



Candidate's presentation form for EAEA President and Executive Board members

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Please describe your current position and role in your organisation.

I am representing the umbrella organisation of adult education providers, the AIVD, Association of Adult Education Institutions in the Slovak Republic and I am a Member of the Executive Committee of AIVD. I work for AINova, which is an NGO and AE provider and it is a member organization of AIVD. My role has several dimensions – management of the organisation and projects, research, policy advocacy and when possible, also training.

How would you like to contribute to the work of EAEA, based on the experience in your organisation? What capacities do you have to support the work of EAEA?

I would like to actively promote the work of EAEA and the themes it is advocating for in Slovakia as well as within the region of Central and Eastern Europe, including, where possible, Ukraine, and facilitate the contacts between members and other NGOs in this region and EAEA.

I am interested in developing the concept of building learning communities, cities and regions. This reflects my work and efforts to bring the agenda of adult education to the sub-national level. I believe it means first of all to promote the understanding of what adult education is and what benefits it has. For that, it is necessary to speak understandably, simply and use the same words with the same meaning, if possible, across Europe.

AIVD is active also in EU projects and activities and I can rely on the support of other members of the Executive Committee as well as the Secretariat in my work for EAEA.

Are there specific activities or areas of work at EAEA you would like to contribute to? Which activities or areas of work are you already actively contributing to?

I would like to contribute more towards the development and strengthening the (21st century) citizenship skills of adults through improvement of critical / scientific thinking, health education as well as green skills. In Slovakia I am also a member of the Working Group on Global Education among the development NGOs and I would like to link better the area of adult non-formal education and global education as the global education is so far very much connected just to the formal education.

The discussion on quality in education is very topical in Slovakia and I would also like to contribute to building the culture of quality so to say.

What motivates you to candidate for the Executive Board of EAEA?

1. Thanks to my first study stay through Erasmus (Tempus Programme at that time) I have become European. The EU pre-accession and then pre-Presidency training programmes for civil servants in Slovakia, that I worked on, as well as programmes of technical assistance and development aid in the Balkan countries and Ukraine, tested and confirmed my position. The same goes for the international projects, funded mainly through Erasmus. The recent political developments around the globe bring instability, mistrust, uncertainty. In many instances in the past the EU provided the stability and direction. I believe it could continue so - also through professional communities such as EAEA.

2. After the first term in the Board, I finally have an idea how the things work and hopefully in the second term I could actually apply my skills and experience.

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

I have worked over 25 years in the education sector - as a trainer, project manager and researcher.

My teaching experience includes topics on EU legal and institutional framework and specialised English EU terminology for civil servants, in Slovakia and abroad. Working on a number of national and international projects, I designed various training programmes, courses, learning materials, collection of education resources, including in e-learning/online form.

In recent years, I have dealt extensively with the topic of adult learning – researching and analysing the implementation of national lifelong learning policies on regional level, barriers and opportunities for designing the adult learning policies on local level.