

Dear Green Comrades,

My name is Luca Boccoli and I am writing this letter to express my motivation for becoming a member of Conciliation Panel. One of the reasons I decided to run is seeing this call as a great opportunity to get in closer touch with wider European Green family. Being the youngest candidate of all, I understand I might not have as much experience, but I strongly believe I can play an important role with bringing a youthful vision and perspectives to the Conciliation Panel. I have been involved with Italian Greens for a bit over a year now and having finished my Bachelor's Degree recently, I now have full capacities and enthusiasm to dedicate my time to work, alongside Greens, towards a more sustainable and just society.

Despite my young age, in recent years I have participated and started many activities and projects, which equipped me with a set of skills that I see beneficiary also for my potential election for the Conciliation Panel. In 2017 I was a member of a youth editorial project 'Scomodo', through which I enhanced my writing skills, publishing content in which I covered various topics from sustainable agriculture to organized crime. One of the most meaningful experiences which helped shaping me in a Green activist I am today, was a voluntary activity I did in Uganda, on behalf of a Roman Parish, during which, previously raised money was allocated to local communities. It was after this volunteering experience I decided to pursue a Degree in Political Science at University Roma Tre, with particular attention to Cooperation and Development. Ever since I enrolled at my first year at University, I've been an active Greenpeace volunteer and Fridays for Future activist, still to this day. Throughout my studies for the past three years, I had opportunity to participate in number of non-formal educational trainings/seminars, some of which were held by Greenpeace itself. With these trainings and seminars I obtained and developed further skills as team-work, conflict management, non-verbal communication and much more. Moreover, involvement with Fridays for Future helped me better my management and public speaking skills, as I have worked on organizing and conducting programs of many actions and strikes. Wishing to cast even more attention to the Climate movement and bring together more young people in this joint fight for a safe future for all, I got inspired to found an association. This association was established in February 2019 under name 'Students of the Earth' and with an intention to bring environmental issues within the University walls. 'Students of the Earth', which grew overtime, got connected with other Universities and organisations, and got recognition as a relevant youth environmental initiative that along with Fridays for Future takes active participation in Climate strikes. Since last year, being invited by many different media and organisations as a speaker, I got more comfortable in my public speaking skills, addressing topics such as degrowth, sustainable agriculture, clean energy, etc. Just after participating in an international seminar on Social Rights, organized by Federation of Young European Greens, I have launched a campaign 'Green Band Movement', inviting everyone to spread solidarity during and outside Climate strikes as well, with wearing a recognizable green band. The campaign had a discreet media echo and reached about 50000 people in the first two weeks after launching.

With the support of Italian Greens, in the last months of 2019 I worked on organizing a national Green Youth group which is now active with around 100 members. In recent months, this Green Youth, named 'Giovani Europeisti Verdi' cooperated also with other Green Youth wings/organisations in Europe, when a co-written letter was presented to the EU institutions meant to push a call for Corona Bonds.

I hope that my experience in different fields will be appreciated, and if elected to be a member of Conciliation Panel, I will do my best to honor this position. I believe I would bring an intergenerational impetus to the whole Committee and seeing that my activism journey prior to Italian Greens wasn't affiliated with any political party, I think that a young Green vision in politics as mine, free from any external affections, can help settling possible disputes between member parties and bodies of the European Green Party.

Thank you for considering my candidacy!

Greenest Regards,  
Luca Boccoli