

My name is Elise Wind, I am 19 years old and I am currently studying Forest- and Nature conservation in Wageningen, the Netherlands. This means I am a proud member of LC IFSA-Wageningen. I enjoy being a part of IFSA because it gives me the opportunity to get to know other cultures and make connections with people from other countries. To get more involved in IFSA, I would like to apply for the Northern Europe Regional Representative position.

My experience with IFSA at the international level is NERM, I have attended that event in 2024 and 2025 and had a lot of fun doing so. During the NERM in 2024 I got my first experience with the amazing IFSA community, this led into becoming active within my LC. I have been active in the LC by promoting IFSA events to the members and helping out in organizing some events. After attending NERM for a second time and meeting all the new people for whom NERM 2025 was their first IFSA event, I felt the excitement to become more involved in IFSA. By becoming Regional Representative, I hope to help IFSA-Wageningen and other LC's to become more connected to IFSA and each other.

In my understanding, the Regional Representative is there to connect LC's of Northern Europe with each other and with the rest of IFSA. This needs to be done by hosting coffee hours, promoting IFSA events, and helping the OC organize NERM. Besides connecting LC's, is keeping members active also a part of the Regional Representative position. This can be done by asking them how it is going and inviting them to IFSA events. The Regional Representative is also responsible for finding new LC's and guiding them through the application process. Most of this is done by staying in contact with the membership counsellor and with the IFSA representatives and presidents of the LC's.

I have got some experience in a similar position on the board of the sailing association of Wageningen. During that time, I learned skills such as connecting people by being a contact point, promoting activities, and working as a team with my fellow board members. Executing that position was a wonderful experience, so when I heard about the Regional Representative position, I was eager to find out more about it and eventually made the decision to apply to put my skills in use and gain more experience.

My primary goal for this term would be to continue the amazing work of the previous Regional Representatives. In addition, I would like to spend some time contacting potential LC's and getting more forestry students familiar with IFSA.

To conclude, the main reason I want to apply for the position of Northern Europe Regional Representative is that I want to contribute to IFSA, and because this position seems very fitting to my skills and interests.