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MINUTES – BUREAU MEETING THESSALONIKI

28th of September 2014

Present: Vedrana Gujic – President (VG), Sissel Kwist – Vice President (SK), Danica Vihinen – Treasurer (DV), Timo Roeleveld – Political Officer (TR), Svenja Hahn – Press Officer (SH), Jelena Jesajana – Campaigns Officer (JJ)

And also present: Igor Caldeira – Secretary General (IC), Mattia Sozio – Assistant (MS)

Not present: Markus Ylimaa – Trainings Officer (MY)

1. 09:00 Opening of the meeting, adoption of the draft agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting

Bureau adopts the draft agenda and the minutes from previous meeting.

2. Programme of action 2015. – 2017. – state of the document

SK and VG are drafting the programme of action 2015-2017 and will send it to the Bureau for further comments and amendments before publishing.

3. Finances

- a. Revised budget 2014. DV agrees to revise the budget 2014 before next Friday 03/10
- b. Budget 2015. IC will send the list of LYMEC's needs in terms of budgeting. DV and IC will check together the LYMEC's balance sheet during next November. DV agrees to investigate about potential economic revenues coming from regional events. DV asks to other Bureau's Members to get informed about projects' assessments and revenues for 2015.
- c. Membership fees 2015. Bureau agrees to not change Membership fees for 2015.
- d. Operation grants. Bureau is awaiting the call for the operational grant for 2015.
- e. New projects and initiatives. Bureau agrees to draft a list of new potential countries to get deeper involved such as Portugal, Czech Republic etc... TR will investigate the locations and countries for possible new projects financed through Dutch funds. IC will draft a project about new youth liberal association in Portugal and LYMEC's involvement in its development.
- f. Campaigns: *Trust me I'm a Liberal* to be launched by JJ
- g. New Libertas and publishing: Bureau decides to change format to the congress newspaper.

4. Projects 2015

- a. ALDE project – The Netherlands
- b. ALDE project – Finland

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- c. ALDE CoR project – Belgium/The Netherlands
- d. CoE projects: IC will apply focusing on free trade and youth unemployment
- e.

5. **Events in 2014 (follow up from the previous Bureau)**

- a. LYMEC Autumn Congress, Berlin. Bureau discussed additional activities on the margins of the Congress in Berlin. Bureau agrees to find a restaurant nearby the hotel but preferably not in the hotel. DV and Bureau agree to spend extra money for Berlin extra-activities in according with the Lymec's budget. SH will send to IC some proposals about extra activities and DV will inform IC and SH about how much money Lymec will have to afford them
- b. ALDE party Congress, Lisbon TR will work on ALDE party Congress, Lisbon during next weeks especially on the fringe and the side-event with Portuguese Youth. IC will cooperate with Portuguese Youth to organise the event.
- c. IMS event, Brussel: all ready for implementation
- d. LYMEC Winter Academy, Brussels: no answers yet from ALDE Group.

6. **Bureau resolution**

Bureau agrees about the importance of presenting Bureau resolutions and has prepared a resolution on Security and Defence for the LYMEC Congress in Berlin.

7. **PR and campaigns**

- a. LYMEC Online – new website, communication channels and email infrastructure. Bureau agrees that criteria for graphics and setting have been already stated while website contents will be almost the same. About MO, IC and MS will use Facebook and keep sending emails to get MO's database updated. About MO, MS should check which organisations didn't reply and push them to get their info.
- b.
- c. LYMEC merchandise and business cards. JJ will send all the info and contents of the merchandise needs to other Bureau Members. Business cards are received in Thessaloniki.
- d.
- e. LYMEC campaign – Trust me I'm a liberal. Bureau agrees Lymec's logo won't be published for the first 4/5 statements on social medias #trustmeimliberal.

8. **Membership applications 2014**

- a. New full member organisations – Ogra Fianna Fail. Bureau is generally positive about. TR agrees to go to the Ogra's Congress.
- b. New associate organisations – Liberal Youth of Montenegro, JDL Luxembourg Bureau is generally positive about Liberal Youth of Montenegro and JDL as new associate organisations

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- c. Disaffiliations – CLS, TNL Romania. Bureau thinks Romania should be considered as an important country where liberalism has to be developed. Bureau states new Romanian liberal youth association can apply from next Congress as associate member.

9. Partners organizations

- a. European Youth Forum – GA preparation DV will send an email to MY about LYMEC's participation to next EYF Congress.
- b. ALDE Party – debrief from the ALDE Bureau meeting from VG. Bureau agrees with deepening of the relations between ALDE and EDP.
- c. Foundations – ELF GA – debrief from IC.

10. Any other business – Brussels Office. IC will talk to the landlord in order to manage Brussels Office's issues.

Bureau Report. Every Bureau Member will send his/her Bureau Report to IC and MS as the deadline is approaching.

11. Planning of the next Bureau meeting and closing – Berlin, 24. and 26. October 2014.