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Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP)



Candidate for:
Treasurer

My name is Orsolya Feher, I am the founder of the Viennese chapter of Students for Sensible Drug Policy, and have been a Fellow for Global Drug Policy at SSDP for the past two years. As such, I had the opportunity to attend the CND meetings and many times I have heard the main goals of drug policy to be the protection of the world's youth, but the voices of young people seemed to be absent from the debate. I am seeking re-election to the VNGOC board to continue my work on changing this anomaly. During my first term as Treasurer, I had the

chance to connect with more civil society organizations and elected officials than ever before. I have been able to have valuable conversations with our members, learn from them and spread awareness of youth-specific issues within drug policy.

I am a graduate of the University of Vienna's Communication Science Master program, where I was specializing on the stigma surrounding drugs, people who use drugs, intersecting public health issues and am passionate about educating myself and wider society about harm reduction, drug policy and related matters.

I am also a founder of PsyCare Austria, a volunteer-based peer-led harm reduction services that supports people who are having or have had challenging drug related experiences. Our mission is to provide support for people undergoing challenging psychological experiences, particularly those involving psychoactive substances; and to provide education to reduce the harm associated with the use of such substances. Our timely and compassionate assistance helps reduce the number of drug-related medical interventions, hospitalizations and arrests

The main motivation for my application is that I would like to meaningfully work on paving the way for a just, effective and comprehensive policy reform that includes civil society and the affected population in the decision-making processes.