## CANDIDATE FOR THE POST OF VICE-CHAIR OF THE EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

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## Presentation

Name:	Katarzyna Sokolowska
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Full title and acronym of the INGO: Year participatory status was	European Students' Forum (AEGEE-Europe)
granted to the INGO:	1993

## **Motivation**

My name is Katarzyna Sokolowska and I candidate for the position of Vice-Chair of the Education and Culture Committee.

I would like to bring to this Committee my experience which I gained during last 5 years. Since that time I have been working in various NGOs in Poland and in other European countries where I had a chance to co-operate with people from different cultures. Almost a year ago when I finished my internship in the Council of Europe I discovered the Conference. A few months later I had an opportunity to participate in it as the Secretary General one of the biggest students' organisation in Europe – AEGEE-Europe.

My work experience of using non-formal education in Poland, "the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", France and Belgium prepared me to bring my knowledge and input to the Committee from the perspective of a young person who is motivated to work on that topic. I would like to create a space where all kinds of education can meet and work on the development of young people. I am sure that we can use the potential of the diversity of members of the Conference to achieve this aim. I think that bigger involvement from organisations should not only be during the meetings in Strasbourg but also between the meetings – online.

Definitely, I would like to contribute regarding non-formal education and awareness of culture differences in the member States. I believe that my experience gives me enough knowledge on the topic. I also see the need for organisational improvements of the Conference.