



Bureau Meeting 2

Strasbourg 21st to 22nd of June 2016

President Sissel Kvist opened the meeting at 9:30 and thanked everyone for making the effort of getting to Strasbourg even though there was some logistical challenges of getting there. (Meeting was adjourned between 10:40 and 14:40 as SK was participating in a debate on Extremism organised by YFJ and PPYOs).

Present: Sissel Kvist, President (SK); Svenja Hahn, Vice President (SH); Marijn de Pagter, Treasurer (MdP); Sergiu Boghean, Bureau Member (SB); Lena Höglund, Bureau Member (LH); Edgaras Mascinskas, Bureau Member (EM); Kevin Tammearu, Bureau Member (KT).

Also present: Danica Vihinen, Secretary General (DV)

1. Outline for mandate

-Ambitions

SK presented the compilation of the one pagers all Bureau Members sent with their visions and ambitions for the mandate. An extensive discussion followed on how to turn the ambitions into concrete goals and develop a roadmap towards reaching them. After a brainstorming session the Bureau decided on gathering the visions under three main themes: Organisational, procedural and political. The Bureau also divided responsibilities for the different projects and set deadlines for first drafts of concept papers/roadmaps.

-Tools

The Bureau decided to use Google Calendar (if needed, depending on the project management tool), to start using BaseCamp or similar project management tool (DV will sign LYMEC up after the bureau reaches a decision by Friday 27th after SH sends comparison), and to make sure there is updated info on all MOs

2. Divisions of tasks :

Sissel Kvist - President



Tasks: internal cooperation in the bureau, outwards facilitation especially networking in ALDE Party and Group, external fundraising

Policy areas: Agriculture and Economy

Countries: Europe

Svenja Hahn – Vice President

Tasks: alumni network, ELSN, written communication and strategy together with Ed, networking together with Sissel in ALDE party and group

Policy area: Education and Employment in general (incl. student politics)

Countries: Germany, Austria, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Ireland

Marijn de Pagter - Treasurer

Tasks: Finances and alternative fundraising, alumni network, (membership cooperation)

Countries: Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Lichtenstein, Greece, Cyprus

Lena Höglund – Political Officer

Tasks: Fundraising for grants, policies, lobbying with liberal MEPs for our policies and steering political Working Groups

Policy area: Gender equality, CAP

Countries Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Iceland, Portugal, Spain, Andorra, Gibraltar

Edgaras Mascinskas – Campaign and Communication Officer

Task: Digital communications and content creation, IMS

Policy area: defence and foreign policy

Countries Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, France, Malta, Italy, Turkey

Kevin Tammearu – Digital Officer



Tasks: responsible for steering activities to modernise LYMEC like IT related projects to organize ourselves (tools like project management, voting tool, app etc.) and find new ways of cooperation and shaping our policies (hackathon etc.)

Policy area: Technology, science and innovation

Countries: Estonia, Latvia, Russia, Belarus, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine

Sergiu Boghean – Training Officer

Tasks: Trainings and Capacity building in MOs

Policy area: EU neighborhood policy

Countries: Moldova, Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia Hercegovina, Slovenia, Croatia, Albania, Kosovo, Macedonia

Danica Vihinen – Secretary General

Tasks: daily running of office, European Youth Forum, organisation of events

3. Status on ELF Application

DV briefed the Bureau on the timeline for applications and on the status of the application, deadline for concept notes is 23.5 so decisions on themes and locations need to be reached during the meeting, more in-depth presentations on the different events as well as budget needs to be submitted by 27.6.

MdP explained the financial realities and proposed a project of the same scope as this year.

The Bureau discussed topics and locations for the events within the project and reached a decision on the outline. DV will send a draft concept note during Monday 23.5 that has to be approved by the end of office hours the same day in order for it to be submitted in time.

4. Upcoming Events

- ALDE Summerschool 29.6-1.7, Brussels
 - o DV briefed the Bureau on state of preparations, the theme is Connections and Connectivity, which allows for a wide array of sessions.



Different from previous years this year there will be more interactive parts as the whole Thursday morning will be dedicated to working in two workshops. DV is working on details and speakers together with Mathieu Camecasse from YDE and the ALDE Group. A "Save the Date" will be included in the newsletter to members on Monday, and registration can hopefully be opened on Friday May 27th.

- EuroPride in Amsterdam, 6.8
 - o MdP has been in contact with VVD and negotiated the price for attending down to same as for VVD members.
 - o Discussion on whether LYMEC should try to organize a seminar in connection to the EuroPride as last year, decision not to pursue this since accommodation will be expensive in Amsterdam during the weekend, and it will be an extra cost to get the participants on the boat.
 - o Discussion on how to participate, as it is important that LYEMC is present and shows the continued support for the Pride, but the financial realities are completely different from last year's EuroPride in Riga.
 - o Decision to investigate further the possibility to send a few bureau members that are located nearby (SK has other obligations so mainly MdP, EM, DV), to attend the Canal Pride with VVD and also if possible attend the seminar organized by D66 in connection to the Pride. DV will investigate possibility to attend the D66 seminar.

- YLM in Dublin, 9-11.9
 - o Dates are set, as there are big sports events in Dublin the weekend before and after this is the most convenient
 - o Ogra Fianna Fail will help with logistics such as finding good hotel deals as well as speakers, possibility to visit the parliament
 - o SK: According to the survey after last year's event the presidents appreciated the practical skills part, as well as the possibility to debate current events. We should look into finding good trainers and also see if Ogra FF can help out with that.
 - o Save the Date will be included in the newsletter on May 23

- ELF seminars:
 - o Young Parliamentarians, suggested dates 16-18.9, Brussels. The programme needs to be attractive, a draft is needed as soon as possible. We also need to start contacting MOs to get contacts of young



parliamentarians (<35). DV will draft a letter that everyone can send to their respective MOs.

- o Migration seminar in Bucharest, suggestion to organise it in October, work around dates of other organisations' events
- o ELSN education seminar, in ELF application it was set to Malmö, suggestion to organize it at the end of the year.

5. Council and ALDE BM in Vilnius 3-5.6

- SK and SH will participate
- LYMEC will put forward two resolutions
- Resolution on Azerbaijan: IFLRY has proposed to do a resolution together, LYMEC has to put it forward as IFLRY is not a member of ALDE. MdP will work on the resolution with Sven Gerst from the IFLRY bureau
- Resolution on the Spitzenkandidaten system drawing on the joint statement with the other PPYOs, framed in a way that highlights that this is only a first, but important, step towards more transparency and democracy. SH and DV will draft.

6. U.K. Referendum

- SH explained background
- Online campaign: Our own graphic design, like on Europe Day and for the Eurovision, and also doing the videos LibDems asked for; furthermore check if they want us to put the request in our newsletter
- Spread LYs social media content through our channels (boosted content targeted to young brits)
- Start drafting statement for 24.6

7. 40 year anniversary congress

- Fix Dates: 11-13.11
- Draft Budget: MdP and DV will draft a budget
- 40-year Anniversary Working Group, Vedrana will not continue chairing so SK will be main coordinator, EM and SH will be in charge of taskforces
- Save the Date should be sent out asap
- KT will be the bureau's person on ground to check venues etc



- SH will go to the LYMEC archives in Gummersbach and gather material. SH: there is a possibility to have limited access to the archives, so that the office/bureau has to approve requests to see the archives. Agreed to ask to have the access to LYMEC archives limited, that way we will also get information on who is interested in writing about LYMEC. SH will take care of getting all the paperwork.

8. ELF Survey

- DV: Deadline 15.7, has been sent to Bureau, we should definitely use this opportunity to comment on the strategy. LH Briefed the Bureau on the ELF Strategy, target is set on next EU elections 2019. Questioned whether ELF should be more public, as this seems to be a theme running through the strategy.

9. Invitations

- LHG Congress 17-19 June, SH will attend
- JD Summer Congress 24-26 June, SK will attend at least partially
- IRI LEAP Seminar 24-26 June, DV will attend
- JNC Summerschool 28-31 July, Victor Colominas will send more details, MdP and LH interested, decision on who will attend after a proper invitation is received
- NCF Summerschool 27-31 July, simultaneously with the JNC, LH could possibly go
- IFLRY Bureau Meeting 22-25 July, invited LYMEC Bureau members residing in the Netherlands (=SK, MdP) as well as LYMEC representative to IFLRY (IC). All will attend at least partially
- NUV Summer School 16-21 July, SK will ask Tobias Bashevskin for details, SH could attend during the weekend

10. Article for libel

- Libel is IFLRYs online magazine, and LYMEC has received two requests for contributions, Tone Björndal asked for a piece on LYMEC's structure is targeted to the IFLRY membership outside of Europe, and the editor asked for an article on the Spitzenkandidaten statement. SH will draft both articles, DV will help.

11. Any other business



- IMS by-elections update : one application received, but knowledge about 4 more who are interested. DL for applications is 27.5, elections will be online 11-13.6
- Future of Farming twitter debate that LYMEC was invited to, best not to take part as CAP WG is still in the middle of it's mandate and still has not presented anything
- CUF interested in hosting the Spring Congress 2017. Bureau is positive.
- Liberal Youth of Montenegro are interested in organising YLM 2017, Bureau positive. DV will keep up discussions

SK closed the meeting at 19:20.