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**Motivation Letter [PDF]**

Dear friends,

I am really excited to announce my candidacy to the EGP Committee. Being part of our green family is both an honor and a responsibility, especially in the light of a particularly unstable international context. As a young activist, I have enthusiastically started to participate in politics in my community, within the Green Party. My passion towards environmental and social issues has quickly led me to increase my level of participation and experience different kinds of it. I have established good relationships with climate movements and Ngos because I believe that non-violent conflict is a crucial element of change. At a local level, I have been politically active in different contexts, from the Young Greens (GEV) to Europa Verde - Verdi, and I am now a proud member of Europa Verde's executive committee of Rome. Throughout these years, I have coordinated electoral campaigns, wrote political manifestos, organized events and much more. During the last European elections I coordinated with the members of our team the production of our political programme, which was considered the best on climate change by organizations like WWF and by the Italian Climate Network's scientists and policy experts.

Political participation becomes more important every day.

Far-right parties are growing throughout the continent and are a threat to democracy, welfare state and ecological transition. As Greens we are the only political family that is able to contrast the rise of fascisms. And I am convinced that we can do that.

Alexander Langer said that "ecological conversion will only be possible when it becomes desirable". We can only make it desirable if we focus on just transition. That is why we will have to increase the investments in the JTF and account for the social costs of the transition. Not only do we have to defend the Green Deal, but we need to expand it. Europe still needs a Green and Social Deal. The ecological transition is a great opportunity to rethink the productive structure of our socio-economic system, ensuring redistribution of wealth and power to citizens. Tax the rich. The temperature is rising at a rate that is even higher than what scientists expected. Extreme events are growing rapidly. We need to invest now in the adaptation to climate change in Europe and in the countries of the Global South, the most affected from climate change. While we change our energy system and invest in renewable energy and in energy efficiency, while defending our forests, our seas and restoring nature all over Europe, we also have to make sure that no one is left behind. Especially the ones who are already experiencing the violence of our societies.

I am referring to women, members of the LGBTQ+ community, racialized communities, workers and young people. Young people might be the answer to many of the issues that our societies are addressing. That is why it is our job to empower them and make sure that they have the possibility to meaningfully participate in politics. It is a great honor to know that our Group in the EU Parliaments has the highest number of U35 MEPs. We need to make this possible throughout the continent. They know the problems they are facing, from lack of employment to the impossibility to truly enjoy the right to housing. We are asked

to defend everyone that cannot defend themselves, like animals. We have to close intensive farming, transform our agricultural system into a sustainable one - while sustaining farmers in this process - and shift our diet into a plant-based one. Not only because this is a necessary step towards climate neutrality, but also because we have to shape an anti-speciesist culture as a basis for our choices.

Our green family has to face new challenges. In the next few years there will be elections at all levels. We will have to be able to support national parties and enhance their possibility to not only win national elections, but also local ones. Urban centres contribute substantially to climate change and therefore our political action has to focus extensively on that.

This year we have witnessed unforgivable massacres and the effort made by the Eu and its member states in initiating and conducting negotiations was not sufficient. Our common goal should be to reach a ceasefire followed by the end of wars. We do have a responsibility to distinguish aggressors and victims. But we cannot fight for the respect of human rights and international law when it comes to the Russian criminal invasion of Ukraine and, at the same time, accept the unforgivable massacre that is taking place in Gaza. In Gaza, more than 40.000 civilians were massacred by Israeli bombing. About 2 million Palestinians are displaced. Almost 65% of buildings are destroyed, including houses, hospitals and schools. The Palestinian people have been forced into hunger and thirst. Gaza is witnessing a terrifying humanitarian crisis. Hamas perpetrated a horrible terrorist attack. It killed almost 1200 innocent people and took 250 innocent hostages. They have to be freed immediately and go back to their family. Europe should do all in its power to make this possible. Hamas is certainly the worst enemy of the Palestinian people. Nevertheless, Netanyahu's massacre of civilians, women and children cannot pass for Israel's right to a defense. Netanyahu acted in open violation of international and human right law and for these violations should be prosecuted. Our effort should be for a ceasefire. We need to come to a global recognition of the State of Palestine on the 1967 borders and ensure the right for both the Palestinian and Israeli peoples to live peacefully on the basis of the never-implemented two-state solution, fighting Israelis to plan to enlarge its illegal colonies in the West Bank and reverse its expansion. In order to do so, it is crucial to immediately stop any commercial relations with Israel, especially with regards to weapons. As the European Union we are following the dangerous path of war in the economy. Our countries increased the military expenses. Weaponizing the world can only lead to dramatic results and to cuts in education, health and ecological transition. We should do the opposite.

As Greens we have a huge responsibility.

Our ambition has to be that of changing the world. Our effort has to be that of peace, solidarity and justice. Our goal has to be that of saving the planet.

Valerio Zaratti

## Curriculum Vitae [PDF]



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## PROFILE

Extremely passionate about environmentalism. I believe in making the world a more peaceful and just place. I have participated in youth politics with GEV Lazio and I am a member of the executive committee of Europa Verde Roma. I am registered as a non-professional journalist in the Bar of Journalists.

## STUDY

**University of Amsterdam**
MSc Communication Science: Political Track

Pre-Master's Communication Science: Statistics and Reserarch Methods, Milestones of Communication

**Luiss Business School**
Social Media Communication and Digital Marketing - Executive Programme

**Università La Sapienza - Roma**
Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and International Relations

## LANGUAGES

Italian - Mother tongue
English - Proficient
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## CONTACT

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## Coordinator of Political Initiatives

**Europa Verde - Verdi** - Since 2023
Coordination of electoral programme for EU Elections, coordination of local and regional electoral campaigns, party organization, events management, relations. Currently: project management of Local Councillors Platform and Political Education

## Political Assistant

**Regional Council of Lazio: Urban Planning, Waste and Housing Policies Commission -** From Nov 2021 to Jan 2023
Communication, Press Releases, Relations, Events Management, Social Media Management, Basic Design

**Mixed Group** - From Jan 2021 to Nov 2021
Social Media Management, Ghostwriting, Basic Design

## Internship in Radio Journalism

**Radio Roma Capitale/Radiosei/Retesport** - From Apr to Aug 2018
Social Media Management, Editing, Article Production, Website Management

## Receptionist

**Tandem San Sebastián - School of Spanish** - From July to Sept 2017
Customer Contact, Social Media Management, Administration, Translations, Sports and Cultural Activities

## Apprenticeship as a non-professional journalist

**Il Corriere Laziale -** From 2012 to 2015
Reports and Analysis of Football Matches, Conducting Research and Interviews, Participation in Events and Press Conferences, Production of Articles