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Nominating Organisation

European Association for the Education of Adults - EAEA

Motivation, expertise and background and contribution to the strengthening of ICAE

Over the last years, ICAE's position as the global voice of adult education has shown its demands and its power. ICAE is the centre for cooperation between organisations, educators and other stakeholders and for many it's also the inspiration for continued development of adult education. Our work before, during and after CONFINTEA VII can be seen as the single most important event. In times where the international community is challenged by climate change, lack of support to democratic structures and growing insecurity in many regions, education – also for adults - is more needed than ever.

The inspiration for my belief in the power of adult education lies in my background as adult educator in Denmark, the Nordic countries and in Europe. I believe in the power of adult education, when it comes to empowering the single human to become an active citizen, who wants to reach the best in his or her own life, and when it comes to creating strong democratic communities based on goals we want to reach in common.

When I was elected as treasurer in 2020 for the first time, ICAE was in a very fragile situation. The finances were almost spent, and the new elected board and our staff used many resources to secure finances for the most basic elements of our organization's life. For the last years the association has established a more solid situation because of financial support from good partners. But unfortunately this support is with a time limit, and we will have to work with new partners to secure the financial structure of ICAE for the years to come. I do see it as the most important job for the treasurer in the coming years, to work with Financial Committee, Executive board, and staff to secure the financial structures for the association. We will also have to reach out to members for your support in this process.

To this important role I offer my commitment, experience as spokesperson, decision maker, lobbyist, and manager in adult education at a national and an international level.

I will try to involve my national and international network in my work as treasurer. For this I have the support of the European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA), the Nordic members of ICAE and the Danish Adult Education Association (DAEA).