



## 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>	Uwe Gartenschlaeger
<b>Title</b>	Director
<b>Organisation</b>	DVV International
<b>Nominated by</b>	Deutscher Volkshochschul-Verband
<b>Email address (of the member introducing the nomination)</b>	westerholt@dvv-vhs.de
<b>Running for</b>	<input type="text" value="President"/>

### Please describe your current position.

I am the current President of EAEA since 2019 and Director of DVV International, the international branch of the Deutscher Volkshochschul-Verband (DVV). DVV is the national association of nearly 900 community based adult education centers (Volkshochschulen).

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

I would like to continue serving as a President for the third term with the following focus:

- Advocating for a stronger recognition of ALE as a crucial component to master the digital and green transition and to make sure no-one is left behind
- Advocate for improved funding of ALE from the European level
- Ensure that our understanding of Europe includes not only EU member countries, but the whole continent
- Support a stronger connection to the global level, especially our sister associations from other continents and ICAE

### What are your motivations as a candidate?

I am convinced that in the current situation we need more ALE and we need more Europe. To serve as a President of EAEA allows me to contribute a little for strengthening these two sectors.

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

It will be my third and last term, and I would like to share that it was a great pleasure so far to be your President, even in challenging times such as the pandemic!