

Candidacy of Mr. J. Wienen for the vice-presidency of the Monitoring Committee

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Subject: Motivation for my candidacy to the vice-presidency of the Monitoring Committee

Dear Monitoring Committee members,

As you know, over the past years I have been an active member of the Monitoring committee. I particularly enjoy our debates and discusses about the state of local and regional democracy in our Member States, which I have always found informative and inspiring.

I am motivated to give further shape to the monitoring activities of the Congress, a Committee which, according to me, ensure that the Congress contributes to the safeguarding and promotion of local autonomy in the Member States.

The monitoring visits enable us to learn from each other's experiences when it comes to governance and democracy at local and regional level in Europe.

I continue to be very committed to contributing to a process of further professionalization of the monitoring activities, and therefore would like to present my candidacy for the position of vice-president to the Monitoring Committee.

I do hope that I can count on your support.

Yours sincerely,



Jos Wienen (L, EPP)

Mayor of Katwijk

Member of the delegation of the Netherlands to the Congress



Curriculum Vitae

Personal details

Name	Wienen, Jakob
Political affiliation	CDA (EPP)
Date of birth	3 October 1960, Ridderkerk (the Netherlands)

Education

1979 – 1988	Rijksuniversiteit Utrecht (Utrecht University)
1979 – 1988	History (doctoral exam in 1988)
1981 – 1986	Theology ('kandidaats' examination in 1986, cum laude)

Relevant experience

2001 – present	Mayor of Katwijk (62.000 inhabitants)
1993 – 2001	Alderman, municipality of Ridderkerk
1988 – 1993	Staff executive for matters concerning the church and Dutch society Netherlands Reformed Church, Zuid-Holland Provincial Church Assembly
1986 – 2001	Member of the Ridderkerk Municipal Council (CDA)

Relevant experience within the Congress of the Council of Europe

2013 – present	Thematic Spokesperson on Democratic Elections
2007 – present	Member of the Dutch delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities Active member of the Monitoring Committee: Rapporteur on local democracy in Estonia, Slovenia, Portugal en Azerbaijan

Relevant experience within the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG)

2014 – present	Member of the VNG Committee on European and International Affairs
1998 – present	Chairman of the VNG Committee on Asylum and Integration
1996 – 1998	Member of the VNG Committee on Housing

Other extracurricular activities

2008 – present	Management Board member for Nidos (custodial agency for under- age asylum seekers)
2007 – present	Member of the Court of Arbitration for the Building Industry in the Netherlands
1994 – 2001	Member of daily management board/vice-chairman of Rotterdam Urban Region (framework legislation)
2005 – present	Vice-chairman for Holland-Rijnland region