

European Association for the  
Education of Adults (EAEA)

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### Candidate's Presentation for EAEA President 2019

Dear members of EAEA,

On its meeting in December 2018, the Board of the German Adult Education Association (DVV) took the decision to suggest Mr Uwe Gartenschlaeger for the EAEA-Presidency. Mr Gartenschlaeger works since 1995 in various capacities for DVV and will be return from his assignment in Asia to our headquarter in Bonn as the Deputy Director of DVV International in August 2019.

DVV is a founding member of EAEA and took the presidency once between 1973 and 1983. After more than 35 years, our association offers to take this responsibility again. This offer is linked to some strategical objectives:

First of all, we would like to be more active on the European level to secure and enhance important programs (e.g. Erasmus+), which have been very instrumental in developing the adult educations sector all over Europe. This should be linked with a clear mandate to ensure adult education will be recognized (and funded) as a public good at the national level. To be successful in these endeavours, DVV offers its vast networks on the national and European level, including the European Parliament and the Council.

Secondly, DVV would like to combine the presidency with a focus on Europe as a topic for adult education. National members should be offered access to the European arena, and the activities related to European issues should be enhanced in our member organisations. Additionally, we would like to foster the exchange on successful formats between the EAEA membership.

Lastly, we would like to use the occasion of the EAEA presidency to link our members on the local level to other adult education actors in Europe and create strong partnerships on the local level.

We would kindly ask you to support Uwe Gartenschlaeger's candidacy for the EAEA-Presidency.

Yours sincerely,

  
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