

Motivation letter – Marten Porte

Dear liberal friends, dear delegates,

From the moment I first got involved in LYMEC, I immediately felt at home. It is therefore with great pleasure that I am announcing my candidacy to be your next LYMEC Treasurer.

As the Treasurer and International Officer of Jonge Democraten I quickly found out how important a well-functioning treasury is to the abilities of an organisation. I took over in a period of relative instability and could feel the tension flow away from fellow board members when they knew the finances were being taken care of. Even when I had to enforce massive budget cuts, being in a position to take my organisation through these rough times made me feel grateful.

If I will get elected, I will land in a completely different situation. LYMEC's finances are in a very good state. Our current Treasurer has done an excellent job in running the treasury and increasing our funding. This does not mean, however, that we can lay back. The search for steady long-term financing will continue in the next mandate. Also, LYMEC will need to adapt to the growth that we are experiencing. With growing funding comes an increased pressure on our staff and our office space. As Treasurer, it will be my responsibility to accommodate this growth and to make sure LYMEC is ready for the future. I hope to do this in a communicative, transparent and approachable way. I see it as the Treasurer's job to make it clear to the Congress which decisions have been made and why, and I hope people will never hesitate when they have doubts or questions to contact me.

I have decided to run for LYMEC because to me it is obvious what a great potential this organisation has. Within our membership there are thousands of gifted young liberals who want to make Europe a better place. I see our responsibility twofold. On the one hand, we need to give these people the tools and the opportunities to learn about European politics and how to influence it. On the other side, we have duty to fight on the European level for the ideals in our policy book. Only this way can we be a part of creating a better Europe with liberal values at its core.

I think that with my experience, my enthusiasm and my work ethic, I will be a valuable addition to the team and the organisation. Now is the time to take this great organisation to the next level. I am greatly looking forward to making my contribution.

I hope I can count on your support and look forward to seeing you all in Skopje.

Best regards,

Marten Porte
Candidate for LYMEC Treasurer