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Resumé /Motivation letter for candidacy as an UWE-Board member, for **Secretary General**

My interest for the position of Secretary General as an UWE-Board member is based on the belief that the organization can benefit from my unusually wide work experience, background and special interests. Also, I speak several languages – even as a translator and simultaneous interpreter in **English, French, Swedish, Romanian**, but can to an extent also use Italian, German and a few other languages as working languages. My experience is as much theoretical – academic, as practical, from both political organizations and NGOs. I also have experience as a Board member, e.g. as **chair** of my local (Left) Party organization for 4 years (earlier as **cashier**. and **board member** for 8 years), a **board member** of KAF Sweden for 3 years, also engaged in the Swedish CEDAW committee, as well as international organizations, such as ECAS and PICUM. As an expert, I am a member of IOMs LINET network and have worked for the European Council (e.g. network of citizenship experts, Intercultural Cities, etc.), European Commission (independent expert since 2003), ILO, UNHCR, etc., the UK Home Office and alike. I must mention that I have just left my functions as a political chairperson and as a KAF Board Member in 2015. I have been listed in Who's Who in the World since 1999.

Educationally, I have a multiple professional formation in **Law – LL.M. and Master in European and Comparative Law, Social Sciences – Master in Social Anthropology**, major: IMER – **International Migration and Ethnic Relations, Political Science – MA in International Relations**, major: Diplomacy and Human Rights, as well as Humanities - **Linguistics/ Pedagogy** (MA/Licencié) in **Philology**, major: in **English, French, Romanian**, and doctoral studies in **International & Comparative Education**.

I am currently based in Stockholm, Sweden (since 1994), but I have my roots in Romania, and I lived for a year in Maastricht in the Netherlands, where I took my law degree. I am though used to *work internationally* and *travel* all over the world – among others; I worked for two months in Japan as a guest professor, and have had many international projects, many EU-financed. I am mainly an expert in international migration and ethnic relations, as well as international and comparative education, which are also my main research areas, but also linguistics, social anthropology, law and education. My research interests are related to transnational aspects of **migration, education, gender aspects** – including **HBTQ, violence against women and children**, etc., access to **social and citizenship rights** – access to citizenship, **undocumented migrants**, etc. but I am also familiarized with **political decision-making**, e.g. budgetary, as an elected representative in Stockholm County Council 2002-2006, and 9 years in the Taxation Committee, as well as NGOs, non-political interest groups. My CV (attached – publications list also) only reflects mainstream activities, details not fully reflected in it.

Most of my life I worked in academic, theoretical fields of activity - research, teaching, consultancy (with my *own consultancy* – KCI, Kyrklunds' Consulting International, since 2004, earlier for more than 15 years at Stockholm University). I have a long experience as a **project leader** (designed, presented and completed) in **international projects**, organized **conferences** and debates, acted as an **expert consultant** (advisor, quality assurance, evaluation, aid assistance), **interpreter/ translator, teacher, lecturer**, conference organizer, etc. I worked at BRÅ – *Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention*, as a lawyer – linguist, in charge with a project regarding the standardization of specialised legal terms used within the criminal law process in Sweden; at EIPA – *European Institute for Public Administration in Maastricht*, ASE – *Academy for Economic Studies in Bucharest*, etc. I am used to work independently and as a member of a team, in diverse, often demanding environments, nationally and internationally, in different languages, under tight deadlines, and I can easily adapt to a variety of tasks. I enjoy to and often travel for work. I am also trained in leadership, strategic planning, organization, administration and marketing, and I am ready to invest the necessary time and effort to fulfil my duties on the Board, for whatever tasks required. I will be honoured to be able to contribute in making UWE attractive and interesting for present and prospective members of all ages and backgrounds.

Sincerely yours,

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