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Motivation Letter [PDF]

To EGP member parties, Congress 2025 in Lisbon

Candidacy for Global Green Coordination

Ville Elonheimo, Finland
Curriculum Vitae [PDF]

I want there to be a Green party in every country in the world. We are now halfway, around one hundred. Every country needs a party that is pro human rights, climate policy, democratic practices, taking care of the poorest, and education - a Green party.

Today I'm active in the Global Greens' Democracy Network. I have coordinated its Elections Task Force from the beginning February 2024. There we have been - as volunteers - following up on how Green parties are doing in elections, including some points on candidacy processes, campaigns, political climate and fairness of elections, and government building after elections. The smallest Green parties are not even setting candidates, some participate in electoral coalitions, and some on their own. There are both wins and losses. As parties, also the four Green federations have very variably resourced.

I participated in the Global Greens congress in Incheon 2024. In the EGP I've attended most of the Councils and Congresses from Tampere 2019 to Vienna 2024, mostly as a delegate of Finnish Greens Vihreät. I have been an active participant in the EGP also before that, participating in the first EGP Congress in Vienna in 1996. I was also representing our party in the rules working group in the 2020s.

I've been in the Greens since the 1990s: as a local activist, candidate in local, regional and parliament elections, chair of local and regional branches, party board member, chair of the Greens working group on development policies and education, and as member of the Europe working group. Since 2020 I've worked as the executive director of Savo-Carelia Greens, the easternmost constituency in continental EU. I live in Joensuu, less than 100 km from the Russian border.

I'm a globalist. Every decision in the local and national levels should be made so that the same kind of decisions could be made in other parts of the world. Every new system should be sustainable when scaled up to relevant environments, and most importantly there is a whole humankind: Green parties must work for the rights of all people.

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Political action in Greens

party board member 1995-97, chair of development policy committee, chair of education policy committee

party council member 1997-99, 2007-11

North Karelia Greens, chair 2005-07, Central Finland Greens, chair 1995-97

Civic education center Vihreä sivistysliitto, board member 1991-95 (nowadays Visio, a member of GEF)

member of Europe working group, including rotating delegate to EGP councils and congresses 2019-24, delegate to EGP congress 1996

member of EGP rules working group 2022-23

delegate to Global Greens congress 2023

candidate in multiple elections to parliament, county council and municipal council

Elected positions

Joensuu city

- councillor 2019-21, substitute councillor 2017-25,
- substitute member of city board 2017-25
- chair of public transportation sub-committee 2017-21
- member of city planning committee 2017-21, district planning committee 2023-
- member of staff and employment division 2021-25 (incl. immigration)

North Karelia social, health and rescue organisation (Siun sote, conglomeration of municipalities) board member 2021-22, council member 2006-12

Tuupovaara municipality councillor 2001-04, chair of auditing committee 2001-04

Jyväskylä city member of sports committee 1993, member of technics committee 1997

NGOs

Finnish association of multicultural centers, chair 2015-20

Finnish union of secondary school students (SLL), chair 1989, board member 1988

Organizing Bureau of European School Students' Unions OBESSU, board member 1990

Finnish national union of students (SYL), board member 1994

Service center of development cooperation (KEPA, nowadays FINGO), board member 1994-95

Education

Master of Social Sciences, Jyväskylä University, 2000, main subject Political Science

Further education in work life: public law (30 ects), multicultural work (30 ects)

Further academic studies in Social Sciences around (ca 50 ects)

Work experience

Greens, Savo-Carelian Greens / Vihreä liitto, Savo-Karjalan vihreät

Executive director in Savo-Karelia constituency Greens, May 2020 - Present

Supporters Executive director of regional Greens organisation. Election campaigns, advice for local Green associations, back office of politicians in regional bodies, and administrative, communicational and financial tasks of the organisation. Formal employer Vihreä liitto / Green party in Finland.
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North Karelia Society for Social Security (a NGO) / Pohjois-Karjalan Sosiaaliturvayhdistys ry

Coordinator of multicultural work, Jan 2018 - May 2020

Developer of multicultural work in NGOs, Jan 2013 - Dec 2017

Project manager, Jan 2011 - Dec 2012

These projects were setting up an info desk for immigrants, building capacity of NGOs to take more multicultural people for their activities and steps up to leadership, coordinating activities of NGOs for immigrants, helping to settle with special attention on integration through free-time activities. Also establishing a social and health point for undocumented immigrants.

Development expert / kehittämispäällikkö of Federation of social and health federations / Sosiaali- ja terveysturvan keskusliitto (STKL), Mar 2010 - Jun 2010

Development expert on social welfare in Eastern Finland, facilitating central networks of NGOs on the field, part of NGO team on national level / kehittämispäällikkö, Itä-Suomi

Developer of employment action/ työllistämistoiminnan kehittäjä, Aug 2008 - Feb 2010

Development of employment activities with NGOs and in cooperation with employment authorities. Specially for long-term unemployed and other hardly employable people.

North Karelia Villages (a NGO) / Pohjois-Karjalan Kylät ry

Village coordinator / kyläasiamies, Aug 2002 - Jan 2008

Working with 250 villages, and their village associations. Special feature of sparsely inhabited areas, and village economy. Administrative and financial tasks as well as project management of the NGO.

Development association Jetina / Keski-Karjalan Jetina

Project manager / projektipäällikkö, Jan 2002 - Feb 2004

"Community Coach" project for villages, associations and cooperative action in sub-region of Central Karelia. Specially facilitating their long-term plans and project plans.

Languages

Finnish. English and Swedish. Some German and French. Elementary Russian.