

Dear esteemed LYMEC Members,

From my first participation at the YCA in 2021, I immediately felt that LYMEC was a place I could call home. What initially inspired me was its spirit: an open and dynamic space where young liberals from across Europe come together to exchange ideas and build meaningful initiatives. Over time, that initial impression has grown into a deep and lasting commitment.

Since then, I have remained actively engaged through JNC's delegation to LYMEC Congresses and each experience has strengthened my involvement and understanding of our organisation. Nevertheless, Riga marked a turning point, as I first ran to represent LYMEC at the ALDE Congress –an experience that, following a renewed mandate in Warsaw, reinforced both my commitment and my ability to represent LYMEC's policies and diversity of views. This was further enhanced over the past year through my role as LYMEC's IFLRY Representative, which deepened my understanding of the importance of cooperation across the liberal youth movement and of ensuring that our work has a tangible impact.

Alongside my political engagement, I hold two bachelor's degrees in International Relations and Law, and I'm currently working as a Legal Consultant in Cybersecurity, Data Governance, and AI, engaging daily with complex and forward-looking challenges in an international context; a role that continuously reinforces my belief in the importance of European cooperation and the real-world impact of its policies.

This is precisely what motivates my candidacy for the LYMEC Bureau. As I want to contribute to bringing our work *from policy to impact*: ensuring that the ideas we shape do not remain only within our Policy Book, but are actively translated into concrete outcomes –whether through ALDE Congresses or through engagement with key stakeholders within and beyond the liberal family.

At the same time, I deeply believe in fostering *stronger connections across Europe*. Our diversity is our strength, and we must enhance cooperation among member organisations. After two years as International Officer for JNC, I have seen that many of the challenges we face are shared across organisations, therefore, we must ensure that these exchanges go beyond informal conversations, by creating spaces where we can genuinely learn from each other and benefit from our collective expertise.

Finally, we must move *from inclusion to empowerment*. We need to go beyond representation and ensure that all members have the tools, confidence, and space to actively contribute, lead, and shape our organisation. This requires strengthening inclusive practices that guarantee equal opportunities in leadership, participation, and visibility across all levels. Diversity must not only be welcomed, but actively drive our decisions and priorities.

I am ready to take on this responsibility with dedication, consistency, and a strong belief in what we can achieve together.

Thank you for your consideration.

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