

## Application for National Representative

### CV

Marion Reckmann

### Personal Data

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### Education

October 2019 – now: M. A. Internationale Studien/ Friedens- und Konfliktforschung, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main & Technische Universität Darmstadt

October 2015 – September 2019: B.A. Sozialwissenschaften, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf

August 2017 – January 2018: ERASMUS+ at the University of Tartu, Estonia

### Languages

German Native

English Fluent (C1)

Spanish Advanced (B1)

### ESN related tasks & positions

May 2020 – now: Representative of ESN Germany in the Verband Deutscher Studierendeninitiativen e. V. (VDSI)

March 2020 – now: Local President of ESN Frankfurt am Main

October 2019 – now: Local Active Member of ESN Frankfurt am Main

June 2018 – June 2019: Eventmanager of ESN Düsseldorf

August 2018 – October 2018: Volunteering at ESN Tallinn

April 2018 – September 2019: Local Active Member ESN Düsseldorf

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### **Attended ESN events**

October 2020:	LEI Jahrestreffen 2020
October 2020:	Online NA 2.0: oN Air Vol. 2 (Delegate)
January 2020:	NA Munich
November 2019:	Spree Break (OC Helper)
May 2019:	LP Ost @ Frankfurt Oder
February 2019:	SocialErasmus+ Training, Vienna
January 2019:	NP Halle: NP Europe (Delegate)
December 2018:	ESN West goes Amsterdam (Organiser for Düsseldorf)
November 2018:	Spree Break
June 2018:	NP Düsseldorf: NPride (OC Helper)

## Application for the position of National Representative 2021/22

### Motivation Letter from Marion Reckmann



Dear Network,

Spontaneous ideas are the best, aren't they? I know my application is coming on short notice but I am very excited and hope to become your new National Representative in the upcoming National Board. Let me shortly introduce myself and explain the reasons for my application.

My name is Marion, I'm studying in my master's degree Peace & Conflict Studies, I am currently president of ESN Frankfurt am Main and one of the representatives of ESN Germany in the Verband Deutscher Studierendeninitiativen (VDSI). In April 2018 I joined my back then home section ESN Düsseldorf (#düdülove) when I returned from my Erasmus semester abroad in the beautiful city of Tartu in Estonia. The work on the local level is where my ESN heart beats originally. But in the past year I've learned a lot about ongoing (inter-)national developments and thanks to our education officer, whom I am working closely with regarding the VDSI, I got more curious about the work on the national level. When I saw that the open call for the National Representative got extended I realized: *Ok, geht nochmal los!* (I hope you all are still aware of our Frankfurter slogan)

Looking back at the past three years I am happy and thankful for all the people I've met and the experiences I made due to my engagement with ESN. I still think it's incredible how our network functions in the same way everywhere and always makes you feel at home and welcomed even when you are surrounded by strangers. Besides my good connections within Germany, I got in touch with various members and sections of other ESN countries while I volunteered at ESN Tallinn and later participated in a SocialErasmus+ Training. Exchanging about practices and learning about the possible degree of professionalisation within our organisation had a strong impact on me. I think the position of the National Representative is ideal to keep this best-practise-sharing and the communication flow between various levels ongoing.

There are some big challenges facing our network and I want to give my best to keep our strengths and stay on track for improvement. I'm fully aware that the role of the National Representative is in transition right now and I love the idea of working on re-shaping the position. I want to guarantee that we don't lose the benefits that we get from the NR, like the input from a strong LR community, while proceeding to new structures. The task distribution in the NB will certainly change but that doesn't mean that the overall tasks get less. Thinking outside the existing structures and finding creative solutions is hence necessary to avoid that other positions will suffer from work overload. Thanks to my experiences I know our network very well and I'm still open-minded and able to bring fresh ideas into the debates about our future strategies and structures. Looking at the transition processes in other ESN countries can help us and I would love to exchange on this with other countries facing the transition. But firstly we should make up our mind to see where our tasks overlap, where we can help each other out and which needs we have. I am confident that as NR I could interact with the various bodies of our organisation well and manage the necessary changes efficiently.

My positive and optimistic mindset keeps me motivated even in challenging times. Being elected into a local board shortly before the outbreak of Covid-19 in Europe, my original plans



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and visions for my board year changed a lot. I guess most of you feel the same way and I know that the current situation has a heavy impact on all of us. Still, looking back at the past year I don't want to focus on the sadness about cancelled events, but rather on the many positive memories. As local president I improved my skills on team, change and crisis management and learned a lot through the cooperation with other sections. I've experienced that creating a good work-life-balance and interacting as a mediator when it comes to conflicts belong to my big strengths. Therefore I want to contribute to a productive and joyful team spirit in the NB.

Having the possibility to work on the future of our network is amazing. I am confident enough to know that I can proof my strengths as NR and be a caring support not only for all other board members but for all of you. I would be honoured if you give me your trust. Don't hesitate to contact me with your questions.

Lots of love,

Marion



## **Letter of Recommendation for Marion Reckmann (NR application 2021/22)**

When we got to know that Marion would like to apply for the NR position in the national board, we were not surprised. Somehow it was always clear that her next step, after being president in our section, would be to participate on the national level. And we see the position of the NR as a perfect fit for her!

Marion came to ESN Frankfurt in autumn 2019. Due to her former position on the board of ESN Düsseldorf she and some of the team members already knew each other. It was the time when we were just looking for one more organizer for the trip to Spreebreak in Berlin. And how one thing led to another, Marion immediately volunteered and said that she would be up for the position at our very first Stammtisch together. This high commitment has not lessened since then.

She now has been and still is an amazing president of our section. With her motivation and inspiration, we were able to successfully organize various events. Even though her position started only one week before the first lockdown in March 2020, and a lot of the team members were really frustrated, she managed to stay positive and motivate the other members. With her positive and happy attitude, whether it be in the Online Sport sessions in our team meetings, or a Traumreise for our team day, Marion is very empathetic and always knows what her team members need.

Marion is very present and therefore represents our section with success towards new Erasmus students. She managed to keep our team together during these hard times and even made it grow with the organization of various online join us events and the inclusion of new people. She makes everyone feel welcome and valued in her team and also gives us members opportunities to realize all our ideas and everything we want to do.

Lots of love and a "Ok geht nochmal los!" from Frankfurt,

Ilka Stauvermann and Vanessa Hertel  
(Board ESN Frankfurt am Main)