

## 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** John Evers

**Title** Dr.

**Organisation** Verband Österreichischer Volkshochschulen

**Nominated by** Verband Österreichischer Volkshochschulen

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**Please describe your current position.**

As Secretary General of the "Verband Österreichischer Volkshochschulen", I currently represent 256 adult/community education centres in 800 communities at the national and international level. Furthermore, I am chairman of the Austrian Society for Political Education (ÖGPB), member of the steering committee of the Conference of Adult Education in Austria (KEBÖ), as well as head of the office of the Adult Education Media Awards.

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

My professional focus is on basic education, second chance education (which I have completed myself) as well as democracy education and political education. Furthermore, the österreichische

Volkshochschulen stand for a concept of education and an educational tradition that I consider important for the development of adult education at the European level. Likewise, I am well networked in Austrian adult education and can also contribute their concerns and experiences. Finally, I still see myself as an active and practising adult educator with a long deal of experience in the field of teaching and counselling.

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

Specifically, the very positive experiences in connection with the "Bildung" project have shown me that the EAEA is an real interesting and professional organisation. Furthermore, I see the representation of adult education at all levels as my own main professional task, which coincides with the main purpose of the EAEA. And I enjoy working with the colleagues I have already met there ...

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

I am a bookseller (Apprenticeship with 20). Later (with 26) I have studied history, political education and statistics. I have been working now exclusively in the field of education for exactly 20 years. I am also a keen photographer and have also always worked as a journalist.