

Motivation – IMS Delegate Elections: Max Steinmann

Dear LYMEC Individual Members Section,

Europe is facing increased pressure—now reaching levels that would have seemed unthinkable only ten years ago. And when even former allies like the US suddenly break with the EU, hoping to secure better deals with individually weaker EU member states, it is more important than ever for Europe to stand together, closer and stronger than ever before. Coming from an IFLRY background, I am now running as your IMS Delegate to deepen my engagement with LYMEC and to contribute to a liberal vision for both the European Union and the European continent as a whole.

I am a senior BA student of International Relations & Economics, currently writing my bachelor's thesis on Polish and Hungarian populism with regard to the war in Ukraine. Nationally, within the international committee of JuLis, I serve on the board of the Western European section, focusing on fostering partnerships with partner organisations in the region. This year, I served as a delegate to IFLRY, where I am also part of the IFLRY Asia programme, increasing the visibility of Asian liberalism and fostering partnerships between IFLRY and Asian local organisations—most of which are not represented within IFLRY.

In times of pressure and division, Europe should be brought back into focus. Therefore, I am “re-Europeanising” my work again as a founding member and editor of a student-led publication platform called *European Relations*, and as a member of the LYMEC Security and Defence Working Group. Striving to further increase my European engagement, I want to become more actively involved in LYMEC and the IMS.

Building on my previous engagements, I have consistently worked hard, shown dedication, and gained practical experience in advancing liberal youth cooperation across borders—experience I am ready to bring directly to LYMEC and the IMS. I am a self-starter who takes initiative, follows through, and delivers: Whether building partnerships, coordinating teams, or shaping clear outputs, I approach tasks with reliability, energy, and a strong sense of responsibility. With the ambition to do what I do well—and to keep improving—I want to be a valuable and constructive contributor who helps strengthen LYMEC's mission and impact in a challenging European moment.

As your potential IMS Delegate, I understand the workload expected of me, as well as the procedures for getting resolutions passed successfully. My goal is to provide unifying and constructive representation—not only for the individual members as a whole, but also for the diversity of voices and perspectives that our members bring to the table. Building on the pan-European spirit embodied by the IMS, and through efficient and consistent inclusion of individual members, I will work for genuinely pan-European representation and impactful resolutions.

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