

## Candidate's presentation form for EAEA President and Executive Board elections 2023

Please introduce yourself with this form and make your motivation known to the members of EAEA, who will elect the new Executive Board in Zagreb, Croatia on 6 June 2023. We kindly ask you to submit the nomination latest on 30 April 2023 so that we can include it in the EAEA General Assembly papers, to be shared with members in early May. Please note that the information that you include below will be displayed on a dedicated page of the EAEA website.

**Full name of the candidate** GEORGE KOULAOUZIDES

**Title** DR

**Organisation** HELLENIC ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

**Nominated by** HELLENIC ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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**Please describe your current position.**

As of July 2020, I work as Assistant Professor of the Methodology of Adult Education at the Hellenic Open University. My work as a member of the university teaching and research staff, is to support students in their graduate studies in the field of adult learning and to promote research that could enhance the theoretical and practical areas of the field of adult education. Thus, I am involved in several research projects either as the main researcher or as a supervisor.

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

My whole working life (not only my university career) is dedicated to adult learning and education. My intention is to bring all my experiences from the field in order to support the work of EAEA in the area of policy advocacy, especially in relation to non-vocational adult learning. I do have a good understanding of the European policy developments since for more than six years I was part of a European Network of independent experts who were reporting about the progress of the member states regarding the goals of the European Commission for lifelong learning.

**What are your motivations as a candidate?**

My only motivation is to serve the field of adult education. I believe that serving the Board of EAEA is an efficient and effective way to influence international and national policy.

**What other information would you like to share with EAEA members?**

I was born in the US and grew up in Greece. I studied mathematics (B.Sc.), adult learning and education (M.Sc., M.Ed., Ph.D.) and counselling (PGDipl.). I am serving as Assistant Professor of the Methodology of Adult Education at the Hellenic Open University, and adjunct professor at the International Hellenic University. I have designed the well-known accredited training program for the instructors of the National Centre for Public Administration in Greece and have a vast experience in training of trainers. Many people consider me as the person who guided the internationalization of the Greek adult education community. My research interests are learning, transformative learning, educational biography, and critical reflection. I have translated and edited seven books on adult education and qualitative research, edited journals, and several textbooks. My published work counts more than 100 papers in journals, edited volumes, and conference proceedings (all together). I have served as a member of the management board of organizations like the Hellenic Adult Education Association, the European Association for Adult Education, and the International Hall of Fame. I am an active member of the International Transformative Learning Association and ESREA. In 2019 I was inducted in the International Adult & Continuing Education Hall of Fame for my work as an adult education practitioner.