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### Statement of Motivation for my candidacy to the Board of Eurodiaconia

In the course of the three and a half years I've served on the Board of Eurodiaconia, I have had the opportunity to learn about the diaconal activities of other Eurodiaconia members. I am even more convinced today than four years ago that the opportunity Eurodiaconia offers its members to attend network meetings and receive regular briefings, reports and policy papers is extremely important, particularly for a small organization like the Diaconia Valdese. Our Diaconia has encouraged our staff to attend thematic meetings in a variety of areas including long term care, access to employment, empowering youth and social inclusion of migrants. Every one of them has brought home new ideas, practical tools and information. In addition, these are all areas in which our small Italian Diaconia can and does bring useful input to a Europe-wide discussion.

I would be pleased to be able to continue in my role on the Board in order to be best able to continue to support these activities. In addition, given political changes in a number of EU countries, I think it will be increasingly important for Eurodiaconia and its members to reflect upon the question of advocacy, upholding the rights of powerless, abandoned and marginalized in our societies. I would like to be involved in Board discussions of this question.

Another area I have been strongly supporting is that of working in partnership with other members in European projects. The Diaconia Valdese has been involved in a number of these and our staff people have been energized and motivated by the opportunity of working with colleagues from other countries who are facing the same challenges as we are. They have also been pleased with the successful outputs created.

I would welcome the chance to serve a second four-year term on the Supervisory Board in order to continue to take part in conversations on how best to meet the needs of those who throughout Europe feel abandoned. I would also look forward to being able to help in the Board's ongoing search to find new ways for Eurodiaconia to offer members what they need to help them do the work they have chosen.

Sincerely,

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Vice President- CSD Diaconia Valdese.

