

MINUTES

Online Bureau meeting

Date and time: 2 April 2024 at 20 h pm CEST.

Present: Ines Holzegger (IH), Alexandre Servais (AS), Marten Porte (MP), Dimitra Papadopoulou (DP), Sean Bennett (SB), and Balint Gyevai (BG).

Arrived later: Willemijn Krans (WK) and Sorcha Ni Chionghaile (SNC).

Also invited: Chiara Liguori (CL).

Meeting starts at 20:00 pm CEST.

1) Bureau roles and responsibilities - including regional distribution

- IH thanked all the Bureau members for all the bilateral conversations they had in the past week for very open discussions on the mandate ahead.
- AS gave a brief overview of the different tasks and responsibilities. He explains that there will be additional projects and tasks coming up later in the mandate. Not everything is set in stone in the portfolio for example the representation part will be assigned based on availability and other logistical aspects. However, it gives the basic and most important daily/weekly responsibilities.
- AS goes through the task's distribution for each Bureau member, one by one. He also outlines the different regional responsibilities.

The positions will be as follows:

- **Ines Holzegger: President**
- **Alexandre Servais: Vice-President**
- **Marten Porte: Treasurer**
- **Sean Bennett: Engagement and Events Officer**
- **Willemijn Krans: Advocacy and Outreach Officer**
- **Sorcha Ni Chionghaile: Policy Officer**
- **Dimitra Papadopoulou: Communications Officer**

Additional comments and points brought up:

- The need for business cards was discussed. We will order less than last time especially for the members not planning on using them that proactively. Instead of 250, we will be ordering 150 for each member with their new titles.
- BG reminds the Bureau members to send a short text to CL for the website to introduce them.
- Regarding the ALDE Delegation, since SNC is the Policy Officer now and de facto head of the team, the number 10 from the vote in Riga has to be added in the delegation as a substitute to take the empty spot. **It will be Konstanta Gyurova (YMRF).**
- It is discussed who we send to the YFJ Comem in May in Spain. WK will go on the bureau side and Tanzer Yuseinov (previous bureau member in charge of the YFJ) will be contacted to ensure the onboarding.
- WK proposes to help with the Security and Cyber Working Group since that's her field of interest. SB explains he has more experience with the Civil and Minority rights Working Group. AS and IH explain that it is more facilitation than having to be an expert on the topic. They will discuss whether it makes sense to do the switch between the two.
- Enhanced synergy between the Libertas team and the Bureau was discussed. SB is in charge now, he will facilitate.

2) 2024 Spring Congress follow-up and implementation

- The policy book was updated by MC and published today already.
- New members onboarding was done, membership fees invoiced and paid for most of them already.



- Minutes will be ready and published next week, we can then send the final communication to the delegates as well.
- Bureau induction: official registrations lacking basically, rest was already structured and delivered. New Bureau members can take full positions within their new responsibilities.
- Financial aspects taken care of these last days - a lot of refunds and payments that BG had to process.

3) Upcoming events (10 min)

- YCA 1: The first event will take place in Dublin this weekend, everything is set. AS and CL are going.
- YCA 2: SB will get an onboarding next week by AS and CL. The event will be taking place between 10-12 May 2024 in Oslo, Norway. Venue and hotel are secured for the training. Meeting with the trainers still needs to happen. SB is ready to take ownership of that event.
- EU Elections training: Participants were selected, there are 15 of them in total. It will take place in Gummersbach at the end of April. DP will be the Bureau representative there. Some schedule changes took place but it's all on track. She will also have a call with Larissa from the FNF team soon as induction.
- Meeting of the young candidates: We have 4 registrations only so far so we need to share the opportunity to a wider audience. Deadline is in two weeks. Important that IOs don't keep the call for themselves but share it widely with the relevant people.

4) Outcomes Working Group on delegation system (5 min)

The final outcomes were circulated to the Working Group for comments, and they will be sent out with the final communication to the Congress delegates and IOs. AS will be in charge of implementation.

5) Taskforce updates (5 min)

- Promotion of young candidates: DP is in charge - WK and BG volunteer to join the team to work on this.
- Mental health campaign: CL and MC are involved, DP for communications and SB for the policy part will be involved. A meeting is planned for this week to move forward with it quickly.

6) Invitations (3 min)

The SU invitation was discussed at the last Bureau meeting, and MP volunteered to go. Since the ticket price is quite high, we will save the budget for MO visits that might be a bit more important. We will therefore decline this time unless SB has a cheaper option to go. We will check that soon.

7) AOB (2 min)

- IH brings up the Autumn Congress hosting call. Applications were sent to the Bureau. BG will provide an overview of all the metrics to take into account. There are 4 applications this time. We will have another extraordinary Bureau meeting to discuss and take the decision on **Wednesday, April 17 between 18-19 h CEST pm**. Points can be sent in writing as well ahead of the meeting but also point of view from staff is needed at the meeting.
- ALDE young communicators campaign: DP to have a call with BG and CL to work on this. 15 names of young communicators from all over Europe for digital campaigning support were requested. Important criteria are geographical representation but also impact on the ground and some basic online/digital skills and platform.
- AS explains that informal Bureau reports will be continued through a form. He will send an email to all Bureau members about this, monthly reporting will be delivered.

Meeting ends at 21:10 pm CEST.

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