

Dear IMS-members,

I am applying for the IMS Steering Committee for the 2026–2028 mandate.

My political engagement has shaped my life more than almost anything else. It was through youth activism that I found friendships, purpose, and eventually my own voice. When it all started, I did not get involved through a youth wing. Where I grew up, there simply was none, or at least one that I felt spoke to/for me. Instead, I found my way into politics through a local NGO. Having that alternative route mattered. It gave me a place to learn, contribute, and discover that politics was something I could be part of too. Even though I later joined a party, I have never forgotten how important it was to have that first space where I could get involved on my own terms.

That is why the Individual Members Section matters to me. Not everyone starts their political journey in a party or a member organisation. The IMS ensures that there is still a place in LYMEC for those people to participate, connect with others, and shape the future of our movement. I am running because I want to help keep that door open. LYMEC should be a home for all liberal-minded young people and I want to contribute to making the IMS section an active, welcoming, and meaningful part of our organisation.

Having previously served for several years on the International Committee of Svensk Ungdom and been actively involved in LYMEC, I eventually chose to take a step back from organisational commitments. That break has given me perspective, and I now feel ready to take on new responsibilities. I am prepared to dedicate the time and energy necessary to make the mandate a success.

This time, I bring not only experience from youth politics but also professional experience and networks gained through work in the European Parliament, civil service, and the renewable fuels sector. These experiences have broadened my understanding of European policymaking and strengthened my ability to connect with people across different sectors and backgrounds. I would be excited to bring that experience to the IMS Steering Committee and contribute to strengthening the role of individual members within LYMEC.

Yours sincerely,
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