

Dear Sir/Madam,

I believe I have always had a Liberal mindset, even though I have been an Individual member of the ALDE Party and LYMEC only for a very short period of time. The decision to actively join the Liberal family now, comes as a result of well-thought of, conscious choice. I haven't been politically active with no other party or structure, and my decision comes at a time, when I believe I have formed my personal viewpoints, ideas, positions and values and I would like to devote my work to spreading and defending those ideas as much as possible.

Becoming a volunteer intern at the Legal Clinic for Immigrants and Refugees at Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, while I was a second year Law school student, really had a strong impact on me with regard to developing an understanding of Europe of the shared humanitarian values. It was then, when I first got interested in the Liberal ideas. In 2012 I was awarded a Fulbright scholarship for master's degree program in the US. I graduated Tulane University in May 2013, after having had the opportunity to meet and communicate with people from all over the world, which furthered my sensitivity towards the diversity of cultural facets and improved my ability of cross-cultural communication and multilateral cooperation with people coming from countries with various political and economic developments. In addition, in March 2013 - 2014 I participated in a Fulbright seminar held in Washington DC, which addressed Democracy and Human Rights – Civil Activism and the Media, which strengthened my developing Liberal viewpoint.

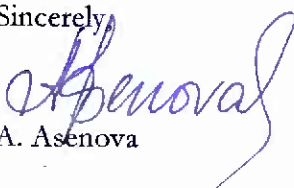
Upon my return to Bulgaria, in November 2014 I became a Senior Expert at the Legislative Advisors Department at the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria, where I was assigned to work on the files of the Human rights committee and the Legal committee. With regard to the unfolding refugee crisis and the unique geographical position of Bulgaria, as well as in view of the need for implementation of the common European asylum system in the national legislature, I was assigned to work on the amendment of the Bulgarian Asylum and Refugee Act. The work on this project provided me with an in depth view on the issues the Bulgarian asylum system faces and the viewpoints of all the actors, which helped me develop a strong position on the matter. Driven by my humanitarian approach on the refugee issues, for the period 02.2014 – 05.2014, I devoted my free time to a skills-based volunteering with the office of UNHCR Bulgaria.

As a result from my work on these issues, I was invited to become an Accredited Parliamentary Assistant to MEP Filiz Hyusmenova, with regard to the MEP's work in the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. My work within the ALDE Group at the European Parliament furthered my political consciousness and Liberal conviction.

Given my highly humanitarian understanding and my already formed Liberal mindset, I am more interested than ever in becoming part of the LYMEC team as an IMS delegate. This opportunity will provide me with a chance to become part of the Liberal decision making process, to discuss and exchange opinions with people sharing the same Liberal views and values. I believe that I am a devoted, hard-working person with good team - working skills and I would be honored to join the work of the LYMEC team and contribute to it as much as possible.

Having said that, I would be extremely grateful if you give me a chance to put my training and personal convictions effectively in practice.

Sincerely,



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