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Candidate for IMS Steering Committee

Dear Individual Members,

I am standing for election to the IMS Steering Committee for 2026–2028 because I believe Individual Members should play a more visible, organised, and politically confident role within LYMEC. The IMS should not merely react during Congresses; it should actively shape debates on freedom, innovation, security, and Europe's role in an increasingly competitive world.

I am based in Bologna, where I study Economics and Public Policy and work as an open innovation and ecosystem analyst. I am also an organiser with European Students For Liberty and the European Committee for LGBTQ+ Economists. I helped organise LibertyCon Europe 2025 and contributed to the 2026 ELF Hackathon on military service linked to LibertyCon Madrid. At LibertyCon, I helped connect LYMEC and the European Liberal Forum to substantive discussions on technology, security, and the future of European liberalism, including the LYMEC–ELF panel “GenAI Is Raising Europe.” I am also part of NOVA, Italy's first LYMEC member organisation, where I contribute to the policy analysis team.

My engagement with LYMEC has also been policy-oriented. I participated in Liberal Hack Sarajevo, working on EU enlargement through the lens of culture, education, youth mobility, and liberal democratic credibility. I support a larger but compliant European Union: one that expands responsibly while upholding liberal democratic standards.

As an Economy & Trade editorial member of Libertas in 2025, and now as one of its managing editors, I have written and supported analysis on transatlantic trade risks, Europe's strategic economic response, and the need for European unity in the face of economic coercion. For me, liberalism must be economically serious, internationally engaged, and prepared for a world where trade, technology, and security are increasingly connected.

My political work also centres on civil liberties and democratic resilience. In a Liberty Youth project across Hungary, Italy, and Serbia, I took a clear stand against authoritarian “Gayrope” narratives, challenging the way regimes such as Russia weaponise LGBTQ+ rights to portray liberal Europe as weak, decadent, and morally illegitimate. This year, I joined street-level activism in Bologna against Italy's 25% porn tax, which now extends to smaller independent online creators and turns a pre-digital morality surcharge into a contemporary threat to civil liberties, digital work, and individual autonomy. I was also re-elected to the board of Certi Diritti, an Italian civil liberties organisation, and I contribute to Students For Liberty's Human Respect project in Europe.

I am currently developing a Homocapitalism podcast, exploring how market societies, economic freedom, and liberal institutions have enabled modern homosexual and queer identities to emerge and flourish. This reflects the liberalism I stand for: pro-freedom, pro-innovation, economically serious, and geopolitically aware.

If elected, I will work to make the IMS more coordinated, more visible, and more politically useful within LYMEC. Individual Members should be heard, mobilised, and taken seriously as contributors to European liberal politics.

Sincerely,

Vinayakan Sajeev-Beena