

Dear liberal friends, Dear congress delegates,

In 2014, I joined LYMEC and ALDE Party as an Individual Member wishing to be active in the European liberal family, of which my national party was not a member at the time. Since then, I have helped my national organisation join and subsequently reach full membership in LYMEC.

In my two terms as Individual Members' Delegate, and my subsequent term on the IMS Steering Committee, I have gotten a thorough understanding of LYMEC as an institution, participated in reforming the structure of the IMS and collaborated with two Bureaus and the Secretariat, hence developing valuable insight into the working patterns of LYMEC and what should be prioritised to make sure that the organisation functions at its very best.

In short, my involvement has taught me how to effectively advocate European Liberalism and how to mend the gap between different political stakeholders.

One of the things I have come to realise during my involvement is that the relationship and cooperation with our global counterpart IFLRY unfortunately leaves some room for improvement. There are insufficiencies in the communication between the organisations, especially between the bureaus, which results in an information vacuum that leads to ineffectiveness and duplication of efforts. Acknowledging this lack of proper communication and having some concrete ideas for how to tackle the issue, I have decided to run for the position of LYMEC representative to the IFLRY Bureau.

Our two organisations share similar goals but differ in their approaches and geographical scopes. They are complementary in nature, not competitors, and it is vital that they cooperate effectively. With that in mind, my priorities will be the following:

- Ensure effective and efficient bilateral communication between LYMEC and IFLRY and that essential information is shared
- Coordination to avoid overlapping or unwitting competition that would be detrimental to both organisations
- Support LYMEC and IFLRY in joining forces when desirable to maximize results for young liberals in Europe and globally

In my opinion, the primary objective of the LYMEC representative to the IFLRY Bureau is to act as a liaison between the two organisations and to bring forward the views of LYMEC, its Bureau and its member organisations towards the IFLRY leadership.

With my experience in LYMEC, my connections in both organisations, my passion for liberalism, and my bridge building capabilities, I believe I am the right person to represent our organisation in IFLRY and achieve these goals.

I have been told I am diplomatic, resourceful and proactive, I am open to feedback and very organised. I have the required skills and knowledge to be LYMEC's representative to IFLRY. I want to raise the standard for connecting our two organisations – please support me in this, vote for me!

Liberally Yours,

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Candidate for LYMEC representative to IFLRY