

## MY CURRICULUM VITAE

I have been mayor of the Municipality of Ovanåker (Sweden) since 2010 and am now President of the Municipal Council.

I am a graduate of the University of Uppsala, where I gained a degree in Literature, Psychology, and Information and Communication. I went on to study Educational Leadership at Dalarna University. Before becoming a politician, I worked with disabled people, including in a management role.

I was president of the district board of the Swedish Social Democratic Party of Gävleborg County between 2010 and 2015 and a member of the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR), first as a member of the board and then as member of the International Committee .

From 2005 until 2006, I was a member of the Swedish parliament, where I was involved in the works of the Committee on the Constitution. After that, I was opposition leader at the Municipality of Ovanåker until 2010.

I have been a Member of the European Committee of the Regions since 2006. During this time, I have been a **rappporteur** on major dossiers such as **Erasmus for All** (2011), **Opening up Education** (2013), **Revision of the Posting of Workers Directive** (2016) and **Protection of Children in Migration**. It is worth noting that the CoR was the first European institution to take a position, under my rapporteurship, on the politically sensitive issue of posted workers. It was the CoR recommendation (i.e. a time limit of 12 months beyond which the law of the host country applies in full to employment relationships in posting situations) that was finally endorsed by all the institutions.

I was also very involved in preparing and approving the **PES Group's Code of Conduct on Gender Equality**, adopted in May 2018.

I have represented the PES Group in the **Social Europe Network of the Party of European Socialists**, ensuring that the local and regional dimension is fully taken into account in the PES's on social affairs.

From 2015 to 2017, I was **chair of the Commission for Social Policy, Education, Employment, Research and Culture (SEDEC)**, the CoR commission with the largest portfolio. Prior to that (2013-2015), I was **political coordinator of EDUC**, the CoR commission for education, culture and R&D during the CoR's previous term of office.

In 2017-2018, I chaired **the Working Group on the Revision of the CoR's Rules of Procedure**.

From 2017 to June this year, I was **PES Group vice-president**, and since June, I have been the Group's **Acting First Vice-President**, following the resignation of PES Group President Catiuscia Marini.

I am also a member of the Congress of the Council of Europe, where I sit in the Chamber of Regions and on its Current Affairs Committee. In the Congress, I was rapporteur for a report on migration entitled **From Reception to integration** (2017) and a report on **Guaranteeing LGBT people's rights in Europe** (2014). I am also the Congress's spokesperson on Turkey.