

CANDIDACY LETTER

Bratislava, October 23rd, 2022

Dear Friends and Comrades,

In this letter I would like to present my interest in candidacy for the position of the Vice-president of the Socialist International.

My name is Katarína Roth Neved'alová, I am Slovak, European and social democrat. I am almost forty years old and currently live in the capital of Slovakia, in Bratislava.

I have more than 20 years of experience in international environment and politics. Started at the early age at the university in my hometown Nitra, I was always an active student, volunteering in many activities and leading two student organisations. In 2005 I started to work as an intern at the International Department of the political party SMER - Social Democracy, where I have been working since then, as of 2010 as the Head of the Department and the International Secretary.

I was elected in 2009 as the Member of the European Parliament, where I served one term till 2014. From 2015 till 2018 I was representing my country as the diplomat in Brusel covering the cohesion policy and structural funds. In 2018 I returned to serve as the advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister of Slovakia responsible for structural funds, digitalisation, investments, and development cooperation. In 2020 my political party switched to opposition, and I have been working in the national agency for the support of the small and medium size enterprises.

As the former Vice-president of my party youth organisation in Slovakia, former Vice-president of ECOSY - Young European Socialists (currently known as YES) and former Vice-president of the European Youth Forum I fight and support for the better representation of the younger generation in politics and supporting stronger voice of youth in all decisions. I also fight for decent pay for interns, and I am against child labor.

As the feminist I support the equal role of women and men in society and politics. I believe that only together we are stronger, and we can better solve the challenges we have to face as humanity. I believe that we should support the organisations fighting for

the equality and rights of women, organisations which fight for education opportunities for girls, organisations which fight the child marriages. The future of humanity lies in the hands of young girls in less developed areas of this world who do not have access to education and basic necessities. When we can change their lives, we can see the improvement of society.

I believe in cooperation and dialogue. I was elected three times as the longest serving Vice-president of the Party of European Socialists (2012-2022) and I had always stand for equal regional representation and open discussion between parties. I am European but in my professional life I have worked with different parties across the globe.

I see Socialist International as historic and important institution of the socialists, social democrats, labourists and progressives from all around the world. It deserves to be the place where we can discuss our issues, learn from our experiences, exchange ideas and views and find long lasting friendships. I have already found those. I am looking forward, if elected, to continue to develop this institution into the place where every party is equal and the voice of small is also heard, the institution with a strong legacy.

Thank you for your support.

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