

# Bureau Meeting

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## Skypemeeting, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016

Present: Svenja Hahn, Vice President (SH); Marijn de Pagter, Treasurer (MdP); Sergiu Boghean, Trainings Officer (SB); Lena Höglund, Political Officer (LH); Edgaras Mascinkas, Campaign and Communications Officer (EM); Kevin Tammearu, Digital Officer (KT).

Also present: Danica Vihinen, Secretary General (DV)

Apologies: Sissel Kvist, President (SK); Sergiu Boghean, Trainings Officer (SB)

### 1. Opening

- SH opened the meeting at 20.04

### 2. ELF Seminar in Bucharest 21-23.10

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-Participation from Bureau/Office: DV, assistant Fenia Lymperopoulou (FL), SB, KT

-Registered participants: DV gave an update on the current state of registrations, and pointed out that all so far are from EU countries. Bureau decided to allocate 500 € for partial travel refunds for non-EU participants

-Speakers, program: The assistant has contacted speakers, latest updates uploaded to Basecamp. JEF gave us some possibilities for speakers as their president Chris Glück couldn't come.

-Logistics: Everything is under control.

### 3. Congress

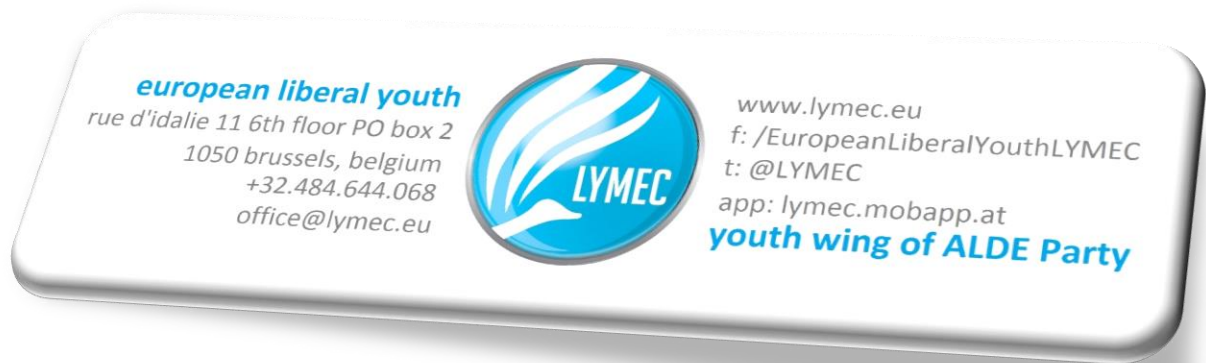
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- update on venues: KT: Hotel is picked but we need to get the confirmation and offer this week. Also need find venue for gala dinner.

- Registrations: DL 10.10, so far two member organizations and many IMS.

- invitations: former presidents will get the official invitation the coming week (including a program with sightseeing, ELF seminar, gala dinner etc), also other partners should be invited as soon as possible. Decision to send invites to partners (ALDE Party, ALDE Group, ALDE CoR, ELF, FNF, IRI) the up coming week, but still wait with the invitations to PPYO's (SH: the president of JEF is coming. DV: the new president of YDE is also coming).

- membership applications received within deadline: Alliance Youth, Northern Ireland, European Youth Movement, Ukraine, Mladi SMC, Slovenia and New Kosovo Alliance / Youth Forum of AKR. The bureau members whose regional responsibility the organizations fall under (SH, KT, SB) are asked to contact the applicant organisations to get to know them better and also invite them to have their representants at the Congress. DV reminded the bureau that they need to give a bureau position on each application to the congress.

- deadlines: All reports etc. for congress (except internal auditors' report) are due October 10<sup>th</sup>: SH reminded all to remember to send their bureau reports, the financial report is done but needs some final revisions, MdP will work on the budget for 2017 this week, SH will write information for newsletter and website regarding the resolution tool). LH: Do we want a bureau resolution on internships? After a brief discussion the bureau decided that it is not needed now, as ELSN is working on education policy.

- fundraising, update: SK has contacted Novartis, SH has contacted Uber for contacts in Balticum. LH will contact some Finnish companies. SH: Remember that we want sponsors involved with digitalization, as we offer a roundtable.

- seminar update: KT: will check for an update with the local organizers this week, the timetable and topics are set, they are now contacting speakers.

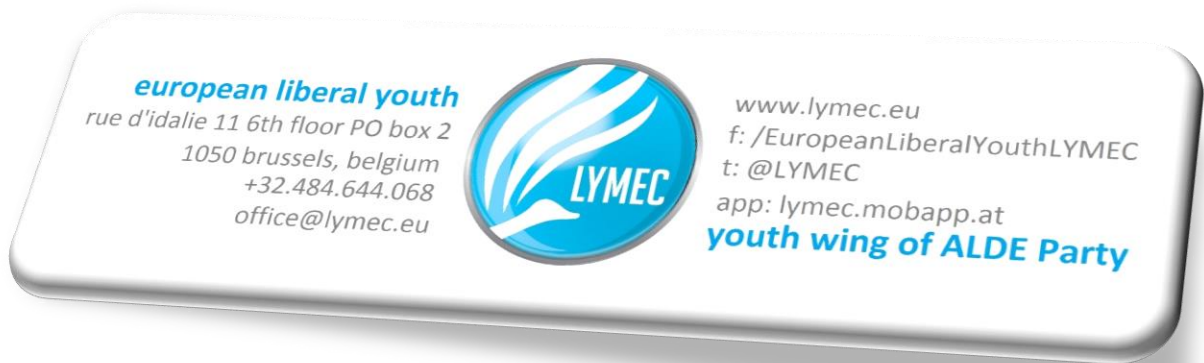
- gala dinner: DV asked if there will be any speeches, suggestions: SK, ALDE Party or Group representative; possibly a former president? Discussion about the dresscode, decided that it should be dark suit/long dress. Explained in newsletter and on website, communicated to the MOs.

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- newspaper: SH has uploaded new version of the tasklist in Basecamp, reminded everyone to do their part. LH: Interview could be with Marten Lokkegaard, as he is in relevant committees in the EP. LH knows him and can contact him.
- voting tool: decision to sign up to the tool KT suggested in Dublin, KT and DV will be in contact to purchase it.
- working group on resolutions: LH and MdP will work on this, and also write info for newsletter.

#### 4. Alde Congress

- Resolution, DL 3.10: LH: Resolution on Youth Unemployment has been modified together with the delegation. The bureau suggested inserting one bullet point on job creation. Also discussion on supporting the abortion resolution by Radikale Venstre, which they are possibly merging with Centerpartiet. Support for Centerpartiet's version, if the merge is closer to that one LYMEC can co-sign.
- Delegation: All delegates have confirmed their availability, most have already sent information on their travels as well. Working well in Basecamp, had a Skype meeting on the resolution.
- Update on fringe: We will not be able to have our own, but we can possibly join in on an ELF fringe on employment, DV will check.
- Logistics: The accommodation will be in AirBnb close to the venue. Everyone should send their suggestions for flights to the office so they can be booked asap.
- Dinner with Nowoczesna Youth: LYMEC Bureau, delegation + Nowoczesna youth will have a joint dinner on Saturday evening Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> in Warsaw.

#### 5. ALDE Winter Academy 7-8.12

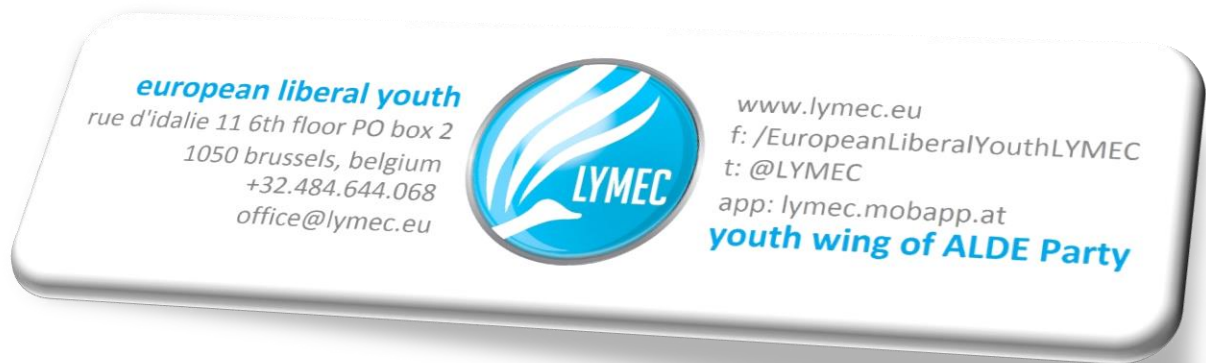
- Program: The program is more or less set, DV is working on it with Mathieu Camescasse (YDE VP).

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-Speakers: FL has uploaded a list of possible speakers for the different sessions to Basecamp, LH suggested Gesine Meissner or Martina Dlabajova for the transportation part.

-Attendance: LH will attend, might come to Brussels already on Monday 5th. SK, SH in Berlin on December 8, SH can come for the 7th. MdP can possibly attend but uncertain at this point, EM can join at least for some sessions.

6. Booklaunch: DV gave update, 13.10 is not possible because of timetable. SK, SH and DV will look up a possible date and communicate it to especially the authors

7. Youth forum GA 17-19.11 in Varna, Bulgaria

- Attendance: DV will go, FL can't because of graduation, SB maybe. LH can't. Decision to look into the possibility to have a second delegate from IMS delegates or WG leaders.

-Work Plan: DV sent LYMEC's polite but critical comments by the deadline, pointing out that it is not OK that a 6-page WP requires a 25-page explanatory note.

-Resolutions: There will be resolutions and policy papers, and the amendments should be done more in advance than last year.

-Elections: The YFJ will elect a new president and Board as well as committees. There are two candidates for president, Lora Lyubenova (YES) and Luis Alvarado Martinez (AEGEE). Lora has sent LYMEC a letter introducing herself and asking for support, and we also received a recommendation letter for her from Ilhan Kyuchyuk, MEP and ALDE Party VP. Tinkara Oblak, YEPP, who is running for VP on a sort of joint ticket with Lora, also sent a letter to the Bureau. Deadline for nominations was October 2<sup>nd</sup>, so more letters will follow. SH: Let's wait until we have all candidates and then discuss, but impressed by Lora's proactivity and recommendation from Ilhan. DV: Will keep the bureau updated when there's final information on the candidates, and forward all official letters sent to LYMEC.

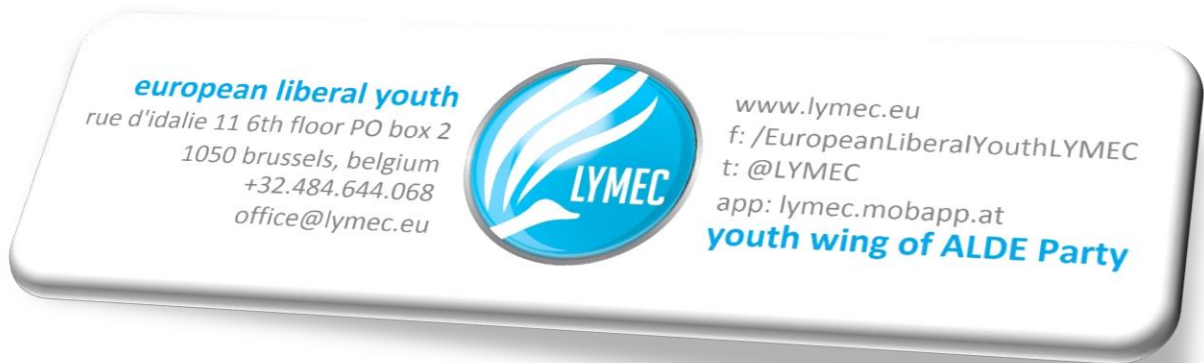
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## 8. Young Liberal Parliamentarians

-Invitation to be sent this week, with short deadline so we know if it will even be possible to organize it this year.

## 9. Upcoming events

-MO congresses: Ógra FF (we'll send a video as we were just there), JuLis (SH), RU (SK, MdP, LH) FCY (LH or video). Maybe NUV (no invitation yet)

-ALDE/ELF event in Kosovo 15-16.10: SB + possibly DV

- PPYO Debate in Cologne 4.11: SK and DV

-IRI event in November: 18-20.11, SK and DV invited, DV in Varna 16-19.11.

-FNF youth event in Berlin: SK, SH will be present; SH briefed the Bureau on the event.

## 11. Past events

-YDE congress: DV attended

-JOVD: MdP attended

-ELF GA: SB and DV attended, Igor Caldeira elected Treasurer

-Youth Pro Active Summit: KT attended as speaker on a panel

## 12. Alumni Network

- SH: SH and MdP have made some proposals, is it possible to have it set up in time for Tallinn? MdP: Not necessary to have the legal framework by Tallinn.

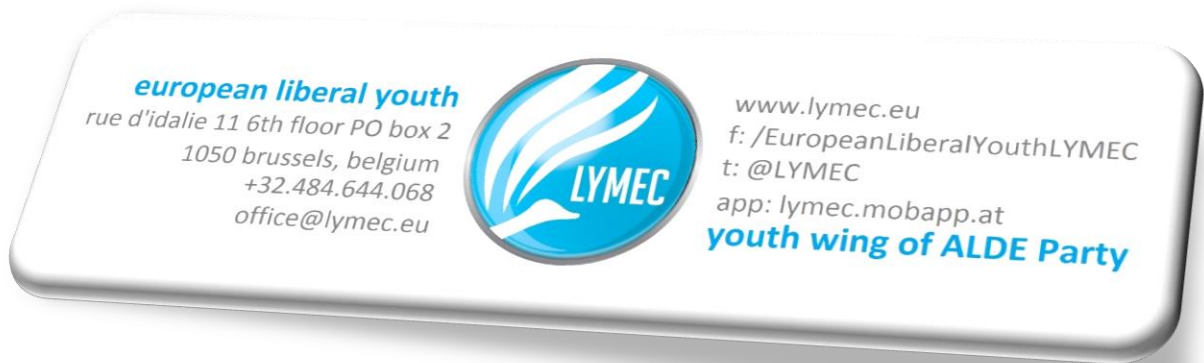
- Idea of combining mentoring and alumni network

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- Decisions on the name and where to register the foundation, NL or BE, to be taken by email on Friday Oct 7.10. Everyone can send name suggestions by Friday, M&P will make list of pros and cons with NL and BE.

### 13. AoB

- DV to check with ALDE Group about who books the travels so that we can get travel refunds for Congress (M&P)
- Vote in Hungary was invalid, social media reaction? (LH)
- Should we support Polish women's protest by a social media update? (LH)

### 13. Closing of meeting

The meeting was closed by SH at 22 :38

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