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Bureau Meeting IV (over Skype) 7.8.2016

1. Opening of the meeting

Sissel Kvist opened the meeting at 20.08.

Present: Sissel Kvist, President (SK), Svenja Hahn, Vice President (SH), Marijn de Pagter, Treasurer (MdP), and Kevin Tammearu, Digital Officer (KT), Sergiu Boghean, Trainings Officer (SB) and Lena Höglund, Political Officer (LH) joined a little later.

Also present: Danica Vihinen, Secretary General (DV)

Absent: Edgaras Mascinskas, Campaigns and Communications officer (EM), still on holiday traveling

2. Upcoming events

A. YLM

- Participants:

Thus far 5 MO's have registered, and some have communicated that neither the president nor vice president is available to come. SK: everyone contact their MO's within one week and remind them of the YLM.

- Program:

The draft program has been shared with Ogra FF and is also uploaded in Basecamp. Friday will be more about internal organizational issues, with an opening with icebreakers and presentations and also the first part of presidents roundtable on how to handle and foster the relations between youth organizations and mother parties (we need to see who will be invited to speak when we have the final list of participants). Second day will be more about leadership; everybody should now check for speakers on leadership.

- Logistics:

Fintan Phelan from Ogra FF suggested hotel apartments, that seems nice, and the meeting parts can be held at party headquarters, FP is also looking into lunch and dinner venues.

B. Seminar in Bucharest: ELF, migration and neighborhood policy

- Setting the dates

Sergiu will suggest the weekends of 14-16.10 and 21-23.10 to Romanians, and after they communicate their preference we lock the dates.

- Program

The draft from last year's ELF application will be uploaded in the Basecamp. EM will clarify to IMS that it is not an IMS event, as apparently there is some misunderstanding on this. SB will be the main responsible from the bureau for the event as it is in his region.

C. Congress

- Deadlines

DV sent out an email earlier this week with all the deadlines, first ones coming up are for MO applications in September already (8 weeks before congress).

- Applications

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DV and SB will be in contact with MOs from Balkans that have expressed their interest in applying for associate membership (SMC youth in Slovenia, AKR youth in Kosovo, Youth of Nasa Stranka in Bosnia-Herzegovina) and full membership (Liberal Youth of Montenegro, TLNR in Romania). Furthermore, a Ukrainian organization has contacted the office regarding membership and 3H movement in Turkey were interested in the spring, DV will contact the IO to check if they're still interested.

- Fundraising:

Outside money will be needed to organize a big 40th gala, and for that we need a fundraising catalogue as well as guidelines for fundraising, MdP will draft guidelines, SK and SH will do a catalogue especially for the congress.

DV is in contact with Evert Rööpson from ERPY regarding the venues etc.

D. Young Members of Parliament

- Getting the list of young parliamentarians done is of highest priority, the deadline is 11.8 so that DV can send out an email checking interest and availability.

3. Update on finances and upcoming audit

MdP gave an update on the financial situation, everything is looking fine and the report up until the end of July is almost finished. The internal audit will be on August 27th.

4. Hiring of Assistant

There will be a need to hire an assistant for the autumn to help out with all the events. MdP confirms that there is money in the budget, but there might be a need to adjust some budget lines. DV will update the call from last year and send it to the bureau, the aim is to launch the call asap. The assistant would be hired for the period from mid-September to mid-December, that is from after the YLM to after the Winter Academy.

5. Refugee Tandem

DV explained the concept, that there is an organization trying to match refugees with organizations looking for volunteers, the refugee would help out in the office for two weeks for a compensation of 25 euro/day, in order to have something to do and also improve both their own skills and employability. The bureau agreed that it seems like a good idea and a great way to practice as we preach. DV will make a list of possible tasks, and timing - preferably the volunteer could help out before the congress but not the very last week as it is very hectic. After a task list is distributed a final decision will be taken.

6. Update from working groups

A. CAP:

LH gave an update, a problem is that only a few people attended the last Skype meeting. LH has produced a timeline and a list of tasks, but there are some concerns that the WG will not be able to deliver a resolution by the resolution deadline in October. LH will do her best to push the WG into delivering a resolution.

B. ELSN:

SH gave an update, Marina Sedlo from LHG will be chairing the WG, and the main goal is to use the input from the seminar on education to have a resolution for the autumn congress. DV will set up a Basecamp after SH has talked to MS and an email has been sent to everybody in the group introducing the working methods and informing about the work in the Basecamp.

C. Populism:

Ten people have signed up, and the WG will get started by Jorge de Jesus sending an email to everyone with information on the work, and DV will set up a Basecamp for the group.

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7. Visits lately

SK, DV, MdP represented LYMEC at EuroPride in Amsterdam 6.8

LH: LUF congress 6-7.8 (NB: the congresses deal with resolutions and policy on uneven years, this year was more organizational), NCF Summer Camp 29-31.7

MdP: JNC summer camp 28-31.7

SB: ISEEL in Chisinau 24-26.6 (also planning a seminar in Bucharest in late August/early September)

SH: Hamburg Pride 6.8, gave a short speech on behalf on LYMEC

8. Any other business

SK: Noted that the LGBTQI awareness campaign on social media worked out well.

MdP: We have managed to collect some of the last unpaid participation fees from the Berlin congress

SB: Repeated the invitation to send someone to the training in Moldova on 26-28.8, FNF is looking for a trainer on capacity building of organizations

LH: Will look into possible resolutions for LADE congress, also working on policy document

SK: Reminder to everybody to update the MO contacts list

SK: When visiting MOs, remember to update social media. LUF congress will be posted on Monday, and the JNC and NCF summer camps as tbt on Thursday.

SK closed the meeting at 22.10

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