



To Photonics21 Secretariat  
via eMail: [secretariat@photonics21.org](mailto:secretariat@photonics21.org)

Dear Photonics21 Secretariat,

We herewith submit the nomination of the following Photonics21 Board of Stakeholders candidate from the Lithuanian Laser Association, executive director Kristina Ananičienė.

**- Letter of Nomination -  
Photonics21 Board of Stakeholders  
Election 2025**

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*§ 5 BOARD OF STAKEHOLDERS (6) b....A candidate nomination will always contain the name of the candidate organisation together with its proposed BoS Representative and voting on a candidate implies voting on this combination.*

**1. Full legal name of the affiliation nominated as BoS Member (candidate's organisation):**

Lithuanian Laser Association

**2. Full contact details of the affiliation (street, postal code, country) nominated as BoS Member and invoice address** *(In accordance with the Terms of Reference §5, which the Affiliation acknowledges having received, an Annual Service fee will be invoiced every year during the first quarter to the BoS Member. By signing the present letter, the BoS candidate agrees to pay this Membership Fee. The Fee will be considered an asset of the Photonics 21 AISBL in accordance with its statutes (article 12b).)*

Savanoriu ave 235, LT-02300, Vilnius, Lithuania. Invoice address the same as above.

**3. Name of the suggested BoS Representative (the personal candidate)**

Ms. Kristina Ananičienė

**4. Information about the BoS candidate and the BoS representative**

*Extract Photonics21 Terms of Reference<sup>1</sup>: “§ 5 BOARD OF STAKEHOLDERS; ... (6) Election of BoS Members: “Description of the activities of, and information about the added value and contribution to the BoS by both the nominated BoS member and the BoS Representative”*

- a) Description of the activities and information about the expected contribution and value added the nominated BoS member (candidate's organisation) will bring to the BoS<sup>2</sup>

The Lithuanian Laser Association (LLA) represents one of the most competitive and internationally visible photonics ecosystems in Europe. Lithuania has built a world-class reputation in laser technologies over the past five decades, beginning with pioneering research groups in Vilnius and later expanding into a vibrant industrial ecosystem with more than 60 SMEs and 5 research institutions. Today, Lithuanian companies export more than 90 percent of their laser production worldwide, with Lithuanian-made ultrafast and high-intensity lasers used in research laboratories, manufacturing lines, medical applications, defense, and space industries across the globe. The ecosystem covers the entire value chain: from fundamental science and high-level education at universities and research institutes, to

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<sup>1</sup> Photonics21 Terms of reference are available at [https://www.photonics21.org/download/about-us/structure/Photonics21\\_Terms\\_of\\_Reference\\_June\\_2021.pdf?m=1738079681&](https://www.photonics21.org/download/about-us/structure/Photonics21_Terms_of_Reference_June_2021.pdf?m=1738079681&)

<sup>2</sup> The candidate is aware and accepts that according to the Photonics21 Terms of Reference (§ 5 (10) a membership fee - as determined by the General Assembly of the Association - needs to be paid to the Photonics21 association.

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globally recognized SMEs and scale-ups, to strong industrial partners supplying components and systems to the international market.

The Lithuanian Laser Association unites these actors into a coordinated platform that ensures both scientific excellence and industrial competitiveness. By representing leading research centers, globally successful SMEs, and innovative start-ups, the Association brings a comprehensive and integrated national perspective to the European photonics agenda. The Association has been instrumental in shaping innovation strategies at national and regional levels, advocating for investment in research infrastructure, promoting talent development, and ensuring active participation of Lithuanian photonics in EU framework programmes. As a BoS member, the LLA would strengthen the voice of a highly innovative and export-driven ecosystem, ensuring that the perspectives of Central and Eastern Europe are fully reflected in Photonics21 strategies.

- b)** Description of the activities and information about the expected contribution and value added that the BoS Representative (candidate / person) will bring to the BoS.

Kristina Ananičienė, currently serving as the Executive Director of the Lithuanian Laser Association, has worked for more than a decade as a representative of the Lithuanian laser sector, actively contributing to its strategic growth and international positioning. She holds a Master's degree in Physics and has accumulated more than thirteen years of professional management experience in various positions, ranging from project coordination and strategic development to cluster leadership and international representation. This unique combination of a strong scientific background and extensive managerial expertise allows her to bridge effectively between research, industry, and policy spheres.

As Executive Director of the Lithuanian Laser Association, Kristina has been directly involved in building connections across academia, industry, and policymakers. She has coordinated initiatives that strengthened Lithuania's role in European photonics partnerships, participated in Horizon Europe project consortia, and represented the national ecosystem in high-level EU policy discussions, including Council sessions on industrial competitiveness.

Her extensive experience has provided her with deep insight into both the opportunities and challenges faced by innovative photonics ecosystems. She has consistently promoted stronger participation of SMEs and research institutions in European programmes, advocated for fairer inclusion of smaller but globally impactful regions, and fostered cross-border collaborations that enhance Europe's competitiveness in photonics. Kristina's communication skills, combined with her strategic vision and ability to represent the collective interests of the Lithuanian laser community, will ensure constructive and valuable contributions to the Photonics21 Board of Stakeholders.

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### *Final information from the Photonics21 secretariat:*

- *We recommend limiting the BoS nomination letter to 3-4 pages max.*
- *Letters of nominations should be submitted electronically to [secretariat@photonics21.org](mailto:secretariat@photonics21.org)*
- *It is highly recommended to consult the [Photonics21 Terms of Reference](#) before submitting the nomination.*
- *Please note that the deadline for providing BoS nominations to the Photonics21 Secretariat is **20 September 2025**.*