

Letter of Motivation: Web Projects Administrator of ESN

Dear Members of Erasmus Student Network,

I hereby apply for the position of Web Projects Administrator of Erasmus Student Network AISBL.

I have been a member of ESN EPF Lausanne since fall 2006. The original reason for me to join the local section was to help foster the international students at EPFL. The first and most important task that was given to me was to improve the website and thus create a more appealing window on the internet for the promotion of our activities.

Being among the first users of the Satellite template, I learned how to work with it and to customize the Drupal template provided by ESN International and I contributed to the first Satellite mailing list. During my Erasmus year in Stockholm, I continued the job on the local level and was elected as Webmaster in the National Board of ESN Switzerland in 2008.

After my election as Webmaster for the second time, I attended the AGM in Utrecht and other international events, which sparked my motivation to get more involved in the network. I thus became National Representative in 2010.

ESN became dear to me and I am motivated to further improve the quality of the collaboration within the network and to support the sections and the national as well as the international level of ESN by providing them with the best IT-tools possible.

I have over ten years of experience in volunteering. Firstly, I was leader of the local boy scouts. Then I was camp leader in AFS, fostering exchange students on high school level. Lastly, I was involved in the different levels of ESN as local and national webmaster, buddy coordinator, National Representative and member of the iT-committee of ESN International.

My studies in physics equipped me with a good set of skills to analyze problems and crystallize out creative solutions. With a perspective from different levels of ESN I am well suited for the international board. I know the needs of sections, national boards and the CNR and because of my interest in IT and programming I can visualize possible solutions. Apart from finding solutions on my own, I appreciate the fruitful collaboration in a team, developing ideas coming from different perspectives. Even in stressful situations I have the ability to keep cool and mediate in conflicts. Nevertheless, I can also defend my own view points.

With my motivation, experience, and knowledge I hope you feel as confident as me to give me the responsibility to improve the IT-side of the network. If you should have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards



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