

# Minutes from Zagreb Congress

## **Zagreb**, 06-07 of June 2014

#### 1. Opening speech by LYMEC President

LYMEC President Jeroen Diepemaat opens the congress with a speech at 17:05. He welcomes the Croatian liberal MEP Jozo Rados, Vice President of the Government and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia Vesna Pusic and the Slovene Minister of Defence, Roman Jakic. After the speech, a video from ALDE President Graham Watson was broadcasted. Subsequently, the guests were given the floor.

## 2. Roll call and voting rights

Igor Caldeira makes the roll call as well as an elaborate explanation of the voting system.

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IULIS Austria - 3
Jeunes Movement Réformateur - 9
Jong VLD - 6
Youth Movement for Rights and Freedom - 10
Ioventut Nacionalista de Catalunya - 8
Mladi Hrvatske Narodne Stranke - Liberalni Demokrati – 8
IDY - 4
MHL - 5
Radikal Ungdom - 4
Ventres Ungdom - 6
Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto - 4
Suomen Keskustanuoret - 10
Svensk Ungdom - SU - 6
Junge Liberale - JuLis - 9
LLI - 5
LPYOM - 6
LHG - Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen - 5
Jonge Democraten - JD - 7
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Jongeren Organisatie Vrijheid & Democratie - JOVD - 6 Norges Unge Venstre - NUV - 5 Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund - CUF - 5 Centerstudenter - CS - 3 Liberal Youth - 6 J. Dietzsch IMS - 1 D. Maguire, IMS - 2 (with proxy from Ermanno Martignetti, IMS)

## 3. Election of Congress chairs and secretaries

The Bureau proposes Alexander Plahr, Majda Zeherovic and Daniel Hinšt as Congress Chairs.

Secretaries Robin van der Wal Katja Asikainen

Scrutineers
Marijn de Pagter
Andrew Martin
Bart Vanmarcke

## 4. Adoption of the agenda

The proposed agenda was adopted with two amendments. 8a, Evaluation of the Fringes was added and point 12 was brought forward to be point 4a.

#### 4a. Finances

Firstly, the LYMEC Treasurer elaborated on the past year. Furthermore, the EC Grant was obtained, which means that the total budget in 2014 will be increased.

Membership fee reduction
 Request from the Armenian National Youth (ANC) - Granted
 Request from Lithuanian Liberal Youth (LLJ) - Granted
 Request from Mladi Liberali from Bosnia and Herzegovina (MLBiH) - Granted
 Request from European Youth of Ukraine (EYU) - Granted
 Request from LiDEM, Macedonia - Granted



- Financial report for 2013
   Budget and Report ; External Auditor's Unqualified Report Adopted
- Financial report January June 2014 (for information) Realised Budget and Report – Adopted
- Internal Auditor's reports (for information)
   Report Adopted
   Change of the Budget for 2014
   Refer to the realized budget Jan/Jun 2014 Adopted

## 5. Adoption of minutes from the Congress in Bucharest

Adopted

## 6. Urgency of resolutions (in case of urgency resolutions handed in)

Proposed urgency resolutions are as follows:

JOVD Netherlands – Resolution on defence and military European continent – Adopted as urgent

NUV Norway – Resolution on LAWS – Rejected due to invalidation JULIS Germany – Urgent resolution on ECB - Adopted as urgent JNC Catalunya – Resolution on Populist Parties in ALDE – Adopted as urgent

## 7. Bureau reports and debate about the reports

Jeroen Diepemaat, President People that took the floor: Benedikt Bente, Daniel George Adopted

Vedrana Gujic, Vice President Adopted

Anne van der Graaf, treasurer Adopted



Igor Caldeira, Bureau member Adopted

Sissel Kvist, Bureau member Adopted

Ed Sanderson, Bureau member Adopted

Claudia Benchescu, Bureau member Not present, no report

Ivo Thijssen Adopted

## 8. Secretary General report and debate about the report

- Slaven Klobucar
- Igor Caldeira

People taking the floor: Malou (JD) Adopted

#### 8a. Evaluation Fringe meetings

JOVD asked how the Bureau looks upon the fringes as compared to the previous seminars that were organized by LYMEC.

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Point of order: JOVD proposes to change the agenda, to bring the agenda point of snap votes forward in order to leave enough time for the preparation of the debates. This agenda change is adopted, yet the timespan of the vote will be lengthened till 22:30.

JD withdraws its resolution on Boko Haram.

## 9. Resignation of former Secretary General and voting on the nomination of a new Secretary General



Slaven Klobucar officially resigned with all credits for his work. Igor Caldeira explained the voting procedure, and is announced as a candidate nominated by the Bureau for the position of Secretary General.

Jeroen Diepemaat explained the Bureau decision to nominate Igor Caldeira and furthermore points out that four other candidates applied for the position.

Igor Caldeira is approved in secret ballot vote by 95% of the votes.

#### 10. Snap vote on the order of resolutions

JULIS- Germany - Urgent resolution on ECB 81

JD, Netherlands - On the future of Ukraine 70

JD, Netherlands - Equal Partnership not Never-ending Accession talks with Turkey 66

JD and JOVD, Netherlands - On the legalization of recreational drugs in European states 58

INC - Catalonia - Resolution on populist parties in ALDE 56

SU, Finland - A Uniform ID Card for a More Effective and Safer Schengen 53

RU, Denmark & JD, Netherlands - Strengthening and harmonizing European data protection 48

JOVD - Netherlands - Resolution on defence and military European continent 40

IOVD, Netherlands - On press freedom for search engines 28

Lynneth Mollis, IMS - On International Arms Trade 25

#### 11. Annual report 2013 and debate (for information)

Presented by Vedrana Gujic, no questions brought forward.

#### 13. Discharge of the Bureau

Bureau is discharged as voted upon.

#### 14. Election of the Bureau members (presentations, questions and voting)

Candidates to President - Vedrana Gujic, Croatia, Mladi HNS
Candidates to Vice President - Sissel Kvist, Denmark, Radikale Venstre
Candidates to Treasurer - Danica Vihinen, Finland, Svensk
Candidates to Bureau Member - Kevin Lognoné, France, IMS; Timo Roeleveld, Netherlands, JOVD;
Niklas Milthers, Denmark, VU; Markus Ylimaa, Finland, FCY / KOL; Svenja Hahn, Germany, JuLis /
LHG; Jelena Jesajana, Latvia, IMS; Florent Baudewyns, Belgium, Jeunes MR



The election procedure is explained by the Congress chair. The candidate for president is assigned 5 minutes of introduction time. The VP, treasurer and bureau members, 3 minutes each.

Vedrana Gujic introduced herself, Jan van Run and Ab Brightman take the floor. Voting time span will be one hour.

Sissel Kvist introduced herself. Ralph Aerts and Jan van Run take the floor.

Danica Vihinen introduced herself, Lukas Schweiger, Jan van Run and Robert Landheer take the floor. The candidates for the Bureau present themselves. After this, delegates are offered the opportunity to ask questions. Numerous delegates make use of this possibility.

#### 15. Resolutions

Resolution 1 Julis / Germany / Resolution on ECB
Delegate from Julis presented the resolution
Amendment 1 Carried by JULIS
Amendment 2 Vote and CARRIED
Amendment 3 Vote and NOT CARRIED
Resolution was put on vote and CARRIED (59-58 votes)

Resolution 2 JD, Netherlands – Resolution on the future of Ukraine

ID, Netherlands - On the future of Ukraine

Delegate from JD presented the resolution.

Delegates had option to take the floor.

Amendment 1 Carried by JD

Amendment 2 Vote and Carried

Amendment 3 Carried

Amendment 4 JD carried the amendment, JOVD opposed the amendment and call for a vote to delete the amendment. Voted and DELETED

Amendment 5 Deleting the amendment were voted and DELETED

Resolution was voted and CARRIED

Resolution 3 JD, Netherland – Resolution on Equal partnership not Never-ending Accession talks with Turkey

Amendment 1 Amendment was CARRIED

Amendment 2 Presented by Lukas Schweiger; Amendment was put on vote and CARRIED

Amendment 3 Presented by SU Amendment was put on vote and CARRIED

Resolution was put on vote and CARRIED



Resolution 4 JD and JOVD, Netherlands – On the legalization of recreational drugs in European states

Point of Order JOVD: Vote for maximum speaking time 1 minute NOT CARRIED

Point of Order JOVD: Vote to close speakers list on general debate CARRIED

Amendment 1 Amendment 2 Amendment 3 CARRIED by JOVD

Amendment 4 voted and NOT CARRIED

Amendment 5 voted and NOT CARRIED

Resolution was put on vote with adopted amendments AND CARRIED

Resolution 5 JNC – Catalonia – Resolution on populist parties in ALDE Resolution was put on vote with six adopted amendments and CARRIED

Amendment 1 (technical)
Amendment 2 (technical)
Amendment 3 (technical CARRIED
Amendment 4 by JOVD (1), Carried by mover
Amendment 5 by MHL was taken off
Amendment 6 by Jeunes MR NOT CARRIED
Amendment 7 by JOVD (2) CARRIED by mover
Amendment 8 by JOVD (3) Put on vote and CARRIED

Resolution was put on final vote and CARRIED

Resolution 6 - SU, Finland - A Uniform ID Card for a More Effective and Safer Schengen Resolution was put on vote and CARRIED

Resolution 7 - RU, Denmark & JD, Netherlands - Strengthening and harmonizing European data protection

Resolution was put on vote CARRIED

Resolution 8, JOVD - Netherlands - Resolution on defense and military European continent



Point of order: moving resolution to next congress, NOT CARRIED Resolution was put on vote NOT CARRIED

## 16. Election of the Auditors and substitutes (presentations, questions and voting)

Robert Landheer, JD, Netherlands Kevin Tammearu, Estonia, ERPY Marijn de Pagter, JOVD, Netherlands Ralph Aerts, JOVD, Netherlands

## 17. Election of the Delegation for ALDE Party Congress (presentations, questions and voting)

Each candidate presented itself, with maximum of one minute per candidate.

#### Announcement of the elected Bureau members

Following candidates were elected as a new members of the Bureau:

President: Vedrana Gujic, Croatia, Mladi HNS

Vice President: Sissel Kvist, Denmark, Radikale Venstre Treasurer: Danica Vihinen, Finland, Svensk Ungdom

**Bureau Members:** 

Markus Ylimaa, Finland, FCY / KOL Svenja Hahn, Germany, JuLis / LHG Jelena Jesajana, Latvia, IMS Timo Roeleveld, Netherlands, JOVD

#### Results were:

**Vote for the President of LYMEC** 

Turnout: 136 electors voted in this ballot.

Option Votes

Approve Vedrana Guijc 134

Reject 2

Vote for the Vice President of LYMEC Turnout: 133 electors voted in this ballot.

Option Votes



OptionVotesApprove Sissel Kvist 127Reject5Abstain1

Vote for the Treasurer of LYMEC Turnout: 133 electors voted in this ballot.

Option Votes

Approve Danica Vihinen 130

Reject 1

Abstain 2

## Vote for 4 Bureau Members 157 electors voted in this ballot. Option Votes

Timo Roeleveld, Netherlands, JOVD
Jelena Jesajana, Latvia, IMS 131
Svenja Hahn, Germany, JuLis / LHG
Markus Ylimaa, Finland, FCY / KOL
Niklas Milthers, Denmark, VU
52
Florent Baudewyns, Belgium, Jeunes MR
Kevin Lognoné, France, IMS
19

Abstain 0

#### 18. Speech of the elected President

Speech by Vedrana Gujic

#### 19. Announcement of the elected Auditors and substitutes

Kevin Tammearu, ERPY, Estonia 91 Marijn de Pagter, JOVD, Netherlands 57

Robert Landheer, JD, Netherlands 53 Ralph Aerts, JOVD, Netherlands 26



#### 20. Announcement of the elected Delegates for ALDE Party Congress

Jelena Jesajana, IMS, Latvia 122 Ab Brightman, LY, United Kingdom 117 Jeroen Diepemaat, JOVD, Netherlands 112 Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, Netherlands 107 Lukas Schweiger, IMS, Iceland 100 Benedikte Bente, LHG, Germany 97 Danica Vihinen, SU, Finland 86 Benedikt Yavuz, JuLis, Germany 83 Erik Carter, RU, Denmark Kevin Tammearu, ERPY, Estonia 78 Emine Gyulestan, YMRF, Bulgaria 77 Kjersti Brevik Møller, NUV, Norway 76 Leon Ploegstra, JD, Netherlands 68 Marijn de Pagter, JOVD, Netherlands 53 Andreas Moller, IMS, Denmark 36 David Schultz, JD, Netherlands 30 Bernhard Siebert, NUV, Norway 29 Andreas Olesen, VU, Denmark 18 Chris Holst Preuss, VU, Denmark 18

## 21. Reports from member organisations

Member organizations gave their reports

#### 22. Any Other Business

#### 23. Closing