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Motivation Letter [PDF]

Elīna Pinto – Candidate for the EGP Committee – Motivation

Today, my motivation to strengthen and reinvigorate the European Greens is even stronger than a year ago. At the time I spoke with all our EGP family members – from the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea, from the Adriatic to the Atlantic coasts as part of my bid for our *Spitzenkandidat* selection.

Since then, we have fought together for our values at the European Elections. Together we face the growing affront to these values by far-right radicals, climate apathy, violent autocrats and their war machines. I am committed, energised and ready to support and steer this common cause as part of the EGP leadership team.

I

Together, we are stronger. For me, this means equal representation of the smaller but promising EGP members from the Baltic Sea Region, Eastern and Central Europe, and the South. Beyond the EU current borders – Ukraine and elsewhere. These regions are at the frontlines of our values. It is where we have had important recent wins that need to be solidified.

This does not mean creation of blocks within the EGP, but close and meaningful links and two-way engagement with the traditional green players in the heartlands of Europe. My longstanding European work, family and friendships equip me for understanding and blending these different perspectives into a mutually reinforcing, truly European approach.

My three children, when asked where they come from, answer that they are Europeans: belonging at the same time on the sandy Baltic coast, in a mountain village in Portugal and in the City of Luxembourg. We know in our family how it is to be on the very edge of Europe, and at the same time belong to its very heart, - and that one cannot do without the other. This is the leadership approach I embrace.

II

I represent a party which has built its upsurge on a progressive approach. We recognize that social and green policies reinforce each other. We have delivered results on equality and human rights, all while embracing policy areas that are not traditional for the greens, like defence and crisis resilience.

My own presidential and European campaign reached out to grassroots and regions, delivering new voters beyond upper-middle class urbanites: also elderly and underprivileged, farmers and firefighters (myself, I am training to become one).



With this approach and our experience in the government, we at *Progresivie* are testing a new ground for lasting political change: with greens that are ready to govern across the board, engage partners, reach out to new audiences, resist disinformation and break reactionary stalemates.

It is **Curriculum Vitae PDF** like mistakes as well. But these experiences of the EGP members are invaluable and our best exchange currency for shared success. I want to strengthen the EGP as a hub for inspiration and best practice exchange on campaigning and governing. A hub for strategic coordination, communication and countering disinformation.

III

I now ask for your trust and support as you select the new EGP Committee, your key ally and support base for the coming complicated years. I come equipped with what I call “strategic impatience for structural change”. An approach that marries defiant activism for our values with constructive listening, tactical planning and professional maturity.

As a team player, I look forward to working towards our shared goals and will be there for you and next to you as we go for more and more green wins. The planet and the people deserve this. These wins are desperately needed, and there is no time to waste.

Yours,

Elena Pinto





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EXPERTISE

EU & International affairs
Security, Defence, Crisis
response and resilience
Human Rights, Rule of Law,
Civil Society, Democratisation
Asylum, migration, mobile EU
citizens
Sustainability & Green policies
Public Governance & Reform
Communication & Outreach

EDUCATION

MA Law

University of Latvia, Riga
1999-2004

European Law & Politics

Université Nancy II & University
of Latvia Certificate, Riga
2001-2002

E.MA Human Rights and Democratisation

Global Campus of Human
Rights, Venice/Strasbourg
2004-2005

Public Policy Innovation

London School of Economics,
UK, Executive Education, 2022

Sustainable Finance

University of Luxembourg,
Executive Education, 2023

PROFILE

Progressive green politician and mature public policy professional with a solid track record in national, EU and international public service, public value advocacy and political engagement.

Experience in EU and international negotiations, worked in support of senior decision-makers on strategic policy advice and coordination. Skilled in policy and legal analysis and drafting. Management experience of teams, projects & budgets.

A passionate European & structural optimist. Love outdoors and chorus singing.

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

Spitzenkandidat nominee for EGP & National Lead candidate for the EP elections (Progresīvie, Latvia, G/EFA) 2024

Co-chair of the Supervisory Council, Co-chair of Jelgava Regional Section (Progresīvie, Latvia) 2023-2024

Candidate for the elections of the President of Latvia 2023

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Strategic policy advice and coordination

Cabinet of the President of Latvia, Advisor to the President on Sustainability and Modern State 2019 - 2020

EEAS Corporate Board, Advisor to DSG on Crisis management, defence, human rights and inter-institutional relations 2010- 2012

Council Secretariat, DGE, Policy assistant to DG for foreign policy and politico-military affairs 2007- 2009

LANGUAGES

Latvian (mother tongue)

Supporters

French (professional)

English (professional)

Portuguese (intermediate)

Luxembourgish

(conversational)

German (basic)

Ukrainian (basic)

Russian (professional)

PUBLICATIONS KEYNOTES

Steering responses to climate change from the centre of government: A stocktaking, OECD Publishing, Paris, 2023

Public sector – sustainability inspector, investor or innovator?, keynote, Sustainable business shapers forum “Ilgbūtība”, Riga, 2022

Rethinking economy – The wellbeing economy for women’s economic empowerment, keynote, Novatore Impact Summit, Riga, 2022

Poverty – Invisible, Inaudible, Inevitable? Opened, delfi.lv, 2018

European Environmental Law – Air and Water Legislation, Monography, Eurofaculty Publishing, Riga, 2003

Advocacy & Stakeholder engagement

EC Representation in Luxembourg, Team Leader 2023-2024

Communication and Outreach

President, Board Member, European Latvian Association 2013-2022

NGO Representative at the National Tripartite Council of Latvia 2017-2019

Ombudman’s Office of Latvia, Human Rights Director 2006-2007

2021-2023

2006-2007

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Public policy and legal analysis & monitoring

OECD Public Governance Directorate, Policy 2022-2023

Consultant on Sustainability & Governance Reform

EU@UN representation in Geneva/New York, Human Rights Policy assistant 2005-2006

2005-2006

EU/IOM Election Observer (Sub-Saharan Africa) 2006-2010

2006-2010

EC DG T, Translation and terminology 2012-2018

2012-2018

Riga Regional Court, Sworn Notary’s Office, Paralegal 2000-2003

2000-2003

CIVIL SOCIETY & VOLUNTEER

Volunteer Firefighting Corps, Trainee, Engures BUB unit, Latvia 2023-2024

2023-2024

Advisory Board, NOVATORE Impact Summit for Women’s Economic Empowerment, Riga, Latvia 2021-2022

2021-2022

Good-will ambassador for the European Anti-Poverty Network Latvia 2018

2018

Juror, “Innovation in Politics Awards”, Innovation in Politics Institute, Vienna, Austria 2018-2024

2018-2024

Board Member, Europeans Throughout the World 2020-2024

2020-2024

Board Member, European Movement Latvia 2015-2022

2015-2022