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# SILJA MARKKULA - CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM

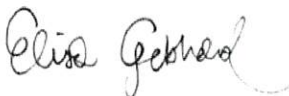
**We are delighted to announce that the Finnish National Youth Council Allianssi has decided to co-nominate, together with the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM), Silja Markkula as a candidate for President of the European Youth Forum.**

Advocating for young people's rights is at the core of Allianssi's work, both nationally and internationally. As a platform of 135 Finnish youth organisations, we do our best to increase youth participation in democratic processes and promote evidence and rights-based policy making for better youth policy.

Throughout her mandate in the Youth Forum board, we have seen the dedication Silja puts into developing the platform, and to improving the situation of young people across Europe. As the board member responsible for youth rights and the EU Youth Dialogue, she has time and again stood up for meaningful youth participation, good governance and the rights of young people in Europe. She has a proven track record of advocacy towards the European Union, Council of Europe and United Nations. Before her mandate in the Youth Forum board Silja guided Allianssi's international advocacy as chairperson of the international committee for three years. In this work, she showed great vision and tremendous work ethic, delivering an impact for youth organisations and leading with a talent.

With her passion and commitment to advance young people's rights, her skills in organisational development as well as value-based leadership, we are convinced Silja would make an excellent President of the European Youth Forum, and it is with great pride that we submit her nomination.

We look forward to the upcoming General Assembly, with the sincere hope that you will support Silja's candidacy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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