

Hello,

My name is Gerard O'Connor and I am seeking your support to be one of the next delegates for the Individual Members Section. I come from Ireland and currently live in Dublin. I have been a member for a number of years and have enjoyed taking part in various LYMEC events across the continent. Having attended a number of events and worked with numerous colleagues across various LYMEC member organisations, I believe I am an ideal candidate who is well placed to continue progression of the work done so far and give a voice to the membership of the Individual Members Section.

I currently work as an economist in the Irish energy sector, specifically focusing on electricity trading policy between Britain and Ireland post-Brexit. My daily work provides me with a constant reminder of the benefits of stronger European cooperation and the values that we seek to advance. Separately to this, I served as the 10th President of Ógra Fianna Fáil from July 2024 to April 2025. In this period I attended LYMEC Congresses, the LYMEC Young Leaders Forum and the Congresses of various national member organisations. I have built a strong network across LYMEC and seek to use this to advance the priorities that are important to the Individual Members Section.

The role of Individual Members Section is essential to the diversity of voices we have represented in LYMEC. The section provides us with the opportunity to engage on a pan-European level in an accessible way, which has been a huge benefit to me as a member. I have been given the opportunity to encounter a broad range of views and backgrounds which would not have opened up for me otherwise. I want to be able to represent the unique perspectives of the Individual Members Section and I want you to know that I can do this with efficiency. Your views as a member matter and your delegation should reflect these, I know I am capable of delivering in this regard and it would be a great honour if you gave me the opportunity to do so.

I look forward to engaging with you all further over the course of this campaign and I hope you will consider me for the next delegation as I strive to deliver for you over the course of the coming term.

Best,

Gerard O'Connor