

Subject: candidacy for Rainbow Rose board

Maastricht, September 17th

Dear Control Commission, dear General Assembly,

I am proud and honoured to be nominated by PvdA Roze Netwerk for the position of Secretary-General. I am confident that I have the experience, competences and network necessary for the position.

Our organisation has had some turbulent Assemblies the past few years, because of a lack of unity and differing views on the future of our organisation. It is time to move forward and focus on what unites us and build bridges between member organisations to make each other's organisations stronger. This year Rainbow Rose received extra funding which strengthens the organisation financially and enables us to hire an employee. In my opinion this is an important step in securing the future of Rainbow Rose, but it is not enough. We have to work together to make it happen. It is time for new energy and trust within our network

In the past one and a half year I have supported the Rainbow Rose board as an associate member. It has been an opportunity for me to represent Rainbow Rose at meetings of PES, support activists and member organisations and learn about the strengths and weaknesses of our organisation.

As Rainbow Rose we can do more to support our member organisations and to connect you together. There is an enormous amount of knowledge within our network which we can use more effectively. As I said, it is important to build bridges between our member organisations. We are a political family of LGBTI networks. Rainbow Rose needs to be a safe space for everyone in our family. And like a family we need to empower, support and strengthen activists and member organisations within our political family. I want to contribute to this process the next two years and I am of the opinion that the best position to do so is Secretary-General.

In previous positions I have had experience with organising various events. I have experience as a spokesperson for the regional LGBTI advocacy organisation. Furthermore I have represented Rainbow Rose at several meetings of the Party of European Socialist, i.e. Coordination Team and Presidency meetings.

As I write this letter, I am just back from Belgrade Pride. While I know that there is still much to fight for within Europe, at such a Pride you are every time reminded of that. It makes me even more determined to make a change together with our activists, member organisations, PES and S&D Group.

I hope to get your confidence to serve as your Secretary-General for the next two years.

Yours sincerely,



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