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Association for Teacher Education in Europe: ATEE  
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**Application** for second mandate membership of the Administrative Council of the ATEE

### **Personal statement**

Dear Ms. Tagliabue,

In response to the announcement of the election of a member of the ATEE Administrative Board, I express my interest and ask you to consider my candidacy for a second mandate as a member of the ATEE Administrative Board.

I am convinced that ATEE plays an important role in improving the quality of initial and postgraduate teacher education in Europe at both the organizational and personal levels, and I share ATEE's ideas and promote them among educational communities. My aim is to contribute to the development of ATEE, using my extensive practical and academic experience in teacher education and educational policy.

Teaching experience in secondary schools as a teacher has confirmed the need for both my professional development and for finding ways to improve the training of future teachers and the post-graduate support of those working in schools. Successfully defended theses for the Doctor of Philosophy in Postgraduate Education, and the next Doctor of Science in Educational Policy was supported by practical experience and implementation. Thus, scientific and practical educational activities became inseparable in my further professional growth and were based on the study of international experience, in particular European.

Next step in my educational career was connected with the need to ensure convergence with EU standards and the implementation of the Bologna Process determined the direction of higher education reform in Ukraine. Joining the Bologna Process was one of the important steps towards integration within the European Higher Education Area. To ensure high-quality training of students, in particular, future teachers, I conducted organizational, scientific and methodological work for the implementation of new master's programs based on European educational experience as the Dean in Lviv State Institute of Physical Culture.

I consider my recent participation in the working group on the new key educational reform of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine as a scientific and professional achievement. Cooperation with many European educational programs and projects (ETF, EU4Skills, Solidarity Fund PL, UNISEF, UNESCO, etc.) helped to develop a new State Education Standard based on successful European practices. As a national trainer, I actively participated at the national and regional levels in training teachers to implement the new curriculum in practice.

ATEE has been closely associated with my professional development and achievements for many years. First time I attended the annual ATEE conference in Warsaw (Poland, 2002), which became a landmark event in my professional life. Since then, I have made great efforts not to lose touch with the ATEE community. Although my life circumstances were different, membership in ATEE gave me a sense of belonging to an important cause of teacher education development, and I always felt goodwill and expressed gratitude for the support.

My desire to serve the ATEE community is evident in my conference discussions, research collaborations, abstract review, and activities as an ATEE member, co-chair/member of the RDC "Education for Health, Sustainability, and the Environment", member of the ATEE AC and member of LLLP Working Group on Wider Benefits of Learning.

Over the past three years as an ATEE AC member, I have been co-responsible for the overall ATEE policy, the review of documents, proposals, and drafts for ATEE development decisions, representing the voice of low-income countries, and working to recruit new institutional and individual members to ATEE. As an ATEE AC representative, I also participate in the work of the LLLP WG on the Broader Benefits of Learning. The experience I have gained during the first term will be useful for effectively continuing the second mandate obligations as a member of the ATEE AC.

Having a long professional career and various positions in the education sector at national and international levels, I have had the opportunity to develop my skills: mentoring, leadership, and communication. Therefore, the added value I could bring would be my professional skills and motivation to work on strengthening and developing ATEE.

I believe that my motivation and professional experience will be a good basis for a second term as a member of the AC ATEE.

Yours sincerely

Olena Shyyan



## Olena Shyyan

Nationality: Ukrainian



### WORK EXPERIENCE

**Lviv In-Service Teacher Training Institute** – Lviv, Ukraine

City: Lviv | Country: Ukraine

**Professor of Educational Policy Department**

[ 31/08/2023 – Current ]

In-Service Teacher Training (ITT) on the regional level

Mentoring for professional development of principals, deputy-principals, teacher-trainers, and teachers for the implementation of New Ukrainian Schools Reform :

- expertise and development programs, syllabus, and survey for ITT
- developing and conducting training for school administration and teachers

Regional coordinator of the "Social and Health Education" (SHE) branch of the National Standards NUS

- implementation of the SHE branch on the regional level
- creation of the Model curriculum and textbooks for the new subject "Health, Care and Well-being" (HCW) for the basic school (5-9 grades)

Educational and methodological pilot schools coordination on all Ukrainian level

**Association for Teacher Education in Europe** – Brussels, Belgium

City: Brussels | Country: Belgium

**Administrative Council member (AC ATEE)**

[ 06/2022 – Current ]

Co-responsible for the general policy of the ATEE

- reviewing of documents, proposals, and drafts for ATEE development decisions,
- developing the membership policy and strategy of ATEE
- supporting the knowledge and best practices exchange (teacher training and professional development in different countries)

**LLLP** – Brussels, Belgium

City: Brussels | Country: Belgium

**Member of LLLP Working Group on Wider Benefits of Learning.**

[ 04/2024 – Current ]

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- Hybrid meetings twice a year
- online discussions (Basecamp subgroup )
- Manifesto on Wellbeing and mental health for newly-elected MEPs (2024)
- Topics to address: Wellbeing and health

**Ministry of Education and Science** – Kyiv, Ukraine

City: Kyiv | Country: Ukraine

**Member of WG for development of the Educational National Standards, NUS**

[ 07/2016 – Current ]

- Development standards for the New Ukrainian School (co-authorship)

- State Standard of Primary School (grades 1-4)
- State Standard of General Secondary Education ( grades 7-9)
- State Standard of Upper Secondary Education



-Expertise in co-curriculum strands and European Key Competence Frameworks implementation (EntreComp, Dig Comp, CDC, LifeComp, etc)

 **Ministry of Education of Ukraine** – Kyiv, Ukraine

City: Kyiv | Country: Ukraine

**National Coordinator of Social and Health Educational branch (National Standard of Education)**

[ 07/2016 – Current ]

Coordinating WG for the creation and implementation of the SHE branch of the National Standards NUS on the national level

- develop SHE branch Competence Potential and Requirements to outputs and learning progression of pupils of the State Standards of Education (Primary, General Secondary, Upper Secondary)
- cooperation with regional coordinators of the SHE from In-service Teacher Training institutes (ITTI)

Delivered presentations and speeches at All-Ukrainian events and training

- "Finnish project to support the reform of Ukrainian schools ("Learning Together") :

- Overview of SHE branch for teachers, regional coordinators/trainers, and leaders of ITTI. Instructional conference for teachers. (May 2021).
- Develop an online course and conduct a webinar for potential evaluators/experts of educational content quality of the SHE branch (January-May, 2023)

Develop proposals for 'Mriya' application developers (2023)

 **Association of Teacher Education in Europe (ATEE)** – Brussels, Belgium

City: Brussels | Country: Belgium

**Member of Research Development Community (RDC ) "Health, Environmental and Sustainable Education "**

[ 07/2009 – Current ]

- exchange of knowledge and best practices regarding training and professional development of teachers in different countries on the topic of RDC and well-being in schools
- development of RDC research projects and exchange of results

 **Osvitoria. UNESCO** – Kyiv, Ukraine

City: Kyiv | Country: Ukraine

**Methodologist of SHE Branch of Teacher Professional Development component of the GPE - in Ukraine. (UNESCO)**

[ 11/2024 – 05/2025 ]

Coordination and mentoring of the process to provide master - trainers of SHE branch with the necessary knowledge and skills for the successful implementation of the NUS reform in grades 7-9

- creating online courses "Masterclass: Training for NUS teachers in grades 7-9"
- coordinating and developing a methodological manual for the SHE branch
- forming a pedagogical community of master trainers from ITTI of the SHE branch
- developing professional competencies of master-trainer teachers, familiarizing them with the latest teaching methods, and integrating digital technologies

 **Osvitoria, Ukrainian Institute for Development of Education (UIDE)** – Kyiv, Ukraine

City: Kyiv | Country: Ukraine

**All-Ukrainian Online School methodologist**

[ 09/2023 – 12/2023 ]

Methodological and scientific support for creating the online course and materials ( subject "Fundamentals of Health", grades 8-9

- 70 online lessons - 70 online lessons - methodological and scientific support provided
- 250 test tasks on the theme of the lessons created

 **NGO "Cultural Platform of Transcarpathia"** – Kyiv, Ukraine

City: Kyiv | Country: Ukraine



**Consultant, "Inter-sectoral support for social and behavioral changes among adolescents and youth in Ukraine"(UNICEF)**

[ 12/2023 – 08/2024 ]

- consulting services on the implementation of the requirements of the working educational programs of the CPC for educators (mine safety course).
- consulting and expertise services on the development of a training module on the experience of countries affected by mine contamination;
- development of Model Study Program "Safety Workshop" for grades 5-9 secondary school

 **VANDOG AGENCY** – Ukraine

Country: Ukraine

**Methodologist of the educational safety short film series**

[ 05/2024 – 11/2024 ]

Providing scientific and methodological support for creating a film series about safety for Diya.Osvita

 **EU4Skills "Better Skills for modern Ukraine"** – Lviv, Ukraine

City: Lviv | Country: Ukraine

**Expert**

[ 07/2021 – 06/2023 ]

Implementing a competency-based approach to education in vocational (VET) education institutions (2021 - 2022)

- creating the Concept of the Competency-Based Approach (CBA) for vocational education institutions
- developing recommendations for the implementation of CBA for VET
- developing training programs for staff on developing the Concept of the Competency-Based Approach for their institutions
- conducting scientific and methodological support for pilot VET institutions

Implementation of professional orientation and career development in Ukraine (2022 - 2023)

- creating the Concept of the Training Program (ToT) for NUS brunch coordinators from ITTI
- conducting training and scientific and methodological support for coordinators of ITTI

 **European Training Foundation (ETF)** – Turin, Italy

City: Turin | Country: Italy

**National expert on teacher training on educational standards and curricula development**

[ 09/03/2017 – 30/10/2019 ]

- working with the relevant multi-stakeholder environment in the country
- strengthening the capacity of key local experts and policymakers
- establishing communication and interaction with all 25 regional In-Service Teacher Training Institutes (ITTI)
- providing inputs into the continuous professional development of teachers (CPD) : producing support materials, training master --trainers for the network of ITTI
- supporting cross-country peer learning between Ukraine and Georgia, in particular, through sharing expertise from the training for teacher trainers and VET service providers for CPD
- providing input to the publication based on the cases of key competence support approaches in Ukraine generally and with examples from the State Standard )

 **Lviv Regional In-Service Teacher Training Institute** – Lviv, Ukraine

City: Lviv | Country: Ukraine

**Life Competences Department Head**

[ 10/2018 – 29/09/2020 ]

- development programs, plans, and surveys examination and development of methodological recommendations, for training the teachers of health education, physical education, and labor education
- conducting training for teachers of primary and secondary schools of the subject "Fundamentals of health", mentoring their professional development.
- analysis of the conditions and best practices under which the department carries out professional development of school teachers



**Lviv State University of Physical Culture** – Lviv, Ukraine

City: Lviv | Country: Ukraine

**Human Health Department Head**

[ 08/2008 – 08/2018 ]

- general administration of the department
- providing relevant teacher training to students (Health Education, Enterprise Education, Civic Education)
- mentoring, training, and scientific work for bachelor, master, and PhD level students on the topic of health promotion utilizing physical culture
- management of complex scientific research on the topic "Continuous professional development of specialists in the field of physical culture on the basics of health and ensuring a healthy lifestyle."

**NGO "Development Civic Competencies in Ukraine"** – Kyiv, Ukraine

City: Kyiv | Country: Ukraine

**Regional coordinator DOCCU**

[ 04/2016 – 09/2018 ]

Implementation Swiss-Ukrainian project (DOCCU) in Lviv region:

- creating guidelines for administrative staff and teachers of schools for development of civic competence (CC)
- development of educational modules for in-service teacher training
- conducting training and communicative activities for the development of CC
- training teachers of Lviv region on the application of CC in the learning process
- formation of the network of reference schools in the region

**NGO "Woman Health"** – Kyiv, Ukraine

City: Kyiv | Country: Ukraine

**Regional coordinator "Noncommunicable diseases, prevention and health promotion in Ukraine"**

[ 03/2016 – 05/2017 ]

- Implementation of Swiss-Ukrainian project in Lviv region:
- formation of a network of reference schools in the region
- training teachers of Lviv region on the application of prevention of non-communicable diseases
- adaptation of the self-assessment tool for implementation in schools
- conducting training on the use of the self-assessment tool to create a health-preserving environment in the school

**EU Project, Program of Trans Boarder Cooperation POLAND-BELARUS- UKRAINE** – Krosno, Poland

City: Krosno | Country: Poland

**Health promotion expert**

[ 01/2014 – 10/2014 ]

- conducting the research of Health Promotion in Ukraine and Poland schools
- consulting school administration and teachers in enhancing healthy life style (HLS) of schoolchildren
- expertise of partial result analysis and substantive part of research result devoted HLS of pupils, comparative studies of HLS schoolchildren (Poland-Ukraine)
- developing recommendations, proposals, and publication "Selected aspects of school health education on the example of the lifestyle of Polish-Ukrainian youth"

**Strengthening multisectoral approaches towards HIV/AIDS prevention among Youth in Ukraine (EU)** – Kyiv, Ukraine

City: Kyiv | Country: Ukraine

**Regional coordinator, trainer**

[ 07/2006 – 08/2007 ]

- coordinating HLS strategic planning and management in multi-sectoral environment (regional level)
- organizing, running, and evaluating seminars, training, and workshops for the Social sector (education, health care, youth, family, and sports), Mas Media carrying out long-term (5 years) monitoring of preventive education for schoolchildren in schools of the region
- expertise of multisectoral cooperation in the region

**🇺🇦 Ukrainian-Dutch Educational Management Project (UDEM), MATRA – Amsterdam, Netherlands**

City: Amsterdam | Country: Netherlands

**Member of working group, co - author, trainer**

[ 02/2002 – 08/2004 ]

- raising and reformulating the Professional Standard of School Principals in co-authorship
- creation of and testing in co-authorship of the manual "Educational Management" for stakeholders, school principals, and heads of teacher training institutions in Ukraine
- organizing and running training for stakeholders, school administration

**🇺🇦 Lviv State Institute of Physical Culture – Lviv, Ukraine**

City: Lviv | Country: Ukraine

**Masters' and In-Service Training Faculty Dean**

[ 08/2000 – 04/2004 ]

- general administration of the new faculty, which ensures compliance with relevant institutional policies, regulations, and legislation
- introduction of new Master's programs for the educational system of Ukraine (Bologna process)
- expertise and development of guidelines, development programs for masters and teacher training

**🇬🇧 The foundation for SME development, DFID (Enterprise Education) – Durham, United Kingdom**

City: Durham | Country: United Kingdom

**Member of working group, co-author, trainer**

[ 1998 – 2002 ]

- studying and analyzing resources, manuals, and good practices of Enterprise Education in the UK (Durham University)
- creation of and testing in co-authorship manuals for consultants, school teachers, and students of pedagogical institutions in Ukraine
- organizing and running training for representatives of ITTIs, stakeholders, school administrators, and teachers
- adapting training for Vocational Education Training (VET)

**🇺🇦 Educational Department – Lviv, Ukraine**

City: Lviv | Country: Ukraine

**Secondary school schoolteacher**

[ 08/1990 – 08/1996 ]

- teaching students 5-11 grades (biology)
- helping the students to decide their career route after school
- conducting extracurricular activities

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING****Doctor of Science in Public Administration, professor****National State Academy of Public Administration at the President of Ukraine** [ 09/2006 – 09/2009 ]

City: Kyiv | Country: Ukraine | Field(s) of study: Business, administration and law: • Management and administration ; Education: • Education science • Teacher training without subject specialisation • Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving education | Level in EQF: EQF level 8 | NQF Level: Doctor nauk

**PHD thesis in theory and history of education****State Academy of Educational Administration** [ 09/1996 – 09/1999 ]

City: Kyiv | Country: Ukraine | Field(s) of study: Education: • Education science • Teacher training with subject specialisation • Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving education | Level in EQF: EQF level 8 | NQF Level: kandidat nauk  
Thesis: PHD thesis Development of postgraduate education teachers of science in west region of Ukraine

**Specialist in biology, teacher****Ivan Franko National University of Lviv** [ 08/1974 – 05/1979 ]

City: Lviv | Country: Ukraine | Level in EQF: EQF level 7





- Teacher of biology and chemistry
- Specialization ( microbiology)

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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**Mother tongue(s):** Ukrainian

**Other language(s):**

English

**LISTENING B2 READING B2 WRITING B2**

**SPOKEN PRODUCTION B1 SPOKEN INTERACTION B1**

*Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user*

## SKILLS

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Microsoft Word / Outlook / Power Point / Microsoft Excel / Facebook / Zoom / Google Drive / Google Docs / Microsoft Office / LinkedIn / Skype

## JOB-RELATED SKILLS

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### Job-related skills

- good knowledge, competence and experience, in the developing positive school climate; social and emotional education; well-being at school;
- large experience in teacher training relevant for the scope of the expert group
- scientific management of research on gender and equality issues

## COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

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### Communication and interpersonal skills

- Communication skills gained through my training and teaching
- Mediating skills: I work on the border between young people, trainers, researches, experienced educational staff and stakeholders
- Intercultural skills : I am experienced at working in European dimension such as being AC ATEE member, National expert (ETF) etc.

## ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

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### Organisational skills

Good organisational and prioritizational leadership skills acquired and developed in professional situations (as coordinator in projects, head of department, leadership of teams, supervision of research and training)





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Białystok, 12.06.2025

### Letter of support

It is a great pleasure to write this letter of support for **Professor Olena Shyyan** in regard to her application to become a member of the Administrative Council of the Association for Teacher Education in Europe (ATEE). I firmly believe that Professor Shyyan is fully qualified for this position, and I give her my highest possible recommendation.

Olena Shyyan is a Professor, Doctor of Education, and Head of the Educational Policy Department at the Lviv In-service Teacher Training Institute in Ukraine. Her research interests include teacher education policy and practice, health education, and vocational education. She has published widely in respected Ukrainian and international journals and has taken part in numerous collaborative research projects with internationally recognised scholars. In addition, she is actively engaged in shaping educational policy in Ukraine, contributing her expertise to national-level initiatives such as the development of new education standards.

Professor Shyyan has been actively involved in the ATEE community for many years. She has contributed to various research and academic initiatives, regularly participated in conferences, and demonstrated a deep understanding of the association's mission and priorities. Her previous experience on the Administrative Council reflects her strong commitment and capability in supporting ATEE's work. She is well-organised, constructive in discussions, and consistently reliable in carrying out her responsibilities. Her international outlook, academic integrity, and collaborative spirit would be a great asset to the Council's ongoing efforts.

In sum, Professor Olena Shyyan is a highly qualified, dedicated, and collegial professional. Her academic credentials, combined with her leadership experience and long-standing involvement in ATEE, make her exceptionally well suited for this role. I am confident she will make a meaningful and lasting contribution as a member of the Administrative Council.

Sincerely,

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12th June 2025

Ms. Mariagrazia Tagliabue  
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Dear Mariagrazia,

**Prof. Dr. Olena Shyyan: applicant to serve on the Administrative Council  
for a second three-year term**

I am delighted to write a letter in support of Olena's application to serve on the Administrative Council of ATEE for a second three-year term.

I have known Olena for many years. We have met and exchanged ideas through her membership of ATEE, her enthusiastic support of our conferences, and her contributions to meetings of the Research and Development Community chairs. (She has been co-chair of the RDC "Education for Health, Sustainability, and the Environment" while I was co-chair of the RDC "Science and Mathematics Education" – two RDCs having several common interests.) Latterly, I have admired her work as a member of the Administrative Council. By this full engagement with the life and work of ATEE, she has shown both her loyalty to the Association and her ability to contribute to it in a large number of ways. The fact that she has done so over the last three years of extreme difficulty for Ukraine underlines her commitment as well as adding to our awareness of the situation.

Her career overall highlights her suitability for the serving on the Administrative Council. Her activities in her own country have been and are extensive and wide-ranging; she also has much relevant experience in international settings. From a background in school teaching, via work in the third-level sector and (importantly for ATEE) specifically in teacher education and educational policy formation, she is admirably qualified to make unique and ongoing contributions to the Council.

ATEE is a community of scholars and friends. I am pleased to acknowledge Olena in both categories, and I strongly endorse her bid to continue her service as a Council member.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth E. Oldham

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Dear Ms. Tagliabue,

I am writing to recommend Dr. Olena Shyyan as a candidate for second mandate membership of the ATEE Administrative Board. Her experiences in the education field and prior service as a member of the ATEE Administrative Board make her highly qualified for this position.

Dr. Shyyan has been attending the ATEE conferences beginning in 2002 to the present and has been an active member participating in a variety of scientific and educational activities during these years. She has not only worked with educational activities of ATEE but has also been active in many European Union Educational programs and projects including UNISELF and UNESCO.

Dr. Shyyan's experience as a high school teacher in Ukraine, her work with educational groups in Ukraine and other European countries, and her school administrative experiences highly equip her for the leadership role on the ATEE Administrative Board.

If you have any questions concerning my nomination of Dr. Olena Shyyan for a second mandate membership of the ATEE Administrative Board, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Elsa C. Price, Ed. D.