

Dear Pirita Lindholm,

I would like to express my interest to join ERRIN's Management Board. The Cities Northern Netherlands EU Office is active in Brussels since early 2015, and I've been head of office since then. The focus of the cities on building a close and reliable network has been very important, this is something we have found within the ERRIN network. I'm active as one of the co-leads in the Smart Cities working group for almost 3 years now. We organized several interactive events on topics that matters for (smart) cities. We always try to combine this with a good social talk during a network cocktail.

We have the ambition to keep growing as an EU Office, not in size, but in professionalism. This should lead to even better project development, and remaining a reliable partner for projects, collaborations and exchange in Europe. Another element of this ambition is to make the link to a more strategic effort in Brussels, to be heard by a diverse range of strategic partners in Europe, from the European Commission to research facilities, thinktanks or other cities/regions. A good example of this is my effort to the SET plan TWG 3.2 on Smart Cities on behalf of ERRIN. Together with Sointu Räisänen (East and North Finland EU Office) I gave input on a strategic level with recommendations to the implementation plan of the SET Plan.

Specifically for ERRIN we see the development and ongoing professionalisation the organisation makes. We are very positive about what ERRIN has achieved in the past, and what the direction is that ERRIN moves towards the future. As a relatively young member I think we can give fresh and new input to the management board. With my hands-on mentality I'm able to concretise the strategical ambitions of ERRIN. Of course with a lot of enthusiasm and humour!

It would be a great honour to be a member the management board of ERRIN. I'm looking forward to the elections.

Best regards,



Pieter Faber

Head of EU Office Cities Northern Netherlands