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Motivation Letter [PDF]

Dear Member Parties, dear delegates,

My name is Irene Vivas Lalinde, and I would like to ask for your vote to become the first member of my party, Verdes EQUO, to join the European Green Party Amendments Committee. Verdes EQUO has gone through a lot of challenges since its creation in 2011, but after overcoming many of them, we are ready to contribute to the decision-making of this family at the highest level.

Curriculum Vitae [PDF]

Many of you do not know me but I have been part of the Greens since 2016 when I joined Juventud Verde and became part of the Executive Board. Since then, I have contributed to our work from many different positions, including as a FYEG Executive Committee member, a FYEG observer to COP 26 and COP 27, a member of the Presidency of two FYEG General Assemblies, a member of the Federal Executive Board of Verdes EQUO (until October 2024) and now as a permanent delegate of Verdes EQUO to the EGP. Throughout all these experiences, I have learned about our values, principles and processes, but I have also been critical about our weaknesses and blind spots. The ongoing catastrophe in my hometown, the province of Valencia, and in other areas in Eastern Spain, have led to countless fake news and conspiracies, and catastrophes like this are weakening democracy, also in Europe. In the coming years, the European Greens will go through difficult conversations. Representation in moderating these discussions also matters.

As a Member Party, we have contributed to building green positions together with our International Secretary. And I would like to thank the recently elected Board for encouraging me to run for this position. Personally I would like to bring my technical expertise on climate mitigation and adaptation and international law from working in organisations at international, European and local level, as well as my negotiation and people skills.

If elected, I would like to bring inclusive and innovative approaches to reach ambitious positions through the widest consensus possible, including the opinions of smaller and peripheral members. I also hope to put facts and science at the forefront of our discussions while safeguarding our internal rules and processes.

If you have any questions, please reach out to irene.vivas.lalinde@gmail.com

See you in Dublin,
Irene

Irene Vivas Lalinde

LANGUAGES

Spanish, English, French and Catalan. I have also studied German, Dutch, Italian and Chinese.

NATIONALITY

Spanish
Colombian

SKILLS

Critical thinking
Creativity
Co-creation
Oral skills

PUBLICATIONS

Innovation platforms fostering low-carbon economy resource mobilization (2018)

Circular Cities - A practical approach to developing a city roadmap focusing on utilities (2019)

Challenge-led System Mapping (2020)

IN-PERSON COURSES

European Union - Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2016), Who wants to be a businessman? – ADEIT (2015)

ONLINE COURSES

The Hague Academy of International Law (2021), International Water Law (2020) International Environmental Law (2020), EU and Human Rights (2015), The Age of Sustainability (2015), Public Policy (2015), International Criminal Law (2014) and International Organization Management (2013).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (+ 6 years)

Eurocities, Valencia— Net Zero Cities City Support Officer
July 2023 – Present

- Designed and implemented different parts of the NZC programme.
- Co-designed support to 25 Mission cities.
- Supported the coordination of the city support team.
- Facilitated exchanges amongst eight European cities.
- Analysed project and city data and managed knowledge flows across the consortium.

Eurocities, Brussels — Project Officer
June 2021 – July 2023

- Organised and facilitated stakeholder meetings and co-design processes
- Project management: reporting, budget control, etc.
- Research on citizen science, air pollution, digital inclusion and behavioural change

EIT Climate KIC, Brussels—Project Officer
April 2019 – April 2021

- Facilitated technical assistance to policy makers through engagement workshops in topics such as circular economy, land use, just transition, monitoring and evaluation, etc.
- Managed communications with partners and external stakeholders.
- Supported a portfolio of European innovation projects (H2020 CICERONE, MOTION, CircularCities, RIS programme, among others) from 100k to +1million.
- Participated in international and European call for tenders and project proposals.
- Co-authored handbooks, academic papers, whitepapers and other knowledge products.
- Organized online and in-person events at local and EU level.

European Parliament, Brussels — MEP junior assistant (Greens/EFA)
4 months, 2019

EIT Climate KIC, Brussels — Research Assistant
6 months, 2017

Women's Link Worldwide, Bogotá — Legal Trainee
3 months, 2016

UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva — Assistant
2 months, 2016

European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA), Brussels—Project Assistant
3 months, 2015

NOATUM Port Logistics, Valencia—Legal Trainee
3 months, 2015

Law Department at Valencia City Council, Valencia—Legal Trainee
3 months, 2015

SPEAKER
I have participated in multiple events as a speaker and moderator.

References available upon request.

EDUCATION

United Nations University MERIT, Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, Maastricht — *Double M.Sc. in Public Policy and Human Development*

September 2016 - July 2017

Dissertation: The power dynamics of wastewater in Bogota, D.C from the perspective of end-users and women participation

University of Valencia, Valencia — *L.L.B Law*

September 2011 - July 2015

Bachelor Thesis: A study on the Record, Acknowledgment, Prosecution and Enforcement of the crime of rape by International Tribunals

Supporters
Esquerra Verda, Miljöpartiet de gröna, Cyprus Greens - Citizens Cooperation, Europa Verde - Verdi, Partido Ecologista Os Verdes, Možemo! – politi?ka platforma, Les Écologistes - Europe Ecologie Les Verts

Université Paris V, Paris — *Exchange Program*

September 2013 - July 2014

OTHER PROJECTS AND ENGAGEMENTS

International Visitors Leadership Programme — US Department of State (September 2023)
I have been selected to participate in this exchange about the climate crisis.

Board Member — Verdes EQUO (2022 to 2024)
I developed a training programme and supported the design and implementation of political campaigns.

Climate Resilience Leadership Programme — Atlas Corps (2023)
Ten emerging social leaders from Spain and Andorra participated in a six-month training program to boost their leadership skills.

COP26 and 27 Delegate — Young European Greens (2021 and 2022)

Attended COP 26 in Glasgow and COP 27 in Sharm El Sheik, lobbied for more ambitious climate action and liaised with otherstakeholders including media.

Author — Hyperbole (2021-present)

I publish articles in this online magazine.

Feminist Climate Ambassador — Green European Foundation (2021)

Twenty ambassadors from across the globe participated in a six-month training program promoting the growth of the green feminist movement across Europe.

Executive Committee Member and Gender Officer — Young European Greens (2018-2019)

I contributed to the designed and implementation of the 2019 European elections campaign and the elaboration of the manifesto of the European Green Party. I also managed relationships with member organisations in Southern Europe and drafted and negotiated internal protocols.

Proyecta Valencia – Hacia el 2030 — Founder (2016-2018)

This youth-led initiative aimed to bring citizens and civil society closer to the 2030 Agenda. More information: www.proyectavalencia.org

Other: Citizen Journalists Initiative (2016), Law Clinic of the University of Valencia (2014-2015), Paris International MUN (2014), Harvard WorldMUN (2013) and Universitas Foundation (2011).