

Dear Hiring Team,

I am writing to express my strong interest in the Program Manager, Europe position at People Powered, as advertised. Based in Tirana, Albania, I bring over 30 years of experience in cultural project design, EU funding management, and international cooperation, with a proven track record in the Western Balkans, Italy, and across Europe.

My experience directly aligns with the requirements of this role, particularly within the Nets4Dem consortium. I have coordinated over €14 million across various EU programs (INTERREG, Creative Europe, IPA, Horizon, ESF), demonstrating my expertise in grant management and budget oversight. My portfolio in "Fondi" (https://www.massimogabellone.com/en/portfolio_fondi_internazionali_preview_en.html) details this experience.

Furthermore, I have cultivated strong relationships with over 120 institutional partners in 9 European countries, showcasing my ability to build trust and foster collaboration across cultures. My work founding and directing 9 cultural organizations, documented in my "Cultura" portfolio (https://www.massimogabellone.com/en/portfolio_cultura_preview_en.html), and my experience with NGOs (https://www.massimogabellone.com/en/portfolio_ngo_preview_en.html) have equipped me with the skills to design and manage high-impact programs that engage citizens effectively. The cross-border festival I founded, "Nei Suoni dei Luoghi," demonstrates my capacity to translate cutting-edge ideas into real-world democratic change.

I am confident that my experience and passion for participatory democracy make me an ideal candidate for this position. My website (<https://www.massimogabellone.com/en/preview.html>) provides further details on my background.

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