



EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR
THE EDUCATION OF ADULTS

Candidate's presentation form for EAEA PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS ELECTIONS 2021

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 2021

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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 770 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 participate in numerous Erasmus+ projects and in transfer projects in Eastern Europe.

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

In 2020 I was elected as Vice President for Europe to the Executive Committee of the International Council for Adult Education ICAE. In this role I serve as an official link between EAEA and ICAE.

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.

In the next term I will continue to keep a close eye on the strategic development of EAEA and on finances. A clear strategy and a healthy financial situation of EAEA is the basis for all its work. Very important to me is also the active participation of Europe in the CONFINTEA process. 2022 will be a crucial year for the further development of Adult Education and it is my ambition, that Europe and EAEA will play a major role as an advocate of civil society and the AE sector.

For this work, I will draw on my experience of four years in the EC, my engagement as a member of the Executive Committee of ICAE, and also my current policy work in Switzerland. I will contribute to discussions



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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.

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 and worldwide.

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 and links to the OECD.

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