

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.

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Please describe your current position.

I am working for the General Directorate of Lifelong Learning for the Ministry of National Education of Turkey. At the same time I am the founder President of International Lifelong Learning Association (founded in 2014) which has been an ordinary member of EAEA since 2015. I got PhD at Education Management and Inspection Department at Ankara University, Faculty of Education Sciences.

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

I am writing to express my strong interest in becoming a board member of the European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA). As an expert in the field of lifelong learning and holding a PhD degree in educational management, I am confident that I can make valuable contributions to the work of the organization through my field experience and academic background.

With my extensive experience at the General Directorate of Lifelong Learning for the Ministry of National Education of Turkey and as the President of the International Lifelong Learning Association, I have gained a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing adult education in Europe and around the world. I have also led numerous projects and initiatives aimed at promoting and enhancing lifelong learning, which have provided me with valuable insights and skills that I can bring to the EAEA.

If selected to join the EAEA Executive Board, I would prioritize my focus on three key areas among various goals of my possible membership:

1. **Advocacy and policy development:** As a board member, I would work to promote the importance of lifelong learning and advocate for policies that support adult education across Europe. I believe that by working together, we can create a more inclusive and equitable society that values learning at all stages of life.
2. **Capacity building:** With my experience in education management and inspection, I am well-equipped to support the EAEA in building the capacity of its members and partners. I would work to develop training and support programs that help adult education professionals improve their skills and knowledge.
3. **International cooperation:** As expert and project manager in MoNE and the President of the International Lifelong Learning Association, I have established partnerships with organizations around the world. I would leverage these networks to promote international cooperation and exchange between EAEA and other organizations working in the field of adult education.

Overall, I believe that my experience and skills make me an ideal candidate for the EAEA Executive Board. I am committed to advancing the cause of lifelong learning and I am eager to work with you to achieve our shared goals.

What are your motivations as a candidate?

I, as a candidate for board membership, I have got mainly two basic motivations one of which is personal and the other is organizational, that is if I can be selected as a board member I will have personal gains and organizational contributions.

To start with, if I can be elected as a board member I will improve my professional career. As I expressed it before, I have had a long career in adult education. Although my career started as a teacher of young learners for three years, it has continued as an expert in adult education, to specify I have been contributing to General Directorate of Lifelong Learning for the Ministry of National Education of Turkey. Throughout this career I have been in almost every facets of adult education ranging from program development to material development but not limited to these. Along with this official position in the Ministry, as an additional role of my job I have had the experience of working for EU and World Bank funded Projects as expert and director. During my position at the MoNE I founded my NGO, the International Lifelong Learning Association in Turkey, which contributed me a lot in developing projects for the public benefit. Now in a new episode of my career I would like to improve my professional career by gaining the experience of management of an umbrella association, I already had the experience of managing an NGO based in Turkey. Now I believe that I should gain more experience from the management of an NGO at an international scale. In short, board membership of

EAEA will provide me with the professional experience, I have never had so far. The second motivation I have for the candidacy is the possible contributions I can offer to the EAEA. I believe that I have the potential of enhancing and fulfilling the goals of the organization. EAEA has a multicultural community, it has members from numerous different countries and cultures. As having international experiences I can be an interconnection among these unique needs and aspirations as a resident of Turkey with a 85 million population and 6 million refugees. Besides being a connecting agent among the members, I would like to underline that if I am selected as a member from the non-EU state, this will give an opportunity to increase the communication, cooperation and learning between the member and non-member EU states.

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

Besides my possible contributions and motivations for applying as a member of board I would like the EAEA members to know that I am deeply committed to the values and principles that guide the EAEA. I believe that lifelong learning is a fundamental human right and that education plays a critical role in shaping our communities and societies. I am also convinced that the EAEA has a unique role to play in advocating for the needs and interests of its members and advancing the field of adult education across Europe.

If I am selected to join the board, I would bring a range of skills and perspectives to the table. I am a strategic thinker with a track record of developing innovative solutions to complex challenges. I am also a collaborative leader who values the insights and contributions of others and is committed to working towards common goals. I would bring a strong work ethic, a passion for excellence and a deep commitment to the mission and values of the EAEA.

In terms of my vision for the EAEA, I believe that we need to focus on several key priorities in order to advance the field of adult education and support our members. These priorities include developing new partnerships and collaborations, fostering innovation and creativity in programming and delivery, and advocating for policies and resources that support lifelong learning. I also believe that the EAEA has an important role to play in promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion in adult education, and I would work to ensure that these values are at the forefront of all our activities.

In closing, I would like to express my enthusiasm for the opportunity to contribute to the work of the EAEA as a board member. I believe that my experience, skills, and commitment make me an ideal candidate for this role, and I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve.