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Dear Colleagues,

My name is Paweł Urgacz and I would like to ask for your vote to support my application as a **Businet Board Member**. As for many of you, I might be unknown which is the more reason I am glad to present myself and assure you that your vote will not be wasted.

Currently, I work with WSB University, Poland (Akademia WSB) as the Director of International Relations Office and Rector's Plenipotentiary for International Relations. In the last seven years, my responsibilities among others included, the admission of international students, coordination of business and non-business projects, development of English programmes, development of double degree programmes and study abroad education. On an organizational level it involves such activities as overseas market research; initiation, concluding and execution of cooperation; budget management, coordination of marketing and PR activities (every year I'm responsible for execution of more than 10 international events). I believe that the experience I gained so far can be used in favor of Businet and will contribute to its development.

Nevertheless, my experience in the area of higher education spans over 17 years which also includes: didactics, research and educational projects at such institutions as University of Vienna, University of Bergen, Brown University, University of Trnava (Slovakia), IAP in Liechtenstein, Bifrost University (Iceland). The experience I gained in the last 17 years is proven by concrete results. Together with my wonderful team, whom I have led with pleasure for 7 years now, I have strongly contributed to the success of WSB University as 2nd best university in the category of internationalization in Poland. Presently, it is one of the most frequently chosen universities by international candidates in Poland. Efficaciously, we substantially raised the number of mobilities within Erasmus+ (both KA103 with partner countries and KA107 with partner countries) as well as within other programs like V4 Scholarship Programme, EEA Grants and bilateral mobility. Aside from the above-mentioned, I managed or was involved in more than a dozen projects as Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships (this academic year 2 successful projects with Businet members), Erasmus+ Capacity Building, Visegrad Fund Programme, COST European Cooperation in Science and Technology or projects by Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange.

It is also worth mentioning that for 9 years I was strongly involved in non-profit activities as a board member of the Central European Institute for Social Change where I had a chance to support young scientists by providing support and platform for their projects. Legal and organizational aspects of non-profit organizations are known to me.

As a board member, I would like to contribute to the development and advancement of the board by assisting members in achieving their organizational goals and objective with international activities.

I would like to assure you that your vote for me, will equal and reflect the objectives you wish to achieve toward the greater good of all concerned.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Paweł Urgacz