



LYMEC BUREAU MEETING AGENDA

20. February 2016

Skopje, Macedonia

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Present: VG, SK, DV, SH, MY

Also Present: IC

****JJ and TR pre-submitted their reports in writing.***

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

VG opens the meeting at 9AM and presents the agenda. Bureau approves agenda.

2. Events in 2016

a. Baltic regional gathering 20.-21.02.

Meeting took place, steered by JJ. LYMEC Bureau welcomes one more regional network where MOs can cooperate among each other.

b. LYMEC/ELF workshop – Defending Europe, 17.-18.03.

IC presents event. We have a good number of participants, but still some spots available. We need to have better mechanisms though to reach out to members of MOs, since it is not always easy to pass the information from LYMEC to International Officers and from there to members. We will create a Facebook group dedicated only to announcement of events. We will also ask IOs to forward events' announcements to their members. Regarding speakers, we are also with several confirmed speakers already.

c. Campaign training in Moscow

JJ sent a written report regarding this event; both Parnass and Yabloko are interested, and have about 40 participants available. JJ is contact with FNF to cooperate for this event. Financially LYMEC can provide for speakers.

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3. Preparations for the Congress in Vienna

a. State of the Budget – incomes, donations, expenditures

IC presents the states of income: 10k from ALDE Party, a variable amount of approximately 5K from ELF (both needing separate invoices). We need to fundraise to cover for diners/ farewell party.

Junos has provided already three offers, we are still looking for a more affordable offer.

b. Contract with the local organisers

DV has prepared the contract for signature.

c. Chairs of the congress and guests – local guests, PPYOs, ALDE (Party, Group), partners

VG proposes Slaven Klobucar and Srd Kisevic, former Secretary Generals. The third chair will be proposed by Junos. Bureau approves.

We will invite other PPYOs, ALDE Party and Group, and NEOS leadership.

d. Fringes - distribution of tasks

The conference will be an ELF seminar, with three sessions: one on political entrepreneurship, one on shared economy and one dinner with Angelika Mlinar.

We will also research the possibility of having speakers from Austrian entrepreneurship organisations.

SK suggests LYMEC to search for sponsorships among shared economy companies. DV will prepare a letter addressing them.

MY refers that ELSN wants an informal meeting. Bureau will arrange a meeting during the coffee break Saturday afternoon.

MY refers that CAP Working group would like to have a reporting time, VG answers that we have it as a Congress agenda point.

e. Membership applications – announcements

Both TLDE, Joves Liberals d'Andorra and Attistibai are interested in applying. Deadline for applications is in two weeks. Montenegrin Liberals might also be interested, as well as Slovenian, Bosnian and Kosovar. Nowocezna (Poland), ANO (Czech Republic), and Hungary must also be alerted to the possibility of applying.

f. Elections - preparations

Most positions in LYMEC are open: bureau (7), secretary general (1) ALDE Party

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delegation (10) and internal auditors (4).

4. LYMEC IMS

a. Preparations of IMS elections

IC presents move to a new platform, simplyvoting.com. After the test vote, we had the highest participation in IMS elections (74 votes from 160) which indicates these elections should be more participated. Deadline for application of candidates is 1st of March.

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5. Finances

a. Spending plans for first 6 months of 2016.

DV presents state of finances. Congress represents the biggest expenses for this semester. Employer expenses should also be higher, given the end of contract with IC. Other expenses: bureau meetings (Skopje, Brussels); Baltic event, 20 of February; Moscow; Defence events; CAP working group; 40 years WG; ALDE Summer Academy.

b. LYMEC Internal audit – pre-brief

Internal Audit will take place first weekend of March.

6. Press and campaigns

a. LYMEC TTIP campaign

JJ is looking for young entrepreneurs to tape videos in support of TTIP.

b. Congress newspaper

SH is preparing the newspaper. It will include sections on the topic of the congress, on elections and on Junos. We will also try to have the announcement of the Tallinn Congress.

7. Reports from the Working groups

a. CAP Working group

MY presents the conclusions of the skype meeting. Order of topics to be investigated was agreed as follows: Pillar 1; Pillar 2; Tariffs & Subsidies; Youth & Agriculture. Pillar 1 is to be researched and proposals for changes will be discussed at our next Skype meeting in early March.

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SK suggests including a section for working groups in the website. IC will create a section in March.

b. 40Y Working group

VG presents first conclusions of the WG. We opened a logo contest, so far no replies were received. Most of the coverage of the 40 years will be online, but after we have decided on the logo, which will define the visual identity of the campaign.

Other activities will include: podcasts, photo exhibition in the EP and anniversary booklet. In the Tallinn congress there will be a gala dinner.

SK suggests having a photographer.

c. 50 shades of liberalism Working group

There are five new applicants for the group. Bureau suggested migration to be a topic of research.

d. Press working group

SH, VG and Edgaras Mascinkas will discuss details on congress coverage.

8. Reports from the latest visited events

SK visited JD congress. MY will go next week to the Winter School of Finnish Centre Youth. DV and IC went to PPYO meeting at YFJ. VG went to the ALDE Party bureau meeting of the new bureau. VG and IC visited IRI meeting with other centre and right PPYOs and ALDE Group and ALDE Party New Year receptions. DV went to launch of the European Commission's New Narrative for Europe event. IC represented LYMEC at a debate in Brussels on youth unemployment.

9. Planning of the next Bureau meeting and closing

Next bureau meeting will take place in Brussels, 19 of March, after the ELF Defence event.

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