

Applications for Advisory Board

for 2022/2023

JEROEN ROYER

EGEA Leuven

Dear Egea,

In case you don't know me, I'm Jeroen Royer and I'm a member of EGEA Leuven. Currently, I'm living and working in Leipzig, Germany. EGEA means a lot to me and has shaped me into the person I am today. I met a lot of wonderful and inspiring people and learned a lot of soft skills. All of these experiences pushed me to take a big step in my life by starting a new job in Germany.

I've been active in EGEA for a longer time and my experience within EGEA exists out of Congress Organiser (WRC18), Fundcom representative(19-20), Treasurer (20-21) in the BoE and Coordinator of the Pen Pal Project.

Recently, I got a bit out of touch with EGEA. However, I never lost touch with many of the friends I made in EGEA. EGEA is a great association and I want to share my experiences and the lessons I learned over the past years with the next BoE. Some of my experiences are dealing with the pandemic and changing many live meetings such as the GA and OSM into online events and starting EGEA online events and dealing with sensitive handling of controversial topics. On top of that I have been dealing with a difficult transition of the EGEA bank account from the old to new BoE, which seems to be still a contemporary issue that EGEA faces. Therefore, I can be of value when the new BoE will deal with this administrative struggle and we can look for a more sustainable solution for the future.

In the last 2 years, I have given advice to the BoE whenever they approached me. Therefore, I apply for AB so I can more actively help them. In addition, I was part of the first BoE that worked together with the AB, therefore I think I'm qualified for being a member of the Advisory Board. I know their tasks and I have experience with working with the AB from the BoE side. By using my own experiences from the BoE and working with the AB, I can try to support the BoE in the most appropriate and pleasant way possible and try to support the next BoE as well as the AB that was advising us.

Thank you for considering me.

Kind regards and see you somewhere in Europe, Jeroen Royer



RHUNE VAN CLEEMPUT

EGEA Leuven

Dear EGEA,

My name is Rhune Van Cleemput, I am 26 and living in Leuven (Belgium). Last year I was Vice President and acting President in the board. Before this I had many different positions in EGEA (training team coordinator, RA West, AC20 Green coordinator, WRC18 helping hand, CP2 EGEA Leuven).

Over the years, EGEA challenged me, helped me grow, and gave me a lot of friends along the way. It made me who I am today. Passionate, determined, and self-aware. It has been an honour to see so many of my EGEA friends take up leadership roles after me, and go through a similar path of personal development. And before I leave EGEA as an alumni, it would be my delight to support the next board in the challenges they will face.

As member of the advisory board I would focus on the personal impact the role of board member can have. Being Board is not easy. The weight of the responsibility to make the right choices, the never ending workload, external scrutiny, internal differences, motivating the whole team of EGEA Europe volunteers, ... can be a lot. Having experienced a burnout myself at the end of my board year, and having seen similar and different issues in past and current board, something has to change. Hopefully the larger Board will take away part of this pressure already, but I see it as the role of past Board and other EGEA officials to be there, listen, advice and coach the enthusiastic and dedicated people that will form next years' board.

This is why I am applying as AB. To support the board in managing the workload and navigating the mental pressure. To be there, to listen, advice and coach. Because sometimes that's all it takes: someone who listens.