

MINUTES

Bureau meeting

26 February 2024

ONLINE

Present: Dan-Aria Sucuri (DAS), Ines Holzegger (IH), Alexandre Servais (AS), Marten Porte (MP), Ellinor Juth (EJ), Tanzer Yuseinov (TY) and Balint Gyevai (BG).

Joined later: Laia Comerma (LC)

Also invited: Chiara Liguori (CL).

Meeting starts at 18:00 pm CET.

1) Finances

- External audit outcomes and end results 2023

The auditors helped us close the year. It is now done. They came in with a big team of 3 people this time. 6700 EUR negative at the end for 2023 which is less good than what we thought. The report will be sent to the Bureau quite soon this week.

- Final 2024 updated budget

The budget was discussed in Rome. Minor adjustment took place only before it was submitted to the Congress last Friday.

- Fundraising plans and corporate sponsorship

MP and BG met the Executive Director of ELF to talk about fundraising. She thinks we can have quite a bit of corporate sponsorship. We have a lot to offer and less rules to follow than other organisations. She offered help with checking some new potential grant applications. She advised us to go for other grants at the European Commission. CERV or other action grants could be available.

- Alumni Network: Brussels March fundraising event

A planification meeting took place at the Alumni Board level. The event is planned on the 21st of March in Brussels between the two Congresses. Alumni drinks is the concept. Communication was launched, we need as many people as possible.

- MO and participation fees 2024

The Bureau will remind the missing members based on their regional responsibilities.

2) Congress

- Logistical aspects updates - extensions, computer, small camera

We will use a more performant computer for the zoom and use the substitute option for minutes-taking. TY volunteers to take one additional computer as a back-up just in case.

- Status of invitations and guest speeches

We encounter some issues getting MEPs from Renew Europe to join us.



- 4 weeks deadline to Congress outcomes

26 resolutions were submitted. Applications for Bureau positions came in, 8 applicants for 4 positions. Reports were submitted.

- Pre Congress debate between candidates

The IMS will have to propose a date and time like they always do before such an Electoral Congress.

- Fringe events: - Disinformation workshop / Changemakers event

We have the speakers confirmed for the fight against disinformation workshop. 45 participants are registered. Lunch is settled as well and will be provided.

The YCA fringe is on track too, we have around 25 registrations. We have sent invitations to ELF and MEPs to be speakers. Quite a lot of people from the Alumni of the YCA will also join. Open mic is the format and several videos will be projected.

- Saturday evening FNF event: Speakers and update

Programme taking place in cooperation with FNF - Jules will open it with the new President. The two youth party Presidents Laura and Sepp are confirmed. We are trying to get an MEP for that session as well. Sophie Wilmes could be perhaps invited?

3) Handover to the next Bureau

- Updates and progress

IH will create a google doc this week where all Bureau members can add their inputs and it will be then consolidated. We have a deadline to deliver and Bureau members are encouraged to already start the process. Bilateral meetings are also encouraged to be held between former and new persons in charge.

4) EU Elections campaign 2024

- Libertas challenge

We selected a winner based on the articles received as part of the contest. Someone from JuLis won but she declined the proposal to join the event in Gummersbach. It was therefore now proposed to the second person. Adam Volf, Editor-in-Chief of Libertas will now proceed with publishing the articles that got into the top five.

- Flip the Script

EJ explains that we are still waiting for young politicians to get back to us. MC has sent some reminders and we got one published so far with Romina, minister in Sweden and former youth leader. We expect more feedback and inputs to reach us. The objective is to have one person published every month.

- EU Elections training

The call for applicants is open and registrations need to be submitted before **Friday, 8 March**. 2 Bureau members are to be sent from the newly elected Bureau. 150 EUR fee to be paid by participants but they get quite a lot out of it, even more than what they would usually get with very top trainers and sessions. This must be emphasised if members ask. A call will take place next week with the trainers to prepare the sessions.

- Mythbusting campaign



The first one will be out this week on the 29th February. We will have 3 posts before and 1 after the workshop event on disinformation on the fringes of the Congress. It's ready to be launched.

- Young candidates networking online event

We are sticking to the timeline discussed in Rome. The event will take place in the evening of the 2nd of May. The call will be open later in March. We will remind our members during the Congress.

5) Invitations

- Europe 2050 event FNF

We will wait till the elections and ask if it's possible to tell them information on the days after our Congress from the new leadership. The Bureau also suggests that perhaps someone from the Staff could go.

- ELF Policy Innovation Lab

The Bureau decides that we would send Maurizio to this one since its policy related. LC is not available and it's great because it's during working hours.

6) News from MOs and IMS

Discussion on the latest updates concerning IFLRY.

7) AOB

Communications team updates from EJ: The upcoming campaigns were discussed. They wanted to do something for World Down Syndrome Day. The day falls on the 21st of March during the ALDE Congress . We could do a Rock the socks-campaign with the LYMEC socks as well to give some visibility to our merch and take a strong position.

Meeting ends at 19:15 pm CET

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