

Sunday, April 23, 2023



## 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.

<b>Full name of the candidate</b>	Lauri Tuomi
<b>Title</b>	CEO
<b>Organisation</b>	The Finnish Lifelong Learning Foundation (Kvs Foundation)
<b>Nominated by</b>	Finnish Adult Education Association (FAEA)
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<b>Running for</b>	<input type="text" value="Board member"/>

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**Please describe your current position.**

I am CEO of The Finnish Lifelong Learning Foundation (Kvs Foundation) which is an independent foundation and operating in the fields of lifelong learning, adult education and bildung. Since 2019 I have had the honour to be a member of the EAEA's Executive Board. Since 2021 I have been one of the vice presidents.

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

I have a long experience in many positions in adult education and lifelong learning (top management, board member, chair, teacher, lecturer, facilitator, senior advisor etc.) in governmental bodies, educational institutes as well as in associations nationally. Since 2019 I have been a member of EAEA Executive Board and since 2021 as one of the vice presidents.

The time in EAEA Executive Board has been most rewarding. I would like to continue to support EAEA's success in the areas of my expertise: adult education policy, lifelong learning as well as on the strategic and future oriented operations of the association. I would like to contribute to EAEA's advocacy work as well as support deepening collaboration between EAEA members. Also, I am happy to continue to visit conferences and seminars in EAEA member organisations and countries to support their ALE development. Especially, I am thankful for the opportunities to support Ukraine and its ALE policy and law development. Moreover, I would like to continue bringing my knowledge on strategic, managerial and leadership development to support the success of EAEA – not alone but in close collaboration with others.

I am very thankful for the close collaboration we have in Nordic and Baltic through Bildung / Folkbildning Nordic network. In this respect bringing the voice from the region to support EAEA would be one of my aims.

Finally, I would like to point out the importance of Erasmus+ programme for the ALE sector in Europe. I

have worked at the National Agency for Erasmus+ in Finland for several years, additionally I have long experience in evaluating Erasmus+ project applications for the agency. During my career I have been involved in more than 50 international projects in different roles (project manager or steering group chair/member).

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

My motivation is very well expressed in the Marrakech Framework for Action (UNESCO CONFINTEA VII resolution): ALE has transformational power on society. I strongly believe in civil society, democracy, European values as well as ALE and lifelong learning as base for a society which does not exclude anyone, and which provides opportunities for every citizen for learning and wellbeing. Moreover, being member of the board of the Finnish Adult Education Association (FAEA) I am extremely motivated to act as an active link between FAEA and EAEA.

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

Globalisation, sustainable development and lifelong learning are topics that are close to my heart. As a member of Finland's National Commission for UNESCO I can bring my knowledge to the EAEA executive board on these global (and European) topics.

Finally, I would like to invite you all to celebrate adult learning and education, lifelong learning and Bildung in Finland in 2024. As an honor for the 150th anniversary of our foundation, the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture has nominated the year 2024 as a thematic year of Bildung in Finland (sivistys in Finnish).

EAEA General Assembly and the Annual Conference will take place in Helsinki on the 10th – 11th June 2024. This will be an excellent opportunity to raise the visibility of EAEA in Europe and globally as ICAE (tbc) is planning its conference to be held at the same time. Let's celebrate together. Welcome to Helsinki!