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**Title:** **Maria Kola**

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**Motivation Letter [PDF]**

Dear Green family members,

My name is Maria. You are reading this as I would like to express my strong interest in joining the European Green Party's Committee. As an active member of Cyprus Green Party since 2012, I'm ready to deeply commit to advancing the values of environmental sustainability, social justice, and participatory democracy across Europe and beyond. With over a decade of experience in leadership roles across various Green organizations, I am eager to contribute my expertise, passion, and vision to further the mission of the European Green Party (EGP).

**Curriculum Vitae [PDF]**

Since 2017, during my mandate as the International Relations Secretary and now as the Vice President of the Cyprus Green Party, I have been assigned to be part of the Cyprus delegation to the EGP Councils and Congresses. Throughout all these years, I have seen the European Green Party evolving and becoming greater – even when others did not believe in EGP, the Party proved them wrong.

In addition, I had the privilege to be present when we revived the Mediterranean Network where I'm proudly serving as a member, and I have contributed to strengthening **regional cooperation**. This cooperation is what motivates me to run as a Committee Member, as I strongly believe that in order to keep the European Green Party united and powerful, we need to empower the Parties and embrace the cross-regional approach.

Also my motivation comes from all the young people that I have met through FYEG, during my mandate as a member of the Executive Committee (2016-2017), from my involvement in the FYEG Alumni Network, having served as the President of the Cyprus Youth Council (representing the Young Cyprus Greens – 2021-2023) and being a candidate for the national and the European Parliament. When we are trying to empower young people to get involved in politics, in any possible way, we need to have the courage to lead by example. And getting elected as a Committee Member of the European Green Party, will be a great opportunity to set this example and help shape our collective future, cross-generational and cross-regional.

I believe my international experience, combined with my strategic leadership in multiple Green organizations, positions me well to contribute effectively to the European Green Party's Committee. I am particularly passionate about fostering cross-border cooperation and enhancing youth engagement in the Green movement. I understand the crucial time we live in and how important it is to help shape a more sustainable and just Europe.

I am ready to dedicate myself and my time to ensuring that the European Green Party continues to grow as a united and innovative force in European politics, championing policies that protect both our people and our planet. I am confident that my experience, energy, and unwavering commitment to Green values will make me a valuable asset to the upcoming mandate.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to our shared vision for a greener, more equitable Europe.

Yours sincerely,



Maria Kola
Candidate for the Committee of the European Green Party

# MARIA KOLA

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

- **Vice President B', Cyprus Greens-Citizen's Cooperation (February 2022 – present)**
  - *Following and monitoring the portfolio for sustainability, environment and international relations.*
  - *Representing the Party at events and media when necessary.*
  - *Running for the European Elections (2024).*

- **President, Cyprus Youth Council (January 2022 – December 2023)**
  - *Engaging with young people at local, national, European and International level.*
  - *Representing the council at the decision-making bodies at all levels, the media and wherever needed.*

- **Alumni Network Co-coordinator, FYEG (October 2021 – present)**
  - *Organizing online meetings with the people who have their share in FYEG.*

- **Board member, Mediterranean Network of the European Green Party (September 2021 – December 2022)**
  - *Preparing the agenda, and keeping the minutes of the meetings.*
  - *Help drafting the resolutions of the MedNet to the EGP Councils and Congress.*

- **Advisory Committee member, FYEG (August 2019 – August 2021)**
  - *Help FYEG EC assess the candidates for the Secretary General position.*
  - *Assist FYEG EC with internal issues when occurred and if needed.*

- **Secretary General, Greens Women's Movement (January 2019 – March 2023)**
  - *Representing the GWM on decision-making bodies at all levels, the media and wherever needed.*
  - *Organizing events to empower, train and raise awareness on social and environmental issues.*
  - *Running for the National Parliament (2021).*

- **Director of Programmes Implementation, Africa, and Europe Committee of the Commonwealth Youth Council (December 2018 – December 2021)**
  - *Developing the programmes and the campaigns for the African and the European regions (climate change, mental health, education etc.).*

- **Consultative Body on Membership Application, Cyprus Youth Council (October 2018 – January 2022)**
  - *Consulting the council's board on the membership applications.*

- **International Relations Secretary, Cyprus Green Party (April 2017 – February 2022)**
  - *Holding meetings with international representations in Cyprus and abroad.*
  - *Delegate to the European Green Party and the Global Greens.*

- **Member, Structural Subgroup of the Strategic Planning Committee – FYEG (2018-2019)**
  - *Forming the Strategic Plan of the organization for a 3-year term.*

- **Secretary General, Young Cyprus Greens (December 2014 – January 2019)**
  - *Representing the YCG to decision-making bodies in Cyprus and abroad and representing the green youth of Cyprus.*
  - *Running for the National Parliament (2016).*

- **Vice-President B', Cyprus Youth Council (October 2013 – October 2015)**
  - *Engaging with young people at local, national, European and International level.*
  - *Representing the council at the decision-making bodies at all levels.*

- **Organizational Secretary, Young Cyprus Greens (2013 – 2014)**
  - *Organizing events, campaigns, conferences, trainings and workshops.*

- **Political Subgroup of the Strategic Planning Committee Member, FYEG (2017-2018)**
  - *Forming the Political Plan of the year ahead.*

- **Executive Committee Member, FYEG (May 2016 – May 2017)**
  - *Representing the organization to European and international events.*
  - *Being part of the preparation team of training and projects.*
  - *Coordinating the UNFCCC and COP delegations.*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Senior Data Analyst –** African Bottling Operation (A.B.O.) (2023 October – present)

  **Key responsibilities:**

  1. Creation, modification and updating of internal reports for the need of the Management (market analyses of certain KPIs, trend analyses, regional analyses, price analyses, numeric/weighted distribution analyses)
  2. Customization of reporting according to the Management's needs
  3. Creation of custom reporting and presentations for Directors' and CEO's needs (based on KPIs, trend analyses, regional analyses, distribution analyses)
  4. Sales representatives performance analytics
  5. Leading and developing new projects for the improvement of the company

- **Data analyst and Client Sales & Service Executive –** IAS Sinopsis Ltd (2011 September – 2023 October)

  **Key responsibilities:**

  1. Data collection from health market related actors (pharmacies (~8k SKUs per store – 270 stores all over Cyprus), pharmaceutical warehouses, pharmaceutical companies)
  2. Data management (categorization and classification of the data collected)
  3. Creation, modification and updating of the deliverables (market analyses of certain KPIs, trend analyses, regional analyses, price analyses, numeric/weighted distribution analyses)
  4. Customization of reporting according to the clients' needs
  5. Creation of custom reporting and presentations for clients' development
  6. Marketing consulting based on sales data (merchandising consulting for pharmacies)
  7. Research and consulting on new product launches – mainly for pharmaceutical companies
  8. Sales representatives performance analytics
  9. Pitching new company services to clients and in company's events

- **General Assistant –** Epsilon Consulting Ltd (2012 May – 2013 December)
- **Manager of ISO Certification –** Technoplastics Ltd (2011 May – 2012 May)
- **International Trade Department – Managing cases for International Trade –** Cooperative Central Bank (2010 May – 2010 September)
- **Sales Department – door-to-door promotion –** Save Max Cyprus (2008 June – 2008 September)

## EDUCATION

- **University of Central Lancashire Cyprus (M.Sc. in Data Analytics) –** 2017 October – 2023 April
- **University of Copenhagen (Certificate: The Sustainable Development Goals – A global, transdisciplinary vision for the future) –** 2018 July – 2018 July
- **University of Pennsylvania & UNICEF (Certificate: Social Norms, Social Change I) –** 2017 January – 2017 February
- **Quality Link Ltd (ISO Certification & Health and Safety) –** 2012 February
- **University of Cyprus (B.Sc. in Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering) –** 2008 September – 2014 May
- **Erasmus Intensive Program by University of Cyprus in Agros (Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development) –** 2012 August
- **Graduated from High School and University Entrance in Engineering Faculty –** 2008 June

## SKILLS

- **Teamwork*:*** Member of a scout's team for 20 years, cooperation with other people, kids, or elderly.
- **Organization:** As a perfectionist I have great organizational skills.
- **Honesty and Acceptance:** I like truth and I do not have any problem talking with people that I do not know to express my opinion. Support my thoughts and accept when I am wrong.
- **Computer:** Microsoft Office, Fortran, Matlab & Simulinks, AutoCAD, Tableau, SAP funtions, Oracle BI, R, SQL, SAS Visual Studio, SAS Enterprise Miner, Python (basic skills)

- **Languages:** Green (Native)  English (IGCSE: C – 2)  French (IGCSE: B – 1) · German (A1) · Turkish (Beginner)

## AWARDS

- ***Scouts Team:*** Scout with Honors of Democracy
- *Queen's Commonwealth Scholar* (October 2019)

## INTERESTS

Traveling / Playing piano / Sports / Scouting / Photography/ Cooking

## PRO BONO RESPONSIBILITIES & VOLUNTEERING

- *National delegate, EU Youth Conference* (Online-France, January 2022)
- *Board member*, *Mediterranean Network of the European Green Party* (September 2021 – December 2022)
- *Ambassador, One Young World* (October 2019 – present)
- *Action Coordinator Nicosia-Cyprus, People's Climate March* (September 2014 – August 2018)
- *Youth Ambassador of EU Youth Dialogue (former Structured Dialogue), Cyprus Youth Council* (2014 –2022)
- *Commonwealth Youth Forum, National Delegate* (November 2015 – November 2017)
- *Online Radio Producer "Youth on Air" at MYCYRadio, Cyprus Youth Council* (January 2014 – July 2017)
- *COP Report, FYEG publication / contribution as a writer* (Paris-France, December 2015)

**Supporters**

Stranka mladih – Zeleni Evrope, Partido Ecologista Os Verdes, Miljöpartiet de gröna, Partia e Gjelbër / Party of the Greens of Albania, Verdi - Grüne - Vërc, Ecological Green Party - Partidul Verde Ecologist, ADPD, Verdes Equo, Les Écologistes - Europe Ecologie Les Verts, Groen, Esquerra Verda