

*Dear Members of the Selection Committee,*

My name is Michele Frangella, and I am running for IMS Delegate because I firmly believe that LYMEC needs politically committed, strategically prepared, and institutionally experienced young liberals capable of contributing to the European debate with clarity and purpose. I am a third-year student of International Studies at the University of Trento and currently serve as Student Representative of my Department. My political trajectory, however, did not begin at university: it has been a continuous thread. I was elected Student Representative already at the Liceo Classico Galluppi, where I coordinated major cultural and civic initiatives and learned the essential skills of institutional mediation, representation, and political responsibility. This long-standing experience forms the backbone of my political identity today.

My activism in the present focuses on concrete liberal battles within Radicali Italiani. I co-organised, with Secretary Filippo Blengino, a national conference on the Italian prison system and justice reform—two strategic issues directly linked to rule of law, human dignity, and European liberal priorities. I currently serve as the regional reference point for Radicali Italiani in Trentino-Alto Adige and am involved in the creation of the new Radicali Trentino association, coordinating its organisational development and political outreach. These responsibilities require disciplined planning, public communication, and strategic thinking—competencies that align precisely with the mandate of an IMS Delegate. My human-rights engagement also includes work with Amnesty International, where I co-organised and promoted a public event with Patrick Zaki, as well as civic initiatives with UNICEF, AIDO, and the Skeptic Society. Across all these roles, I have consistently defended scientific rationality, individual liberties, secularism, and evidence-based policymaking—the pillars of my political worldview and also of the European liberal project. At the University of Trento, my representative mandate is political in substance: I have contributed to reforms of academic regulations, advocated for more inclusive and functional learning spaces, and supported the development of student participation as a democratic tool. Representation, to me, is not symbolic—it is operational, measurable, and accountable.

I am seeking election as IMS Delegate because I want to bring this experience, this method, and this political clarity into LYMEC. I intend to represent Individual Members with transparency, ensure their positions are systematically collected and expressed at Congresses, and actively contribute to resolutions and amendments with a focus on human rights, open societies, justice reform, secularism, and the defence of liberal democracy. Europe needs young liberals capable of political rigour, not generic enthusiasm. My commitment is to bring that rigour into the IMS mandate.

Thank you for considering my application. It would be an honour to serve LYMEC as IMS Delegate in 2026 and to work actively for a stronger, freer, more resilient European liberal movement.

Kind regards,

Michele Frangella