

Dear Individual Members,

Dear IMS Steering Committee,

In recent years, we have witnessed a growing trend of voters shifting to the right, often supporting anti-EU voices that promote conservative agendas, weaken justice systems, and exploit crises to advance authoritarian goals. This poses a significant threat to the liberal values that LYMEC stands for: freedom, democracy, human rights, and equality. It also jeopardises the European project, whose primary aim has been to foster peace and prosperity.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has tragically brought war back to European soil, weakening the European project and reintroducing fears that many thought were confined to history. As liberals, we must firmly stand for freedom of expression and freedom of choice – cornerstones of any democracy. We must also ensure that human rights are respected and that everyone is included in our society.

Europeans today face mounting challenges, including the rising cost of living – from energy and housing to transportation and groceries. At the same time, businesses are struggling with an increasingly complex regulatory landscape, which hampers their competitiveness and growth within Europe.

As liberals and representatives of a party that serves the people, our mission is clear: to improve the lives of citizens and support the businesses that drive our liberal economy. We must champion free trade, open borders within the European Union, and partnerships with allies who share and uphold the values of a united Europe.

We must also advocate for policies that genuinely improve the quality of life for all Europeans. This includes simplifying regulations to reduce the burden on businesses, lowering taxes, and thereby decreasing the cost of energy and essential goods. Affordable housing is a particular priority. We need housing policies that are practical and inclusive, ensuring young people have easier access to this basic necessity.

As a delegate of IMS, I will work closely with members and the Steering Committee to ensure that LYMEC's values remain steadfast and that the priorities of individual members are represented effectively at congresses. I am committed to defending our section against growing anti-liberal voices and restoring trust in the principles of liberalism.

Now, more than ever, liberals – including each one of us – must raise our voices, stand united, and work tirelessly for a Europe where human rights, freedoms, democracy, and equality are at the forefront.

I am deeply honoured to present my candidacy and sincerely hope to earn your trust and your vote. Together, we can build a better Europe.

Yours sincerely,

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