Dear Mariagrazia,

With this letter I would like to let you know that I would be prepared to join the Administrative council of the ATEE. I am a long standing member of the association. I have participated in and led numerous European projects with ATEE members and member institutions over the last decades. For some time I was the chair of chairs of the ATEE, a kind of preliminary version of the position now held by Ronny Smets. The further development of the association is a great concern of mine. Times seem to develop towards increased online co-operation. Work loads seem to increase. Teacher education and in-service education of teachers are in a state of transition. I am very interested in finding answers to questions like:

- How can we combine online work and yet a string sense of community
- How can the association strengthen its academic and applied added value
- Why could be strategies to gain and maintain institutional commitment among member institutions
- How can we strengthen the Association as a support organization for international academic and applied initiatives in Teacher Education and further Professional Development
- How can we see to that the Association focusses on urgent and relevant societal issues
- How can we guarantee that the Association works in a way that serves as a model of cross cultural professional leaning among its partners and members.
- I also have in interest in how to connect the generations within the Association

I do not pretend to bring the answers. My interest is to engage in dialogues, to explore the options, to discuss possible directions in order to contribute to supported and focused strategies and action for the benefit of the Association and all who are part of it.

Enclosed you find my CV, My letter of compliance, and two letters of support.

Best wishes,

Jaap van Lakerveld