



Date: June 9, 2026

To: Didrik de Schaetzen

Secretary General, ALDE Party

Subject: Candidacy for the Position of Vice-President of the ALDE Party

Dear Secretary General,

Dear Didrik,

I am writing to officially present my candidacy for the position of Vice-President of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE). I step forward at this pivotal moment in our history out of a profound sense of responsibility, driven by the firm conviction that Europe's liberal movement must once again become the most courageous defender of freedom, democracy and human dignity.

My candidacy is backed by the unified support of the Georgian liberal parties and stands in strong alliance with fellow ALDE family member parties across Europe. Together, we are committed to injecting fresh operational energy and frontline experience into our political family to ensure a successful, values-driven campaign for election.

Today, millions of Europeans face an anxious future. Across our continent, we are witnessing the rise of populism, declining institutional trust, economic vulnerability, foreign interference and systemic attacks on democratic values. For many, these are emerging threats. For those of us in Georgia, Ukraine, and Moldova they are a stark, lived reality. I know these challenges from direct experience, having stood on the frontlines against democratic backsliding, political persecution and aggressive attempts to isolate our societies from the democratic world. This frontline experience is not a burden; it is a vital, battle-tested perspective that I offer to our European family. Throughout my political career, I have translated liberal values into concrete, structural victories:

Architect of Pioneering State Reforms: As the former Deputy Minister of Justice and Chairman of the Civil Registry Agency, I served as the principal architect of Georgia's globally acclaimed Public Service Halls. By completely dismantling Soviet-era bureaucratic corruption and implementing cutting-edge digital governance, we built a transparent, citizen-centric model that remains a global benchmark for institutional modernization. I know how to make governance clean, efficient and directly accountable to the people.

A Standard-Bearer for European Integration: As a Member of Parliament and a dynamic party leader, I have consistently stood at the forefront of Georgia's historic struggle to secure its European future.

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Strategic Coalition Builder: I possess a proven track record of uniting diverse civic and political forces under highly polarized, high-pressure environments.

My vision for ALDE, "Freedom Must Lead Again," is rooted in a practical liberalism that delivers tangible, transformative results. Citizens want freedom, but they also demand security, effective government, and real economic mobility. As your Vice-President, I will work tirelessly across six core strategic priorities to ensure ALDE meets these expectations:

1.Reconnecting Liberalism with Ordinary Citizens: Moving beyond institutional rhetoric to actively engage small towns and rural communities. We must champion entrepreneurs and focus on practical solutions to everyday problems, ensuring liberalism remains a movement of people, not just institutions.

2.Defending Freedom with Confidence: Leading a unified, fearless liberal response against authoritarian aggression. I will advocate for an assertive liberal response to authoritarian regimes, stronger protections for democratic institutions, independent courts, a free press, greater resistance to foreign interference and unwavering solidarity with political prisoners and persecuted activists.

3.Delivering Prosperity Through Freedom: Defeating populism by addressing its root economic causes. We must champion policies that cut bureaucratic red tape, foster innovation, promote affordable housing, and create genuine economic mobility for families and the workforce.

4.Winning the Next Generation: Earning back the trust of young Europeans by expanding their active participation within ALDE.

5.Completing the Democratic Europe: Treating EU enlargement not merely as a technical process, but as an absolute strategic security necessity. Leaving democratic nations on Europe's eastern frontier - specifically Ukraine, Moldova, and Georgian an unstable "grey zone" only invites authoritarian expansion; embracing them makes our entire Union safer and more prosperous.

6. Building a Truly Pan-European Movement: Capitalizing on ALDE's incredible geographic and cultural diversity. I will focus on strengthening cooperation between member parties, scaling successful campaign strategies, and amplifying the voice of smaller member parties so that everyone feels true ownership of ALDE.

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Strategic Value to the ALDE Party Bureau

My election will bring indispensable geopolitical insight and proven operational expertise to the Bureau. As a frontline voice for a wider Europe representing a non-EU nation undergoing a decisive struggle for democratic survival, I will provide the Bureau with vital, real-time strategic perspectives on the Eastern Partnership, EU enlargement, and the defense of liberal democracy against foreign authoritarian interference.

I do not seek this position simply to represent Georgia, but to strengthen the liberal movement across the entirety of Europe. My goal is not to divide our continent between East and West, but to remind us that our shared values are worth defending everywhere - from Brussels and Strasbourg to every town and village.

Together, backed by our allied parties across the continent, we can ensure that ALDE stands as the most vibrant, trusted, and powerful voice for liberty, democracy and opportunity in Europe.

Thank you for your time, your dedication to our shared cause and your consideration of my candidacy. I look forward to working closely alongside all of you.

Warmest regards,

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