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### CONTRIBUTION

I would contribute through my experience gained so far in order to establish a functional network of young professionals that have the passion for Political Science in common. I am more than confident that through my experience, fighting spirit, and devoted nature for professional endeavours, this would essentially contribute to increase the visibility, and improve the ECPR Graduate Student Network accomplishments. I hereby assure to be a devoted member, and to provide unconditional time, effort and skills in order to facilitate the young brilliant minds of Political Science.

### EXPERIENCE

I am a member of the Erasmus Student Network (Erasmus Organization of International Students), and organised events in Antwerp. I was the Executive Director of NES (The Network of Excellent Students, University of Tirana, Albania), and co-organiser of academic conferences, summer schools, as well as extra-curricular activities, during the period 2010-2013. I am a board member of the IG Alpbach Initiative, which annually organises the European Forum Alpbach, gathering more than 3000 people from academia, politics, economy etc. I am the Contact Person for Youth in Action Programme in Albania (under Erasmus Plus) organising workshops and dissemination seminars. I am officially a Trainee for the European Commission, DG Communication. Also a member of: European Policy Center (Think-Tank in Brussels), European Funds for the Balkans, Beyond Barrier Organization (Youth Organization), UN Women Global Civil Society Advisory Group etc. This increasingly wide experience, will enable me to be an efficient contributor to the ECPR Graduate Student Network.

### OTHER INFORMATION

I am Albanian, with an Italian last-name and currently living in Belgium. The past five years I have had the opportunity to benefit from travelling to a wide-range of countries across Europe, which have enabled me to have an open-minded approach towards different languages, habits and cultures. I call myself a cosmopolitan, and I truly believe I belong to the world. I am always energetic and eager to carry out new initiatives, opportunities and discoveries. I am also very fond of the idea that young people are the greatest source of potential, to immediately connect and retain positive change into society.