

MINUTES Bureau Meeting Vilnius, Lithuania 24 September 2023

Present: Dan-Aria Sucuri (DAS), Ines Holzegger (IH), Tuuli Helind (TH), Ellinor Juth (EJ), Laia Comerma (LC), Alexandre Servais (AS), Tanzer Yuseinov (TY) and Bálint Gyévai (BG).

Also invited: Chiara Liguori (CL).

Meeting starts at 10 h 00 EEST.

1) Finances

- Approval of the updated 2023 budget: Office equipment will be added after a decision on that. It is otherwise pretty much the same as what was presented in Tallinn. **The Bureau approves.**

- Approval of the proposed 2024 budget: Staff changes (high cost) should be taken into account. Xero also had an increase so we need to take it into account. AS adds the potential cost for a digital platform. He explains that we could maybe collaborate to use MyAcademy more than just YCA with ELF. More information will be requested by the 4 weeks deadline before submitting this budget. Written approval will be used. **The Bureau approves.**

- Internal Audit report Sept 2023:

It was shared with the Bureau earlier. The Bureau agrees on the need for a smaller cash box but cash is still needed in some areas and we always get requests from members to pay in cash. We need some back-up available, a limited amount but some in case it is needed. Now the auditors expect us to reduce it to 100 EUR maximum based on the report. **The Bureau decides we would keep 150 EUR available.**

- Renew Europe 2024 Spring financial support:

Financing issues around the Spring Congress came up because of the closing of books of our partners in Renew Europe due to the European elections. The Bureau is looking into alternatives and possibilities to nevertheless have a big Electoral Congress.

- Erasmus+ 2024 application - brainstorming on the content:

- Increase voter turnout of young people
- Youth in eligible positions on list
- Fight against disinformation
- Use of our LYMEC4EU manifesto
- Voices from Ukraine
- Policy Debate
- Online training of candidates
- Policy Briefings
- Cooperation project fund
- Campaign for mental health and well-being of young people
- Increasing emancipation and autonomy of young people



- Young elected MEPs follow-up advocacy and set the agenda of the next legislative mandate. Impact the policy as it is getting drafted at the EU level.

2) Congress

- Latest booking updates including ALDE participation and Renew4Youth Manifesto

Workshop:

- a. We would check if ALDE would finance the evening. We can then also show the movie. If ALDE goes ahead, we should have the speaker's first and then the food being served. We need to clarify this with the hotel how to set it up properly.
- b. Renew4Youth Manifesto presentation fringe on Friday before the Congress. From 14 h to 15 h EET in the Congress room.

- Involvement local members:

Both MOs logo should be on all supports, this has been discussed. They will also both deliver speeches at the opening.

- 8 weeks deadline outcomes: MO applications, updated agenda

Alliance Youth, Ze Molodizhka and PSG Youth applied for membership. Documents are on Openslides. Additional documents need to be asked to Alliance Youth. They will send a document after the statutory meeting when ready - EJ will check and she will attend their meeting. Agenda update took place together with the Congress rules amendment.

- Reminder ahead of the 4 weeks deadline:

ALDE delegation has been more promoted already, present under news as well on the website now. Bureau reports and technical reports on membership applications will be expected by the 4 weeks deadline.

- Congress rules amendment

Tim Robinson, IMS proposed to formalize the practice of merger of resolutions with the same topic ahead of the Congress, we were already doing it but it wasn't written. Merger is not forced, but it has to be tried at least from the Bureau side. LC will review the writing but the Bureau recommendation should be positive.

- Trustee persons (as help for ombudspersons) - additional safeguards for more safety at our events:

IH and BG have been talking to ensure more safety at our Congresses. Evening events and parties, we need additional people that participants can approach. We need more than 2 people for such a big event. She proposes asking people with geographical and gender distribution to be used as safeguard. IH will go through the list and suggest 4 additional people for this Congress. IH adds that we have not been doing enough, we need to have people our members can rely on and trust.

Comments on the proposal: EJ brings up a point on the risk of not being trained enough and unclear what is the mandate they actually get. It's a bit tricky but we should do something. AS agrees with IH and adds that we need to add some guidelines to what they will be expected to do.

The Bureau decides that we need a one pager on what the responsibilities of these people are. We need to pick them strategically also. We would then add this information in the practical guide and on Openslides.



- Merchandising and promotional materials (who brings what and orders)

- Lack of condoms: O' yes or Pure Gifts should be considered and a new order placed.
- Shipping material to Riga will be made - goodies but also some banners via DHL.
- Hoodies: QR code or bank transfers payment will be made available to order them in advance. Then it's shipped to Latvia. 50 EUR per hoodie - would give us 15 EUR profit per hoodie. We have the measurements already, delegates can pre-order and based on that we will submit the list. 4 weeks is needed during this process. We will clarify what the company can do first before opening the call. TH and TY will get back to BG to add in one Congress communication.

3) Delegation system working group (discussion of plan)

IH explained the plan and the way forward. Email will be sent next week. Mural board will be used to structure the working group. At the end, there would be a report from one meeting to another. The Bureau to consider the outcome reports. The meeting dates will be suggested. Email will be drawn by IH and sent out to the registered members by the office. We will also put in calendar invites for these meetings.

4) Equipment investment proposal

Camera Microphone: COMICA BoomX-D1 2.4G - PRICE: 160,00 EUR

Camera cage: Ulanzi u-rig pro - PRICE: 22,28 EUR

Camera Light: Ulanzi VL49 Mini LED Light - Price: 14,84 EUR

TOTAL COST: 197,12 EUR

The Bureau decides that we would do the investment.

5) Updates on upcoming events

- Voices from Ukraine

AS explains that we have 3 speakers. Maria from ELF, two experts, one suggested by ELF and the second one suggested by Olena from EYU. Maybe a hybrid event at the end with the Brussels based people at the ALDE office connecting. It's already taking place on Tuesday.

- Policy Debate October

TY explains that we have the speaker - Valentin Tonchev. It's about enlargement. Final information will be sent out next week about this event.

- Policy Debate November

LC comments that we need a maximum of 3 speakers but 2 is ideal. Katalin Cseh and Michal Simecka to be invited for this. Rest of the plan is good. LC will be moderating.

- Cooperation project fund event in Copenhagen

There were a few cancellations to the registered people. We replaced them. Chiara is in contact with Kenn to make sure the event goes well. All MOs part of the project will be at the end mobilised. DAS if going flights and accommodation booked. They secured an MEP as speaker.

- YCA 2023-3 Brussels event

- We are struggling with some of the speakers. Sean O'Curneen from the Renew CoR team might confirm. All arrangements are made beside the speakers and finalising the programme.
- AS will send out invites for the changemakers' evening to those living close next week. They would meet this year's batch.



- Communications event in Sofia

TY explains that most of the speakers are confirmed. We are cooperating with the two ELF foundations on the ground - LIPA and LIF. MRF foundation will be covering one of the dinners. We only miss one speaker at this stage. However, one of the dinners still needs to be booked.

- Digital skills event in Berlin

AS explains that we have the final programme. We need to schedule a few calls with the speakers on how to frame the sessions. The logistical aspects were secured, only one dinner needs to be paid on spot.

6) 2024 FNF cooperation inputs

- *Digital Assembly on Cyprus situation*

LC will take the lead on this. She will prepare a one-pager. Hint on the success of the event and explain the multiplier effect. We have access to the politicians there. Current situation is very relevant.

- *Spring Electoral Congress fringe event and dinner*

European Elections focus with an evening event.

- *Digital Assembly end of August*

Energy and cost of living crisis to be tackled then.

- *Autumn Congress fringe event and dinner*
- *European elections training (series of events)*

AS and TY will have a proposal. It will tackle some communications aspects. Session on canvassing is also part of it. Simulation of the European parliament to train future leaders was proposed.

7) Invitations

- *Nowoczesna Youth Congress - 7 October - nothing covered*

DAS going to Poznan. He will be flying there, it's important to be there before the elections in the country. DAS will hold a speech as well and support the campaign.

- *ALDE Pace (CoE) meeting with youth on democracy report - 9 October - all covered but we have to book*

DAS will go from Poland and then fly back. It's a high-level meeting with great opportunities to raise our voice.

- *YDE winter event - Paris - 3 to 5 November - only accommodation covered*

TH will be representing us there.

- *3H Movement Congress - Istanbul - 28 Oct - only accommodation covered*

We will send a video this time.

- Lithuanian Liberal Youth Electoral Congress

The video will be sent since their Congress is next week already.

8) News members and AOB

- Elections in Jeunes MR, results in October.
- Elections in Jong VLD as well soon.
- Digital platform for membership: we will check My Academy, which has been discussed earlier at the budget point.
- PPYO initiative on closing the Age Gap:

Young candidates should be high on the list, the greens have passed a resolution on this at their Congress. We can take from Vote at 16 and campaign around that. Bureau decided we would take part in a campaign but not create our own policy. It's the national parties that are deciding about this. Part of the content will be in the YLM outcomes already.



9) Date and time next meeting

The next Bureau meeting will be on 12 November 2023 (Congress Sunday) at 10 h EET (Riga time). An extraordinary quick Congress related call can be planned in the meantime if deemed relevant.

Meeting ends at 12 h 00 EEST

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