monitoring Committee, in respect of the decision taken by the ILDG and in accordance with the agreement reached by the political groups.



Stewart Dickson

Name: Stewart DICKSON
Country: United Kingdom
Political group: ILDG
Full member of the Chamber of Regions
Full member of the Monitoring Committee

Mr Andreas Kiefer
Secretary General of the Congress

Cc: Secretariat

Curriculum Vitae

Stewart Dickson MLA

United Kingdom, ILDG



Stewart Dickson is a member of the Northern Ireland Assembly he is Chief Whip of the Alliance Party.

Stewart was a member of the Justice Committee in the Assembly in the last mandate.

In the current mandate he is a member of the Executive Office Committee; he is also a member of the NI Assembly Commission.

Stewart has been a substitute member in the Congress for the last four years. During this time he has been an active sub member of the Governance Committee.

Stewart has undertaken a wide range of Election Observation missions as rapporteur (Bosnia, Armenia, Albania, Georgia, Moldova.) He has also acted as rapporteur on a number of Congress reports.

He is now a full member of Congress Chamber Regions and looks forward to taking a full and active role. He is a member of the UK delegation and also an Auditor for the ILDG.

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17.10.2016

Declaration of candidature

Election to the post of Congress Vice-Chair of the Monitoring Committee

Candidature of Hirs Beat A., Switzerland (L, ILDG)

Dear Secretary of the Monitoring Committee

I hereby declare my candidature for the position of Vice-Chair of the Monitoring Committee in the election that will take place on 19.10.2016 during the 31st Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

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Beat Hirs

31st Session of the Congress

Beat Hirs
Goldacherstrasse 67
9404 Rorschacherberg
Switzerland

17.10.2016

Motivation letter

Election to the of Vice-Chair of the Monitoring Committee of the Congress

Candidature of Hirs Beat A., Switzerland (L, ILDG)

Dear Secretary of the Monitoring Committee,

According to Rule 14 of the Congress Rules and Procedures, I hereby present the motivation for my candidature for the position of Vice-Chair of the Monitoring Committee of the Congress.

Since 7 years I am member of the Congress and am very motivated to increase my engagement by working as Vice President of the **Chamber of Local Authorities**. I am from Switzerland, a country known for its direct democracy and the principle of subsidiarity, which means that political power is very much allocated to local and regional levels. Four to five times per year, the Swiss population gets to vote on referendums. Coming from a small and neutral country with intensive international contacts, I am used to working in a multicultural environment and experienced in finding good solutions together. I would highly appreciate your support for my candidature.

Yours faithfully,



Curriculum Vitae



Beat Hirs
Mayor of Rorschacherberg
Head of the Swiss Delegation
16.8.1968

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9404 Rorschacherberg
Switzerland
www.beathirs.ch

EDUCATION

Master's Degree in Agricultural Engineering (ETH Zurich)
Master's Degree in Economics (ETH Zurich)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1995-1996 Research at ETH Zurich and Federal
Agricultural Research Center
1997-2001 Factory Manager of a Tobacco Factory
2001-2008 Production Manager of two Nestlé Factories (Ice-Cream / Frozen Food)
Since 2009 Mayor (full time mandate) of the City Rorschacherberg,
(located in the eastern part of Switzerland)

CONGRESS EXPERIENCE

Since 2009 Member of Congress (since 2016 as Head of the Swiss Delegation)

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Declaration of candidature

Election to the post of the Vice-Chair of the Monitoring Committee

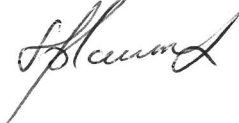
Candidature of Ludmila SFIRLOAGA, Romania (R, SOC)

Dear Secretary of the Monitoring Committee of the Congress

I hereby declare my candidature for the position of the Vice-Chair of the Monitoring Committee of the Congress in the election that will take place on 19/10/2016 during the 31st Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

Signature

Ludmila SFIRLOAGA

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Ludmila SFIRLOAGA
Bld Republicii Nr 2-4
2000-Ploiesti
Romania

18/10/2016

Motivation letter

Election to the post of the Vice-Chair of the Monitoring Committee

Candidature of Ludmila SFIRLOAGA, Romania (R, SOC)

Dear Secretary of the Monitoring Committee of the Congress

According to Rule 14 of the Congress Rules and Procedures, I hereby present the motivation for my candidature for the position of Vice-Chair of the Monitoring Committee of the Congress.

With this candidature I would like to continue the work in the Congress in order to strengthen the European community and the image and visibility of the Congress. I would like to continue to be responsible for monitoring of the application of the Charter as well as institutional developments in Europe's regions.

Yours faithfully,



LUDMILA SFÎRLOAGĂ

ROMANIA



Ludmila Sfîrloagă
Présidente de la Chambre des régions du Congrès
President of the Congress Chamber of Regions

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She develops her activity with a permanent view for defending the human rights and democracy and for the consolidation of democratic institutions and local democracy.

In December 2006, she graduated the Seminar on "Presentation of the functioning of the EU Institutions and EU Public Affairs and Management", European Training Institute.

In 2003, she graduated an Italian language course, provided by DELOS Consulting Institute.

She graduated Polytechnics University of Brasov, Mechanics Faculty and post-university courses regarding negotiation of international contracts and for international transports organization and development.

During 1985 – 2001, she worked for "Upetrom – 1 Mai", the largest Factory of mineral oil equipment in Romania. She started as engineer on probation and became the deputy head of the Transport Department.

2002-2004, Executive Director of Romanian National Union of County Councils, responsible for entire activity of the Union relating to the Romanian government, Parliament and all international organizations with which the Union cooperates.

2004-2016- the Union's responsible for international affairs.

Since 19th July 2016, Vice-President of Prahova County Council.

Since 26th July 2016, Vice-President of the Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion.

Other functions:

- member in the Transparency National Committee for Community Funds Administration;
- member in the National Executive Committee for Strategy Elaboration Regarding Child Protection;
- member in the National Committee for Social Assistance System Transformation regarding People with disabilities;
- member in the Task – Force on Regionalization in Romania;
- President of the Romanian External Politics Association

Political activity in the Social Democratic Party

She is member of the Social Democratic Party, Romania.

Member of the National Council of the Social Democratic Party, since 2004.

In 2003 and 2004, President of Prahova SDP Women Organization.

In 2007 she was SDP's candidate for the European Parliament.

2010-2012- Vice-President of Prahova SDP Women Organization.

2010-2012 -Vice-President of SDP Prahova.

2010- member of the Commission for Regional Development- SDP Romania.
Member of the Foreign Affairs Department of SDP at national level.
President of Foreign Affairs Department of SDP for Prahova County.
President of Regional Development Department of SDP for Prahova County.

Activity in Prahova County Council

President of the Prahova branch of Romanian External Politics Association;
Since 2000, she was elected county councillor, Prahova County Council. In 2016 she was re-elected for the fifth mandate;
2000-2016, secretary of the Public Administration, Juridical and Human Rights Committee;
2004-2016- President of the European Integration Committee of Prahova County Council;
Between April 2005-2006 and 2008-2010 President of the Board of Administration of the Regional Hospital of Obstetrics-Gynaecology;
In 2010 head of the Committee which took into charge the 3 Hospitals from the Ministry of Health to Prahova County Council;
2012-2016, member of the Territorial Authority for Public Order, Prahova County;
She was deeply involved in the process of decentralization and public administration reform in Romania;

International political activity

Between 2003-2004, she was the Secretary of the Romanian Delegation to CLRAE.
- 2004-2020, membre de la Délégation de la Roumanie à CPLRE.
Member of the Committee C of the Association of European Regions
Head of the Romanian delegation to CLRAE since 2008.
- Member of CLRAE Socialist Group;
- 2004-2014, Vice-President of the CLRAE Socialist Group;
-2005-2007, President of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Local and Regional Elected Representatives from South-East Europe;
- Representative of CLRAE in the Executive Council of North-South Centre of the Council of Europe between 2004-2006; 2006-2008; 2008-2010; 2010-2012;
- Observer of elections in Chisinau (Moldova, 2005);
- Observer of local and regional elections in Ukraine (March 2005);
- Observer of the referendum for the future status of Montenegro, May 2005;
- Observer of local elections in Albania (June 2015);
- Rapporteur on Interregional Co-operation in the Black Sea Basin, Plenary session, 2006;
- Rapporteur on South-East Europe-6th Forum of towns and regions, Sinaia, Romania (8-9 December 2005);
- Founding member of NALAS (Network of Associations of Local Authorities South-East Europe) and representative of the Congress of the Council of Europe at NALAS;
- Head of the Council of Europe Congress delegation for monitoring the elections in Azerbaijan, October 2006;
- Re-elected as Vice-President of the Socialist Group of the Congress of the Council of Europe, May 30, 2006;
- Re-elected as Vice-President of the Congress of the Council of Europe, May 30, 2006;
- Founding member of ENELC (European Network for implementing the European Landscape Convention), May 30, 2006;
- Observer of elections in the Republic of Moldova, 03 – 17 of June, 2007;
- Head of the Council of Europe Congress delegation for observing Assembly and municipal elections in Kosovo (Serbia, November- December 2007);
- Founding member of CEPLI – Confederation of European Local Intermediate Authorities, March 2008;

- Vice-President of the Contact Group Committee of Regions (CoR) – Congress of the Council of Europe (CoE) – April 2008- May 2010;
- First Vice-President of the Socialist Group of the Congress of the Council of Europe, May 2008- 2010;
- President of the Chamber of Regions of the Congress of the Council of Europe May 27, 2008-2010;
- Head of the Common Delegation of the Congress of CoE and CoR for the local and Presidential elections from the FYROM (Macedonia), March 2009;
- October 2010, elected as Vice-President of CLRAE for the third mandate;
- Re-elected as Vice-President of the Socialist Group of the Congress of the Council of Europe, October 2010;
- Member of the Statutory Forum and Monitoring Committee, since 2010;
- Nominated as rapporteur for credentials of all delegations members of the Congress, December 2010;
- Rapporteur for Armenia, Monitoring Committee, 2012;
- Member of the election observation mission in Armenia, September 9 and 23, 2012;
- Re-elected as Vice-President of the Congress of the Council of Europe, October 2012;
- Elected in the Bureau of the Socialist Group of the Congress of the Council of Europe, October 2012;
- Member of the election observation mission for the Avagani (Municipal Council) of Yerevan, Armenia;
- 2012-2014- alternate member in the Technical Assistance Working Group (GLAT) whose role is to accomplish the analysis concerning the technical assistance needs for the period 2014-2020 and to support the elaboration of the Technical Assistance Operational Programme (POAT) 2014-2020.

GLAT is a national structure which was established at the level of the Ministry of European Funds.

-Activity in the Republic of Moldavia:

- She supported the use of the latin alphabet in the schools of Transnistria in front of the Council of Europe.
- She initiated twinning between Prahova County and the “raioane” Călărași, Leova, Cimișlia, Hîncești and Basarabasca (the “raioane” are the Moldavian equivalent for county).
- She initiated twinning between more than 50 municipalities from Prahova and the Republic of Moldavia: Cenac, Gura Galbenei, Hîncești, Cimișlia, Leova, Cazangic, Cotul Morii, Chișcăreni, etc.
- She is honorary citizen of the Călărași “raion.”
- She made many donations: books, toys, games, etc. at Călărași, Iargara, Alexandru Ioan Cuza, Cotul Morii, Sîpoteni, Hîncești, Lăpușna, etc.
- She initiated the decisions by which Prahova County Council financed projects in the Republic of Moldavia:

The renovation of the access road to the Cazangic village- Leova “raion.”- funding from Prahova County Council-45.000 euro.

2. The renovation of the kindergarten from Sîpoteni commune-Călărași “raion.”- funding from Prahova County Council-36.000 euro.

3. The renovation of the Public Library Antonie Plămădeală- Hîncești “raion.”- funding from Prahova County Council-32.000 euro.

4. The construction of the access road to the museum of History, Art and Ethnography from Cimișlia town- Cimișlia “raion.”- funding from Prahova County Council-33.000 euro.

5. The renovation of the stadium from the Călărași town and its lighting with photovoltaic panels.- Călărași “raion.”- funding from Prahova County Council-29.000 euro.

6. The renovation and modernization of the meetings room of the Council of the Hîncești “raion- from the Călărași town and its lighting with photovoltaic panels.- Călărași “raion.”- funding from Prahova County Council-35.000 euro.

By decree signed by the president of the Republic of Moldavia, Nicolae Timofti, on the 9th of September 2016, she received the medal “Meritul civic” of the Republic of Moldavia.

Her great wish as Vice-President and President of the Chamber of Regions was (and this was also the wish of the Romanian delegation) to continue work in the Congress in order to strengthen the European community and the image and visibility of the Congress. The priorities for her future work are:

- to complete all activities of regional self-government
- to develop local and regional cross-border cooperation
- to support our cultural activities as tools of future cooperation and regional identity
- to support the promotion of women for decision levels within the Congress.

18/10/2016

Declaration of candidature

**Election to the post of Congress
VICEPRESIDENT OF THE MONITORING COMMITTEE**

Candidature of UGUES Agnès, Italy (L, EPP-CCE)

Dear Secretary of the Committee,

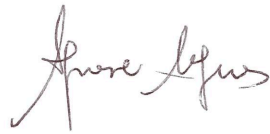
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Signature

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Je suis membre de la Commission de Monitoring depuis 2010 et j'ai toujours participé à toutes les réunions avec beaucoup d'intérêt et d'attention, en cherchant à approfondir des échanges avec les autres délégations membres du Congrès. J'ai beaucoup apprécié la décision prise d'effectuer des visites de post-monitoring dans un certain nombre d'états dans le but de promouvoir des meilleures conditions pour la réalisation de la démocratie locale. Je serais très heureuse de pouvoir offrir ma contribution à l'intensification des activités de coopération entre les Etats membres afin de les aider à mettre en œuvre les réformes nécessaires pour leur permettre d'atteindre un niveau de démocratie locale et régionale le plus élevé possible.

Streshungo, 18-10-2016





Agnese Ugues

Curriculum Vitae

Informations personnelles

Née à Cuneo le 4 avril 1948

Résidente a Sangano, Turin, via della Fontana, 38

Mariée depuis 1976, une fille (Psychologue)

Informations professionnelles

Diplômée de l'école normale

Institutrice d'école primaire de 1969 à 1995

Retraitée depuis 1995

Maire adjointe de la Ville de Sangano de 1995 à 1999

Maire de la Ville de Sangano de 1999 à 2009

Conseillère à la Communauté de Montagne de Val Sangone de 1999 al 2004

Présidente du Comité des Maires du District 4 ASL TO3 de 2004 à 2009

Conseillère nationale de l'UNCCEM (Union nationale des Communes de Montagne) de 2004 à 2009

Conseillère nationale ANCI (Association nationale des Communes italiennes) au Conseil des petites communes de 2004 à 2009

Participante à des cours sur la Leadership 1° e 2° niveau, Centre Atlantide e Centre Zanelli de Milan de 1998 à 2009

Maire Adjointe de 2009 à 2014

Actuellement

Maire de Sangano depuis le 26 mai 2014

Membre du Laboratoire Santé Val Sangone

Déléguée du Comté des Maires du District 4 ASL TO3 Val Sangone

Conseillère nationale de l'UNCCEM

Représentante de l'UNCCEM au Congrès des pouvoirs locaux et régionaux de l'Europe (Congrès)

Conseillère Nationale de l' ANCI

Membre de la Commission éducation de l'ANCI nationale

Membre de la Commission Infrastructures et travaux publics de l'ANCI nationale

Conseillère Nationale de l'AICCRE(Association italienne des Communes et Regions d'Europe)

Membre de la Direction AICCRE du Piemont

Membre du Conseil National de l' AICCRE pour l'égalité des chances

Membre de la Délégation Italienne du Congrès du Conseil de l'Europe depuis 2010

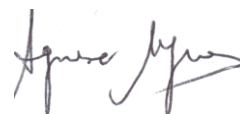
Menbre de la Commissione Monitoring du Congrès du Congrès de 2010

Secrétaire de la Délégation Italienne au Congrès depuis 2011

Décorations

Chevalier de la République Italienne (Décret du President de la République du 2 giugno 2011)

Agnese Ugues



Strasburgo, 18.10.2016