



ASE NEWSLETTER

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At the European Conference in Malaga, the ASE presidency was handed over from Senator #77793, Igors Djacenko from Latvia, to Senator #50314, Tarlok Singh Sindu from Norway.

Below, you can see the ASE team for 2026–27. We are all looking forward to a successful and exciting year ahead.



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Welcome to the ASE Newsletter 2026-27

A new ASE year has begun, and with it comes a new year of the ASE Newsletter. This year, the newsletter will be published quarterly:

- June
- September
- December
- March

Hope you'll enjoy reading it!

If you would like to submit content for future editions, please reach out to communication@jci-senate.eu for further information



WELCOME

by #50314, Tarlok Singh Sindu
ASE President 2026-27



A New Year of Unity Through Cultural Understanding

Dear ASE Senators and JCI Friends across Europe,

Following the ASE Conference and the election of the new ASE Board for 2026/2027, we begin a new journey together under the theme:
"Unity Through Cultural Understanding"

Europe is rich in diversity, cultures, languages, traditions and perspectives. As JCI Senators, this diversity is not our challenge; it is our greatest strength. Through understanding, dialogue and mutual respect, we can continue building a stronger and more united Senate family across Europe.

I would like to emphasize the importance of standing firmly by the values of the JCI Creed in today's rapidly changing world. At a time when democratic values, truth, and human dignity are increasingly challenged, Senators have an important role as ambassadors of unity, ethical leadership, and constructive dialogue.

The ASE Board 2026/2027 is committed to:

- Strengthening cooperation across all European regions
- Supporting and empowering JCI members through Senator experience and mentorship
- Promoting cultural understanding and friendship across borders
- Creating meaningful programs, conversations, and initiatives that reflect our shared values

Together with our ambassadors, Senate Presidents and more than 11,000 Senators across Europe, we look forward to a year built on collaboration, openness, and active engagement.

And as we reach the middle of the year and the summer season begins, I would like to wish you all a wonderful and relaxing summer. I hope you can spend time with family and friends, recharge your batteries and create new memories.

Thank you for your continued commitment, friendship, and support of our Senate community. I look forward to meeting many of you again at upcoming events and continuing our journey together.

Enjoy your summer, stay safe, and see you soon!

Warm regards,
Tarlok Singh Sidhu #50314
ASE President 2026-27



Let ASE 2026/2027 become a symbol of hope, unity and leadership through understanding.

Together, we build bridges.
Together, we strengthen Europe's Senate family.

TARLOK SINGH SINDU, #50314
ASE PRESIDENT 2026-27



Vision 2026-27

by #50314, Tarlok Singh Sindu
ASE President 2026-27



Building Unity Across Europe - A Shared Vision for ASE

The vision for 2026–2027 is clear:
to make ASE a living example of European unity.

This means creating: Stronger dialogue, deeper cooperation, shared cultural experiences, and a greater sense of belonging among all member countries.

The goal is for every Senator, Ambassador, and National President to feel connected to a collective European voice.



“Unity is not something we declare. Unity is something we build step by step, through understanding, respect and cooperation.”

TARLOK SINGH SINDU, #50314
ASE PRESIDENT 2026-27

Key Priorities for 2026

1. Stronger Regional Collaboration

Regional Ambassadors remain the backbone of ASE.

Key initiatives include:

- quarterly cross-regional discussions, joint events between neighbouring countries,
- and simplified collaboration frameworks to encourage cooperation and idea-sharing.

2. Cultural Understanding Dialogues

A new monthly online initiative will allow member countries to share aspects of their:

- culture, traditions, literature, history and everyday life.

These open and interactive sessions aim to strengthen understanding and cooperation across Europe.

3. Engaging Youth & New Members

ASE's future depends on investing in the next generation.

Planned actions:

- mentorship programs between experienced Senators and new members,
- recognition of youth-led initiatives and stronger youth participation in assemblies and committees.

4. Celebrating Diversity Through Events

2026 will focus on greater visibility and connection through:

- cross-regional cultural events, exchange visits and “Cultural Europe” showcases featuring art, music, cuisine, and innovation from across member countries.

Because shared experiences create lasting unity.

5. Communication & Visibility

To strengthen the community, ASE will:

- improve internal communication, expand the use of digital tools, share success stories from all regions, and promote transparency and inclusion.

Strong communication builds trust and trust builds unity.

Working Together

Leadership within ASE will be based on collaboration and shared responsibility.

Close cooperation will continue with:

- National Senate Presidents, Regional Ambassadors,
- Global partners including AMESA, ASPAC and AMERICA and all active members.

The mission is simple: to listen, support, connect, and empower.



THANKS

by #77793, Igors Djacenko
ASE President 2025-26



Building Unity Across Europe - A Shared Vision for ASE

Dear ASE Family,

As I reflect on my year as President of the Association of JCI Senators in Europe 2025/2026, my heart is filled with gratitude, pride, and hope for the future we are building together.

This year was never only about meetings, events, or structures. It became something much deeper. Throughout this journey, we discovered that ASE is not simply an organisation of Senators across Europe — it is a Family. And during this year, I truly felt how, step by step, from friends we became one united European Senate Family.

That feeling is the greatest achievement of this Presidency.



Together, we created connections that crossed borders, cultures, and generations. We shared conversations, experiences, laughter, challenges, and unforgettable moments. From our Highlight Events across Europe to the incredible Spring Summit in Riga, the spirit of ASE became alive in a new way — warmer, closer, stronger, and more united than ever before.

One of the most important achievements of this year was the discovery and implementation of the regional system. What started as a vision became a living reality. We saw our regions become active, connected, and engaged, creating opportunities for Senators to participate, communicate, and truly belong. The regional approach has shown us that Europe becomes stronger when every region feels involved and empowered.

I am especially happy and proud that my successor, Tarlok Singh Sidhu, together with our newly elected Deputy President Arno Herder and the incoming ASE Board, are excited to continue developing and expanding this system further.

The journey has only just begun, and I believe the best chapters of ASE are still ahead of us.

At the JCI European Conference 2026 in Málaga, Tarlok was elected as the next ASE President, and I would like once again to congratulate him and the entire new Board. I also want to sincerely thank both candidates in the contested Deputy President election for a respectful and inspiring campaign that reflected the true values of our Senate Family

For me personally, this is not a goodbye. As Immediate Past President, I will continue serving ASE and supporting this path with all my energy, experience, and friendship. I believe deeply in the future we are creating together.

Thank you for your trust, your friendship, and your heart.

With gratitude and brotherhood,

Igors Djacenko
ASE President 2025-26
JCI Senator #77793

Together, we will continue to grow.
Together, we will become more united.
Together, we will build one stronger
European Senate Family.

IGORS DJACENKO, #77793
ASE PRESIDENT 2025-26



The ASE Regions

The four Regional Ambassadors greets you

The area of the ASE has been divided into four regions; the Nordic Region, West Europe, Central Europe and East Europe.

Four Regional Ambassadors have been elected and each of them serves a region. Their role is to support and assist the national Senates across Europe. They act as link between the national Senates and ASE, and facilitate cooperation within and between regions

The Nordics

We, the Nordics, got a great new boost to move ahead during EC Malaga. I, Hanna Toimi, #76503, from Finland was re-elected to serve as Ambassador for the Nordic Region and Caroline Kåhre, #65850, from Sweden will continue to help me in the role as Counsellor. We both hope to meet many old and new Senator friends during this year.

Usually, June and July are time to relax and meet in informal settings and in August we truly start to meet again. We look forward to welcoming international Senators to the events taking place in the Nordics within the year to come.

West Europe

My name is Charles Eder, Senator #69491. I live in Ireland and am very happy and honoured to be able to serve as Ambassador for West Europe.

With Jean-Luc Bluteau, #57401, and National Senate organisations in West Europe, we'll continue organising small international events to bring together Senators that don't always have the opportunity to travel to larger events and foster stronger ties between Senators in the West Europe region and across the regions. We also hope to have online events and exchanges.

Please reach out to me or Jean-Luc with comments and suggestions for the year to come. We look forward to meeting you in person or online soon.

Central Europe

My name is Eric Brouwer, #69941, serving in the 2026-2027 board as Ambassador for Central Europe. After two years in the board in different roles, I am now the link to and facilitator of the National Senate organisations and their Senators in Central Europe.

For those who know me a bit, you know I am a connector. I like to bring people together, to meet each other and enjoy good times together, exchange information, keep momentum going and support in case of questions, etc. My aim is to make people meet in those different regions and enjoy, exchange ideas and not last: engage young Senators in those activities.

Looking forward to see you in one of the events, not just in Central Europe, but also elsewhere.

East Europe

The East region, with a lot of potential for growth and progress, is getting ready for a fresh restart. With only a couple of existing Senate Organisations, the region intends to work on establishing new national Senate Organisations.

The first international event will be in Romania, Sibiu on 17th of September, followed by others in Türkiye and Moldova. ASE will be represented in events in Russia and Ukraine as well.

Visit the [ASE website \(calendar\)](#) to find interesting events to join, both in your own region and in other regions.



The Nordics
Hanna Toimi, #76503

Finland, Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania



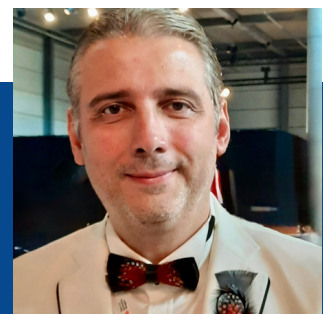
West Europe
Charles Eder, #69491

Scotland, the UK, Ireland, France, Monaco, Italy, Malta, Catalonia, Spain, and Portugal.



Central Europe
Eric Brouwer, #69941

Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Germany, The Netherlands, and Belgium.



East Europe
Ugur Aladinler, #81120

Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Greece, Türkiye

Communications

by #75952, Karen Würtz
Communications Ambassador 2026-27



Where and how do we communicate in ASE?

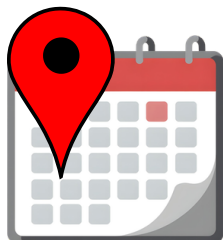
Good communication makes everything easier. But how do we make it work in ASE?

I'm honoured to serve as your Communications Ambassador 2026-27 and will do my best to create the framework for good communication.

Here I'll walk you through the communication platforms we use across ASE and explain how we use them.

I hope it helps you stay informed, find the information you need, and communicate more easily with one another.

After all, good communication helps us stay connected across Europe and strengthen our fellowship and community.



Want to go international, experience different cultures, and meet old friends while making new ones?

Visit the [ASE website \(calendar\)](#) and find exciting events taking place across Europe

Senate event organiser?
Submit your event [here](#)



ASE Newsletter

This (ASE) year's newsletter will be published quarterly: June, September, December and March. Deadline for content for the next edition is **21 August**. Please get in touch if you have any questions.



ASE website (jci-senate.eu)

"Association of JCI Senators in Europe (ASE)"

Here you can find all relevant information about ASE. In the ASE calendar, you'll find Senator events shared by the countries (remember to share yours too).



Facebook

"Association of JCI Senators in Europe"

Our Facebook group is where we share all kinds of posts for Senators about what's going on. Have a look and don't forget to join the page.



Instagram

"JCI Senate Europe"

Here you'll find short stories and posts about what's happening, always accompanied by a picture. It is an informal way to follow the Senator community. Remember to follow and tag ASE on Instagram.



WhatsApp

There is a wide range of WhatsApp groups. One worth mentioning is **"ASE Fellowship & Fun"**. Here, Senators socialise by sharing updates from their travels, seasonal greetings, or simply staying in touch with one another



Email

When or if something needs to be communicated to you quickly and/or cannot wait for a newsletter, we might send you an email to keep you updated.

Not yet a member of the ASE?

ASE membership is free. Here's how to join:

1. Go to the ASE website: JCI-Senate.eu
2. Click on "members", then on "membership application"
3. Complete the form and send it.
4. VERY IMPORTANT: You'll receive an email where you have to confirm your email address. If you don't do it within 7 days, your data will be deleted.
5. After your confirmation the application goes to the ASE and you will receive a confirmation in due time.



Remember to share this short guide with your fellow Senators.

When registering as ASE member, you will also receive the ASE newsletter.

Area Conferences

by #50314, Tarlok Singh Sindu
ASE President 2026-27



Four areas and four different cultural experiences

This year I have joined all four Area Conferences. It has been a great pleasure and very interesting to experience the different cultures around the world and to see how each area conference creates its own atmosphere and way of running a conference.

The European Conference took place, as you all know, in Malaga from April 29th to May 2nd. Besides a busy programme with the Senate Presidents' Meeting, AGM, Senate Lunch, and my first board meeting with the new ASE Board, I also had the opportunity to enjoy the warm hospitality and strong sense of fellowship that characterise our European family. The conference highlighted the importance of ASE's democratic processes and the engagement of members in shaping our future.

I began my presidency year by representing ASE internationally at all the Area Conferences.

Here ASE and the upcoming ASE activities have been actively promoted and international friends invited to participate in future ASE events, with the hope of strengthening friendships, building new connections, and expanding cooperation among Senators and JCI members worldwide.

AMESA took place in Antigua and Barbuda from May 13th to 16th. The conference was marked by the warmth, openness and positive energy of the Caribbean culture. It was inspiring to experience how friendship and fellowship are naturally woven into both the formal and social parts of the programme.

AMEC was held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, from May 20th to 23rd. The conference reflected the vibrant spirit and diversity of Africa. The enthusiasm of the participants, combined with strong traditions of hospitality and community, created a memorable and welcoming atmosphere.

ASPAC took place in Niigata, Japan, from June 11th to 14th. The conference left a strong impression through its excellent organisation, attention to detail and respect for tradition. Experiencing Japanese culture, with its balance of professionalism, courtesy and cultural pride, was both enriching and inspiring.

I want to thank everyone for the great and well-organised conferences. It has been wonderful meeting you all around the world. I look forward to many more good experiences in the year to come.



ASAC President 2026
Mr. Lucas Morales
#68914, Panama



AMESA President 2026-28
Ms. Linda Ben
#75166, South Africa



ASPAC President 2026-27
Mr. Tommy Hsu
Taiwan



EC 2027 The Hague

European Conference 2027, The Hague, 2-5 June 2027

Dear Esteemed Senators,

Warm greetings from Joanne den Bremer, Senator #63846 from The Netherlands

I am pleased to share a short update on the preparations for the JCI European Conference 2027 in The Hague, and to give you an early impression of what our Senate guests can expect

In Herning, Denmark 2025 we experienced Hygge. In The Hague 2027 you will experience gezelligheid!

A dedicated team is working closely alongside the Conference Organising Committee to ensure that, in addition to a strong programme for active Jaycees, Senators will enjoy a well-balanced and memorable experience. Gezellig.

During a recent visit to The Hague to review potential venues and accommodations, it became clear that we have chosen an excellent host city. The Hague is compact, rich in history, easy to navigate, and offers a welcoming atmosphere—making it an ideal setting for both the conference and Senate activities. Gezellig!



Get your Early Bird ticket

www.jciec2027.com

Senate Programme – First Insights

While the programme is still under development, we are shaping a varied and engaging agenda that reflects the values of the Senate community. Current ideas include:

- Home Hospitality to strengthen international connections – gezellig!
- A Senator Golf Tournament combining recreation and networking
- Company visits offering insight and inspiration
- A dedicated Senate Lounge for relaxation and informal exchange – gezellig!
- Organised tours in and around The Hague, combining culture and leisure

Pre-tour Planning

For those wishing to arrive early, we are developing a pre-tour running from 30 May to 2 June. This will offer an opportunity to explore the Netherlands in a relaxed and social setting.

Further details will follow as arrangements are confirmed.

Looking Ahead

We will continue to share updates on the programme, excursions, and practical information in future news notes. In parallel, work on the official Senate webpage for EC 2027 is progressing

We look forward to welcoming you to The Hague in 2027 for what promises to be a memorable and well-organised event, combining international friendship with a touch of Dutch hospitality.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,
Joanne den Bremer

joanne@denbremer.eu

On behalf of the Dutch EC 2027 team





Wild Rover

by #49104, Peter Browning
Responsible Wild Rover



Are you a Wild Rover and have a lust for travel and meeting new people?

For many the Fellowship of the Senate is the glue that holds us together and builds on our shared roots of having been an active JCI member. ASE Wild Rover is an award for European Senators who want to develop that fellowship further by being envoys and emissaries for the JCI Senate in Europe. Discover the benefits of being an ASE Wild Rover at Senate & JCI events in every corner of Europe.

ASE Wild Rover is the European Senate's version of the Grand Slam but a bit more flexible to suit the nature of JCI Senators.

The ASE has four regions and to qualify as an ASE Wild Rover you must participate in at least one event with a Senate Programme in each region during an ASE year (EC to EC).

The name Wild Rover was inspired by the well known, popular and well-travelled folk song "[The Wild Rover](#)"

Find out more about the ASE Wild Rover [here](#) and don't hesitate reaching out to the organising team: Christof Wirtz #71312, Jamila El Abed Karlberg #62370 and myself, Peter Browning #49104.

You can also reach us at wildrover@jci-senate.eu

Need Inspiration for events to include in your 2026-27 travel plans then visit [ASE website](#) and put together a plan taking in all four ASE regions before the European Conference in The Hague next June.

Previous Wild Rovers ranging from their 40s to their 90s have told us what being a Wild Rover has given them.

"Engaging with Senators from various countries has strengthened my network in a meaningful and lasting way and led to valuable personal & professional connections. I have taken away best practices and new ideas to apply within my environment fostering intercultural dialogue, mutual understanding, and continued development of the JCI spirit across borders. Finally, these experiences have contributed to my personal growth through inspiring encounters, shared moments, and the awareness of being part of a strong international network." #77123

"Participating in JCI Senate international events has broadened my perspectives far beyond my local area. It has given me the opportunity to connect with experienced senators from around the world, enriching my understanding of cultural diversity and best practices in leadership." #81943

"New Senator and active JCI friends. Informed about culture and habits in the countries visited." #20485

"The ASE Wild Rover initiative is a fantastic reminder that JCI friendship knows no borders. Every journey, every event, and every new connection adds another story to our shared Senate spirit — and often creates friendships that last a lifetime" #71312

Senate event organiser? Submit your event [here](#)



Candidacy

by #75952, Karen Würtz
Communications Ambassador 2026-27



European candidate for 2027 JCI President

She combines vision, inclusivity and a talent for turning ideas into reality. She has won awards as a JCI member and for her projects and she is indeed a person making a difference. JCI member and Senator from JCI Turkiye, Nihal Zoroğlu, announced at the European Conference and at the following Area Conferences her candidacy as JCI President 2027.

After building a strong foundation in AIESEC, she officially joined the JCI family in 2014 at the age of 26. Since then, she has held a wide range of positions in JCI and currently serves as a member of the JCI Strategic Planning Committee and as the Chief Executive Assistant to the President.

Alongside this she is the General Manager of a multi-national, multidisciplinary data-driven tech company. She is also an active member in "Women in Tech."

Nihal is a member we can certainly be proud of and who will make a great JCI President if elected. Please join us in supporting her and wishing her all the best.



Candidate for 2027 JCI President
Nihal Zoroğlu

Nihal Zoroğlu, #76990
JCI Maltepe

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JCI Career

- 2026 JCI Chief Executive Assistant to The President
- 2025-26- JCI Strategic Planning Committee Member
- 2023 JCI Executive Vice President for Europe
- 2022 JCI Strategic Planning Committee Member
- 2021 JCI Foundation Committee Member
- 2020-22 JCI Turkiye Disciplinary Committee Member
- 2019 JCI Vice President Assigned to Europe
- 2019 JCI Turkiye Immediate Past President
- 2018 Finance Committee Member
assigned by JCI 2018 President
- 2018 JCI Turkiye National President
- 2017 JCI Turkiye Secretary General
- 2016 JCI Turkiye National Vice President
(International Affairs)
- 2015 JCI Maltepe Local President
- 2014 JCI Maltepe Skills and Development Director
- 2014 JCI Maltepe, JCI Member





ASE calendar

by #75952, Karen Würtz
Communications Ambassador 2026-27



Visit the [calendar on ASE website](#) and plan your next trip

Date	Event	Place	
7-9 Aug 2026	69th International Crayfish Conference	Halmstad (Sweden)	
27-30 Aug 2026	European Senators Golf Championship	Mont Garni (Belgium)	
28-30 Aug 2026	JCI Ireland National Convention	Galway (Ireland)	
2-6 Sep 2026	XVI JCI Senators Meeting Americas & Caribbean	Punta Cana (Dominican Republic)	
11-13 Sep 2026	Senotium 2026	Sogndalstrand (Norway)	
17-20 Sep 2026	JCI Estonia Annual Conference BRIDGE	Tallinn (Estonia)	
30 Oct - 1 Nov 2026	French National Congress	Laval (France)	
11-15 Nov 2026	JCI World Congress 2026	Clark (Philippines)	
27-29 Nov 2026	Swiss Senate Drumming Out 2026	Solothurn (Switzerland)	
4-6 Dec 2026	68th Boar Conference (Wildschweinball)	Lübeck-Travemünde (Germany)	
6-8 Apr 2027	ASE Senators Pre-Tour	Western Norway	
8-11 Apr 2027	ASE Spring Meeting 2027	Haugesund (Norway)	

Do you have a national event with a Senator programme that you'd like to invite international Senators to join? REMEMBER to add it to [the ASE Calendar](#)

Submit your event [here](#)

If you have any questions or problems, please feel free to write to support@jci-senate.eu

