



Vinayakan Sajeev-Beena (He/him/his) Candidate for IMS Delegation

Dear Individual Members,

I am standing for election as an IMS Delegate for 2026 because I believe Individual Members must play a visible, organised, and politically confident role within LYMEC. IMS should not merely react at Congresses, but actively shape debates on freedom, innovation, and Europe's place in an increasingly competitive and insecure world.

I am based in Bologna, where I study Economics and Public Policy and work as an open innovation and ecosystem analyst. Alongside my academic and professional work, I am an organiser with European Students For Liberty and was one of the organisers of LibertyCon Europe 2025, one of Europe's largest pro-liberty events. At LibertyCon, we hosted LYMEC and the European Liberal Forum, including the LYMEC-ELF panel "GenAI Is Raising Europe." In these discussions, I challenged whether Europe's regulatory reflex risks leaving it behind the United States and China in the GenAI race by prioritising risk-avoidance over scale, experimentation, and market dynamism. **Europe must be ready for agentic commerce and next-generation AI deployment, not only compliance.**

This year, I also participated in Liberal Hack in Sarajevo, where young liberals worked on EU enlargement. I contributed to the Culture and Education track, focusing on how liberal values, academic exchange, and youth mobility can strengthen European cohesion and credibility in enlargement countries. **I support a larger but compliant European Union that expands while upholding liberal democratic standards.**

Beyond events, I have contributed to LYMEC's political debate through writing. As an Economy & Trade editorial member of Libertas, I have authored analysis, including on transatlantic trade risks and Europe's strategic economic response, **consistently arguing for European unity amid economic coercion** and global uncertainty. These contributions reflect my belief that liberalism must be economically serious and internationally engaged as trade, technology, and security increasingly intersect.

My engagement also extends to democratic resilience and civil liberties. In November, I spoke at a Liberty Youth project across Hungary, Italy, and Serbia on LGBTQ+ rights in Europe. There, I questioned how "Gayrope" narratives, often promoted by actors such as Russia, are used to undermine liberal democracies by portraying Europe as weak or decadent. I view LGBTQ+ rights as a matter of individual freedom and democratic strength, closely linked to long-run economic freedom and personal autonomy. **Europe remains one of the few places where constructive liberal political discourse is possible, and it must be preserved.**

If elected as IMS Delegate, I will ensure Individual Members are politically heard, well-coordinated, and taken seriously within LYMEC. I stand for a liberalism that is pro-freedom, pro-innovation, and geopolitically serious, defending open societies without sacrificing civil liberties or economic dynamism.

Sincerely,

Vinayakan Sajeev-Beena