



EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR
THE EDUCATION OF ADULTS

Candidate's presentation form for EAEA PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS ELECTIONS 2019

Please introduce yourself with this form and make your motivation known to the members of EAEA who will elect the new executive board in June 2019

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RUNNING FOR	<input type="radio"/> President <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board member

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1. Please describe your current position.

I am the director of the Swiss Federation of Adult Learning (SVEB). As the umbrella organization for adult learning in Switzerland, SVEB gathers more than 700 members including associations, state and private providers and trainers. SVEB is the main driver of professionalization and quality development in Switzerland and contributes to the development of the adult education system through projects and a think-tank.

As the director, I am responsible for the management and the strategic development of the organization (30 staff members, 4 million Euro budget), I initiate and coordinate innovative national projects and, on the policy level, I represent adult education vis-à-vis the state, the cantons and various national working groups.

I am also responsible for the international work of our organization: on behalf of the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation we monitor and support UNESCO's Agenda 2030 and CONFINTEA processes in Switzerland, we serve as a link to ICAE and UIL, we participate in numerous Erasmus+ projects and in transfer projects in Eastern Europe (Balkan, Hungary, Romania and Belarus). For six years I have been a board member of the European Basic Skills Network (EBSN).

Since 2017 I am a member of the EAEA Executive Committee. In 2018 I was elected by the EC as Vice-President.

2. How would you like to contribute to the work of EAEA, based on your experience in your organisation?

My ambition is to continue to contribute as a very active and constructive board member to the further strengthening of EAEA as the main voice for adult education on the European level.

My focus is on the strategic development of the organization. For this work, I will draw on my experience of the first two years in the EC, my engagement within EBSN, where I was responsible for the strategic development of the network, and also my current policy work in Switzerland. I will contribute to discussions in the board based on my professional expertise in various important AE fields such as basic skills learning, quality assurance, train the trainers systems, validation, upskilling strategies, digitalization, migration etc.

Also, I will continue to keep a close eye on finances. A healthy financial situation of EAEA is the basis for all its work.



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3. What are your motivations as a candidate?

As an enthusiast for Lifelong Learning and a convinced European, am I highly motivated to continue to contribute to a powerful and financially stable EAEA, so that it can further strengthen its role as the voice for adult learning in Europe. As many current EC-members cannot run for another term, I would like to use my experience from the last two years in the EC to contribute to a stable situation.

From the perspective of SVEB, who is one of the founders of EAEA and always has supported EAEA in a substantial way, we would like to continue to take responsibility in the EAEA Executive Committee. As a multilingual organization in the heart of Europe, we can build a bridge between French, Italian and German speaking countries. Also, we can use our growing network in Eastern Europe.

4. Which other information would you like to share with the EAEA members?