

## MINUTES Bureau meeting ONLINE

**The meeting took place on 13 May 2024 at 19 h 00 pm CEST.**

**Present:** Ines Holzegger (IH), Alexandre Servais (AS), Willemijn Krans (WK), Sorcha Ni Chonghaile (SNC), Sean Bennett (SB), Dimitra Papadopoulou (DP) and Bálint Gyévai (BG).

**Arrived later:** Marten Porte (MP).

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### 1) Update on the on-going campaigns

- 'Flip the Script'

We have the last person to be featured in the second part of this week, it will be Anna Sturgkh from Austria. We are in touch with the person for the last input, in case we don't get it, then we just do a wrap-up just before the elections showcasing all the inputs received.

- Candidates promotion and support

Every Friday, we are promoting a few of the young candidates standing for these European Elections. We have 20 candidates in our list for now. We already shared 3 of them starting last Friday. We will intensify our efforts.

- Renew Europe Now youth team

Young influencers cooperation from our network was launched with ALDE and EDP as part of the 'Renew Europe Now' campaign. Topics were assigned from Renew Europe 10 priorities and it has just started.

- Mental Health: Libertas challenge and next steps

In cooperation with Libertas, we have gathered testimonies in the past weeks from our network. There will be an article bringing together all the contributions gathered and uploaded on the Libertas platform by Friday as a closing of the mental health awareness week.

- Chat Control: Update and further actions

IH and DP had a discussion on how to proceed with this campaign. Its LYMEC policy and we have been very vocal at the ALDE Congress last year so we want to push forward on this issue. It will be decided in the new EU mandate so we have to get ready for that. IH has written an article for her party in Austria, it will be translated into English and then we will try to publish it in some outlets. We will also add it on our website. DP proposes to cooperate on this topic with Moritz Körner, MEP and trying to get the article published in German media.

### 2) Digital Assembly: planning and timeline

It will take place on 24 August online at the Bureau meeting venue in Vienna, Austria. We need to start planning and we have to also start the discussion with FNF.

SNC is in charge of this file and WK proposes to contribute as well. They will come up with a concept for the next meeting. It is important to define the topic, set the timeline with the registrations process and the speakers. Meeting with FNF will be planned in-person in Brussels in June.

### 3) Latest events

- Policy Debate

We need a reminder email to be sent out to IOs, it will go out on Wednesday. IH and a second speaker are confirmed. It will start at 18 h 30. A discussion with the members after hearing from the two speakers



is foreseen. The idea is to have it interactive and hear their viewpoints. SNC asks the Bureau to push their respective IOs to attend.

- Voices from Ukraine

The event is taking place tomorrow. WK thanks Maurizio for putting so much effort in it. It is an important topic on Ukraine and engaging the West. The event starts at 18 h. We have the two speakers confirmed. WK asks for the Bureau members to remind their IOs to attend. We will do a last SM post on this tomorrow during the day.

- YCA 2

SB is reporting on the event that just took place in Oslo. Participants and trainers seemed happy. First impressions are good, participants are a very motivated and focused group. SB and CL worked on the e-learning and pairing participants with their mentors, those are the next activities.

- LCN youth edition

DP explains that we have the participants confirmed. Hotel and venue were booked. We have one trainer secured and the programme is taking shape, we will be able to share it soon. It's a very practical and on-hands approach this time.

IH reminds that if support is needed with speakers for any event, Bureau members can share in the Bureau chat to get some support.

#### 4) Tasks to distribute from Maurizio:

IH goes through the tasks and we are checking successively who can step in to compensate for the departure of our intern, some tasks will however be less frequent.

- *Campaign support* - WK and DP.
- *Policy reactions and statements* - SNC but we will do less.
- *Policy Briefing* - WK suggests having a group that works on this. We would do it **one time a month**. We would select some key topics and do less than before in terms of length. SB suggests that everyone in the Bureau can propose topics from their countries to ease the process. SNC proposes we focus on the important topics only. The team will be: SNC, SB, WK and BG. WK is in the lead, compiling and sending out the briefing when ready.
- *Voices from Ukraine* - including report writing and screenshots - DP and WK will be in charge.
- *Policy Debates* - including report writing and screenshots - SNC and SB will be in charge.

#### 5) ELF 2025 project concepts and proposals - logframe

- BG explains that instead of having to submit concept notes and project proposals by the deadline in June and July, we will have to be ready with an updated logframe and budget proposals by the end of the year. We will meet with the ELF team towards the end of 2024.
- SB will be coordinating this effort, the Bureau will start thinking about the content and the concept of the different projects. We will have the first discussion at the end of August for our Bureau meeting. That's the deadline for having a first proposal ready also with the locations of those events.
- AS suggests to keep the project proposal template from ELF to develop the proposals and then complete the logframe based on the given information so everyone is on the same page.

#### 6) Code of Conduct and inclusion taskforce

- MP will lead the effort in updating our internal documents together with the Code of Conduct to make sure we are ready to face future challenges when it comes to diversity and inclusion.
- SNC advocates to keep it internal with the CODA first. When we have a draft, then it can be channelled through a feedback session with members prior to the Congress it will be adopted at. She has experience from writing similar documents for other organisations.
- DP agrees with SNC and she would include the internal auditors in the writing team. There were past discussions on this in the civil and minority rights working group so perhaps it would be good to consult them as well.



- BG reminds that an update proposal has been officially submitted by the former CODA to be considered as a basis of the work. He adds that it needs to be a full reform with also the other documents to be aligned with each other.
- SB agrees and explains that in a second part after the drafting, we should include the members before the Congress in a feedback session. It will probably be quite a long document at the end.
- AS agrees to start small and then broaden the circle, he thinks it's important to have the members' input as well, just like it was said by the others.
- MP will establish the taskforce with a joint group between Office, Auditors, Committee and Bureau. He will create the group by the next Bureau meeting.

#### 7) News from MOs and IMS

- About the IMS, SNC explains that there is now a full delegation and the IMS Steering Committee. Silvia took her position. The Steering Committee is meeting on Thursday evening with SNC and Chiara to kick-off the work. Chris and Tim got elected for SC. There will also be a joint meeting by the end of May between the two bodies.
- News from Spain, Ciudadanos lost all their seats in the catalan parliament. SNC will have a call with the new IO of JCs. On the contrary, Junts came second and therefore JNC has a strong force to rely on.
- Local elections in the UK, the young liberals and Libdems have strengthened their positions. It also shows a stronger trend for upcoming national elections. SB and Kai Pischke will be resigning from being IOs of Young Liberals because both are now in the respective LYMEC and IFLRY Bureau.
- There is a new organisation from Ukraine, a student organisation that is interested in joining our network. They are classical liberal and are very eager to join. We have given contact to our other members from Ukraine. They will also tomorrow join our 'Voices from Ukraine' event.

#### 8) Invitations

- SB explains that as a Young Liberals he received an invite in the British parliament to discuss the future of BYC.
- IH has recorded a video to be sent to Nasa Stranka Youth for their Congress that we can't join this time in-person.

#### 9) AOB

- Report from the IFLRY representative about the IFLRY GA was shared via email by our IFLRY representative, Ioana Abaseaca. The newly elected IFLRY Vice-presidents are: Arne Nelson (Young Democrats of America), Hania Knio (Future Youth Lebanon), Kai Pische (Young Liberals UK), Alyona Dobryden (European Youth of Ukraine). We also elected an interim Sec. Gen., Tirza Drent (Jong Democraten NL). The President and Treasurer remain unchanged. Meeting will be planned with the new leadership of IFLRY to talk about the cooperation for the mandate to come.
- We are still missing invoice information from the service provider for lunch from Brussels Spring Congress. We will try to check the contact person and the service provider to see what's happening.
- IH explains that she will be in Brussels at the PPYO debate in Brussels between 29 and 30 May 2024. The YFJ is organising and it will be streamed live as well. She will also meet up with ALDE, ELF, JEF and FNF-Europe during this trip.

#### Meeting ends at 20:35 pm CEST (Brussels time).

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