

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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TITLE	
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NOMINATED BY	IPA "Education without Borders"
RUNNING FOR	○ President
	√ Board member

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1. Please describe your current position.

I have 20 years' experience in non-formal adult and youth education within civil society in Belarus. In 2003, my colleagues and I founded an NGO "Education without Borders", were I held the position of an executive director from 2004 until 2012. Since 2012, I've been a member of the Council responsible for the management skills development of younger staff and international cooperation. I am experienced in promotion of the idea of life-long learning on the national level, networking and cooperation in adult and youth education sector, fundraising and project management. Apart from that, I am a former member of the Board of the Network of educational NGOs in Belarus "Association for civic education" (the Association for Life-Long Learning and Enlightenment was later on registered based on this network). Since 2004, I have also worked for German development agencies like German Support Program for Belarus (FpB/IBB) and DVV International; I also have experience in cooperation with international donors (World Bank, UNDP).

Educational background

- Diploma in land surveying, University of Mines, Saint-Petersburg, Russia (1987);
- Post Graduate studies with the focus on general pedagogics and history of pedagogics, National Institute for Higher Education, Minsk, Belarus (2005);
- Master's degree in adult education (M.A.), Technical University of Kaiserslautern, Germany (2014).
 - 2. How would you like to contribute to the work of EAEA, based on your experience in your organisation?

I was elected to the Executive Board of the EAEA in Porto in June 2015 and would like to continue to contribute to the work of the Association at different levels, supporting the efforts of the EAEA Board, Secretary General and staff members, helping to promote the idea of adult education and lifelong learning in Belarus and other countries of Eastern Europe, developing the cooperation between different stakeholders and different countries.

Europe faces many challenges: low tolerance and xenophobia, climate change and pollution, lack of equality and stratification of society, slowing economic growth and labor market problems. In today's globalized world, most of these problems cannot be solved by individual states or even by the European Union without active interaction with neighboring countries. Therefore, I see my role in the expansion of cooperation of adult education organizations in order to create a common



space for European adult education including the EU and non-EU-countries, aimed at solving problems as separate target groups, countries and the continent as a whole.

3. What are your motivations as a candidate?

I would like to bring a number of best practices from the grassroots and association levels that will strengthen the reflection on the future of adult education. Joining efforts could help us overcome the barriers on a national level and advocate for more inclusive and empowered adult education practices within Europe.

Besides, being an EAEA Board member gives me the opportunity to place my own work in a wider international context and reinforce the exchange of information and development of adult education initiatives in my home country.

none

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