

LYMEC BUREAU MEETING

MINUTES 01– 03 May 2015, Rotterdam

Present: VG SK DV SH MY TR JJ

Also present: IC

01 May - 10:00

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

VG introduces agenda, Bureau approves.

2. LYMEC Congress in the Netherlands

a. Debrief on the organisational aspects of the event

It was agreed that organizers have no fees and get travel reimbursement.

Organisers contact was not signed due to lack of response and willingness from the side of the Dutch organisers.

We paid sorority for cultural evening and for Friday we will top up a specific account for the participants of pub crawl. Only those registered and paid will be co-paid.

b. State of the event budget

Deficit should be 2500 euros. Internal auditors will be informed.

c. LYMEC fringes – RDR, Newbies session, Statutory fringe, TTIP myth-busting event

RDR and Statutory: Danica; Newbies: SK; TTIP: JJ

Statutory changes have to include address change, realistic deadlines.

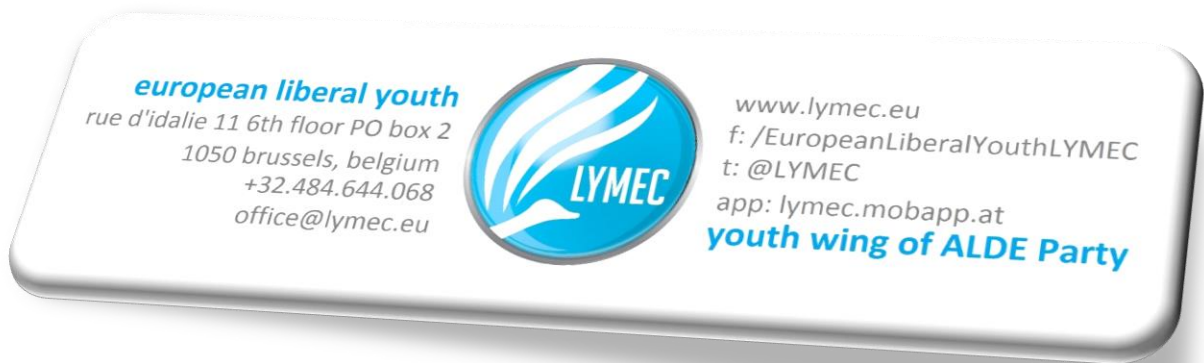
TTIP action takes place Saturday afternoon.

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d. LYMEC resolutions – TTIP, Youth unemployment, blasphemy

TR will present them. Urgent resolution on youth unemployment will be used as inspiration for work with ALDE Group.

e. LYMEC Congress TV

TR and Edgaras have started it.

f. IFLRY G3+G3 meeting

Presidents Treasurers and Secretary Generals of LYMEC/IFLRY will meet and discuss future cooperation.

03 May – 09:00

Meeting re-starts with a round of evaluation of the congress. Generally smooth, chairs were a good help to the discussion. Internet failed at time. Food could have been in bigger quantity. Social events were not properly organized. Discussions were constructive. Fringes had more attendance and the quality was very high. Communication with the local organizers was not always clear and this needs to be better managed in the future. Organisers contact together with a strict list of requirements need to be signed prior to any payment. Resolutions brought to the next congress should eventually not be brought.

Bureau decides to do again a satisfaction survey.

3. Events in 2015.

a. LYMEC/ ALDE CoR seminar – Bruxelles

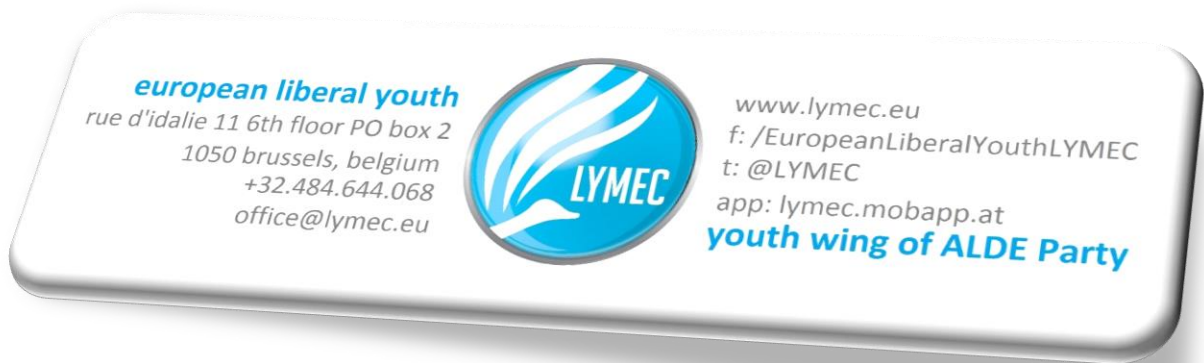
We have about 6 enrolled participants. BMs will promote event in their MOs. Speaker from Free Market Institute will have travel booked by CoR, by appointment of LYMEC.

b. IMS Pride event - Riga

Event from Friday to Saturday, with sleepover Thursday-Saturday (2 nights). Programme includes speakers from Latvian Liberal party and LGBT organizations. JJ will send offers from hotels and hostels. Considering the Europride is taking place in that weekend, prices have already gone up. 2 lunches, 2 coffee breaks. Friday

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dinner will be paid by Latvian party. Travel reimbursements will be €100 per IMS. We will also have t-shirts for participants.

We will contact other PPYOs and MEPs to see who will be there.

c. LYMEC/ ALDE Group Summerschool – Bruxelles

LYMEC will have 60 spots out of 80, and programme is set. IC is inviting speakers. Not yet defined is the local for farewell party.

We need to appoint moderators for each session.

We will ask for an MEP to pay for welcome reception on Tuesday.

d. YLM event – Barcelona

JNC/CiU will cooperate. We will be there for the campaign rally. Those that want to stay for election results can stay at their own expenses. SK and VG will work together in setting up the event. JNC will send offers for hotel and we will try to use their offices for YLM.

e. LYMEC autumn congress – Helsinki

There is an offer to do the congress in a ferry. Prices are very competitive, but we will look for more offers.

We will communicate the agenda and hours with enough time in advance.

We will try to have our own WiFi for SecGen.

MY and DV will be in charge and cooperate with IC.

We will also look for potential sponsors for fringes.

VG and IC will prepare the organizational tasks.

f. Events in question – Workshop Lisbon, Workshop Skopje, Summerschool The Hague

Hague Summer school is in question. We will discuss with D66 to see what can be done regarding the event in Portugal. Eventually we can have Southern European training on Liberalism. Political situation in Macedonia is very unstable. Romania, supporting TLR, is a possibility.

Making a *Brussels week*, in the end of the year, can be a possibility, bringing Bureau members to meet the institutions/decision makers.

4. Projects for 2016. – preparation for application deadlines

a. New ELF concept notes – deadline 17.-20.05.

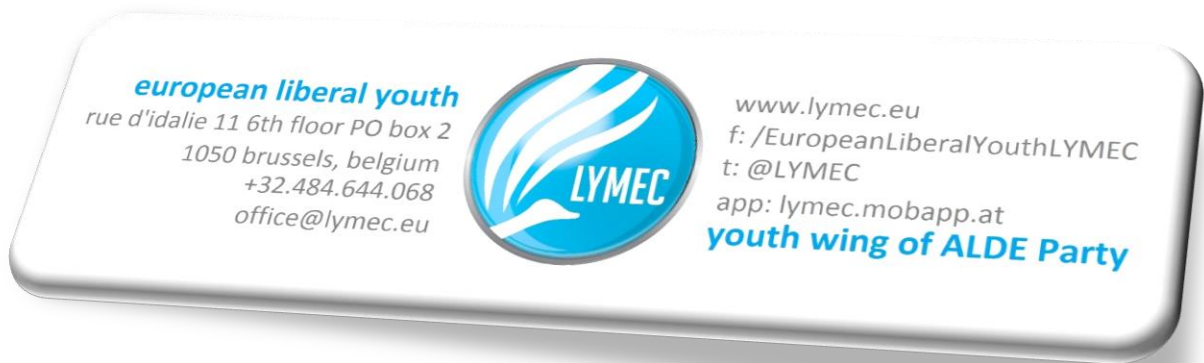
Though not mandatory, we will try to submit it. We will eventually insist on the topic of

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defence and cybersecurity. TR, SK, IC will do it.

b. ALDE party project applications

Applications will be in September.

c. Other sources of income

We will try to have sponsors for fringes.

SK will look into pilot projects from the Council of Europe.

5. Finances

a. Budget spending policy 2015

Bureau reviewed the budget lines; DV and IC explained each budget line. Bureau recommends that as much expenses as possible go through our budget in what regards travel expenses, the office asking the reimbursements to the third parties at stake.

b. Multiplication of incomes 2016 – extra-funding of ELF

Bureau generally positive. IC if have to check if we can raise participation fees and how we are going to name it financially. He will also check the legal aspects with external auditors and meet again with ELF, especially in what concerns competence centres.

c. Changes of fees 2016 – proposal

Bureau discussed the current congress and fringe fees.

Bureau decides that we will reduce the fees for delegation leaders and have a separate specific fee for fringes. Furthermore, we will request MOs to grade their delegation members in terms of preference.

6. Statutory changes – outcome of the fringe session

All bureau members will look into it. DV will do a summary of the outcome of the fringes.

7. Agreement with IFLRY – outcome of the meeting

The meeting between LYMEC and IFLRY went well, we will cooperate more politically and try to come up with a project in common on neighbourhood policy.

8. LYMEC visibility

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a. LYMEC TTIP campaign

Campaign action went very well. Balloons are being distributed to MOs to do the action day on May 16. JJ will send Wednesday a factsheet to MOs, and Ed will edit it graphically. SH will prepare the press release.

In ALDE Summer Academy we can repeat the action.

b. LYMEC website

We will do a migration so 4 of May it will be off for some hours.

IC will ask Produwevb to give TR access to dropbox file.

c. Monthly PR scheme

SH will reformulate it.

d. LYMEC Congress newspaper – next edition

SH will invite Jukka Koivula to write a piece on Autumn Congress.

e. LYMEC merchandise – T-shirts, stickers, leaflet, others

JJ will dedicate the Summer to work on this. Leaflet has been done by VG/Edgaras/IC.

f. Book publishing

IC will select the files and compile the book. To be launched in June, in the local councillors event.

g. Exhibition

Prepare at YLM the launch of a photo competition.

9. LYMEC working groups

a. Press team

Team needs a reformulation.

b. Web café team

TR informs The pilot web café went well, despite low attendance.

c. Red tape team

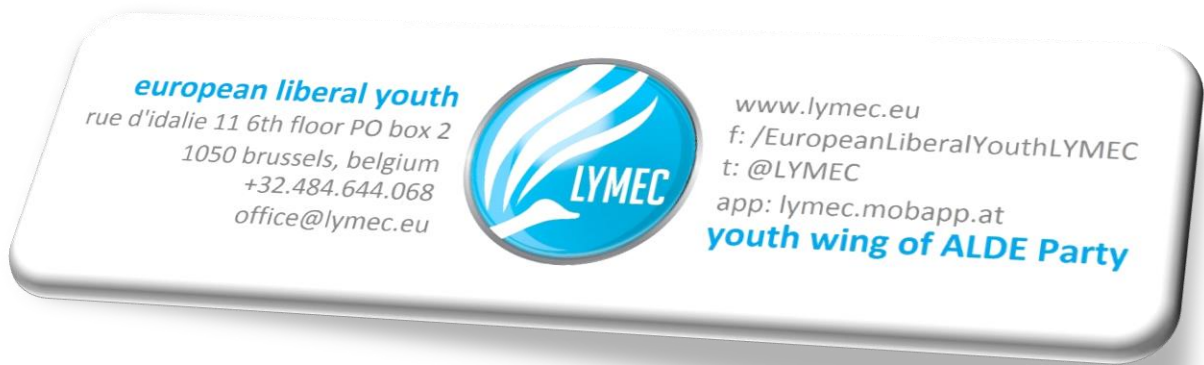
TR will propose a working plan.

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10. Cooperation with partners

a. European Youth Forum and PPYOs

Having Guests invited to our congress was a good change, strengthening our ties with other youth organizations.

11. Improvements of internal cooperation

We have to improve the fulfilment of tasks in the Bureau, and that has to be better coordinated concerning distribution of tasks in the office. Last minute tasks are to be avoided.

We will proceed with the already instituted skype meetings, plus informal follow up Fridays.

12. Any other business

TR will check cooperation with Dutch Youth Council on European civic education. VG will draft a general MO satisfaction survey.

13. Planning of the next Bureau meeting and closing

Bureau will doodle a new Skype meeting.

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