

## Candidacy as IFLRY representative

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### Where I come from

I was born in a political family and have been politically active for over 10 years. My grandfather, himself a former member of the national parliament and President of the national parliament of the FDP Switzerland, understood how to unite people with very different values and ideologies in order to develop the best possible solutions to social problems. He was my political and human inspiration, and that's why I too try to build bridges between people, parties and organisations in order to move forward together.

Myself, I was elected to the local council in my home municipality at the age of 18 and then began my political career with the Jungfreisinnige Schweiz (JFS). I have been president of a cantonal section for 5 years and have successfully rebuilt it. Now I'm a member of the national board of the Jungfreisinnige Schweiz and Vice-President of the municipal FDP.

### What I stand for

The fundamental liberal values have always guided me. I am firmly convinced that humans, as a rational being, should not be restricted more than necessary by a state structure. Therefore, an economic order that functions in a market-oriented manner and thus offers the greatest possible freedom of choice for consumers and innovation and progress. We owe our prosperity and our freedoms largely to an open foreign policy and free trade, which is why both must be defended and preserved. I am strongly in favour of a state that promotes rather than inhibits human freedoms and self-development - people are entitled to freedoms from birth, they do not have to be granted by the state.

### What I want

Liberal values are not only increasingly being forgotten around the world but are also increasingly coming under attack from the left and the right. "Liberal" has degenerated into a trendy term, which many organisations and individuals rent for themselves, who understand neither the content nor the value of liberalism. It is more important than ever that we as liberals look beyond national and continental borders and re-establish our liberal model of success in

people's minds. The cooperation between IFLRY and LYMEC has not always been easy in recent years. I am convinced that as a representative of a non-EU state and by talking 4 European languages fluently, I am in a suitable position to improve the cooperation and communication between LYMEC and IFLRY.

I want to jointly launch new projects, improve the co-existence and cooperation between the two organisations and use their respective strengths to become stronger for our common core values and re-establish liberal values in Europe and the world in the minds of young people. Specifically, I have the following goals:

- I want to plan joint events between LYMEC and IFLRY.
- I want to share the experiences made and the best practices of the two organisations in order to create arguments and tools for each other to establish liberal solutions in all states of the world. We can and should benefit and learn from each other instead of repeating the same mistakes.
- I want to mediate between the two organisations and establish clear competences and tasks as well as define where cooperation is appropriate. Tried and tested things should be taken over and successful things should be improved.
- I want to coordinate and have an overview of the political agendas of both organisations in order to build up partial cooperation where, for example, joint campaigns or initiatives are possible and make sense.
- I want to keep the International Officers informed about what is being done and planned in both organisations in order to achieve a stronger networking of us liberals to gain even more power for our cause. Best practices with liberal actions or solutions need to be shared among liberal leaders.
- I want to join forces where it will bring us further and go our own ways where the specific knowledge of the situation is required.

By voting for me, you vote for a consistent liberal who knows, that success only comes from hard work. I'm absolutely ready to work harder for the success of our liberal values.