

MINUTES Bureau meeting Budapest, Hungary 7 May 2023

Attending: Dan-Aria Sucuri (DAS), Ines Holzegger (IH), Tuuli Helind (TH), Ellinor Juth (EJ), Alexandre Servais (AS), Tanzer Yuseinov (TY), Bálint Gyévai (BG) and Chiara Liguori (CL).

Laia Comerma (LC) joined online at 11 h 30 CEST.

Meeting starts at 10 h 05 CEST.

1) Spring Congress

- Feedback, outcomes and follow-up

TH explains that the Taxis receipts, even the ones that occurred during the evening parts of the Congress will be refunded for the Bureau members exceptionally.

- Implementation new member organisations, new financial protocol, Congress rules changes, Manifesto, Code of Conduct, Updated policy book

- The new financial protocol was approved, it needs now to be published.
- The no show fees have to be issued.
- Congress rules update has to be implemented as well.
- The updated Code of Conduct to be published too.
- Policy book to be updated with the renewal outcomes and the 7 resolutions that were adopted. The Secretariat will take up and split these tasks in the coming days.
- LC will on her side work on the final version of the LYMEC4EU manifesto. It should be ready by Wednesday for the meeting with the ALDE Party about electoral manifestos.
- The Bureau also discussed the onboarding of new members and membership applications tackled at this Congress.

- Future of documentation page website

BG explains that documents should be just available on Openslides in the future. This leads to better participation on behalf of member organisations and has them connect before the Congress. Head of delegations can share information and documents if needed with non-participants. It will be highlighted in the first communication. **The Bureau agrees with this proposal.**

2) Finances

- Updated 2023 budget

It was presented to Congress with a clear plan, submitted later because of the Erasmus+ grant decision awaiting.

- Submission auditors 2022 accounts



We unfortunately didn't get full support, but this is a legal document, so this is an issue if not backed by the Congress. Raising voices if issues with financial handling should be made at relevant Bureau reports, not on such a legal document. TH will send it to our external auditors for publication with Belgian authorities when the minutes are ready.

- Wise account use

TH suggests giving Bureau members access to a wise account with a digital card to use during travels. BG brings up the issue with workload and avoid mess in our bookkeeping, he sees a risk in this decision. He highlights the importance of having protocols in place for the use. TH adds that there is a possibility to submit receipts on wise directly which would be a great progress. **The Bureau agrees to test the system as a pilot project.**

3) European Commission Erasmus+ grant implications

- Project fund 2.0

- TH proposes to make it a new project, Bureau to give ideas, could be linked to the manifesto, 5000 EUR should be allocated, LYMEC preparing the broader picture and rules on the use of the funds but allocating money to some members' activities. Co-financing rules should be applied. List of eligible costs should be available.
- We would launch it in August, it is feasible if at the end of June, we have an idea. Transnational cooperation projects would be the target like the first time we had something similar in 2021. The Bureau decides that TH will coordinate with AS and CL sending inputs and putting together a first draft for the time of the ALDE Congress. CL to take the lead in the implementation.

- Communications' team event

The event will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria during the first weekend of October bringing together the communication team of LYMEC. We should check the budget and if people from the communications team are not available then Libertas editorial team members could also be invited to join. We should have a total of around 15 people, organisers included.

- Digital Skills Hub event and online project platform

- The event will take place in Berlin, Germany during the first weekend of October bringing together young liberals from our network to improve their digital skills.
- Short report template to be used will be designed by AS in cooperation with EJ for all events.

- LYMEC4EU manifesto (+ launch?)

- Spring Congress in Budapest was the launch event that adopted our manifesto. We also had before online working groups tackling it and an online session to discuss the first draft of the document.

- Liberal Hack and AoH Youth summer Retreat

- AoH Summer Retreat: Gather the participants for one hour session and CL gives a talk at the office on communicating with the youth. DAS and IH will try to check with Adam if this could fit the programme. If not possible, doing an online session with the participants at least beforehand could be a good idea, with some outcomes.
- Liberal Hack: The winners come to Brussels to pitch their winning proposal and advocate for their ideas (probably online with an MEP will work better). Summary



document compiling the outcomes in a report will also be released. There is the idea to involve MEP Emma Wiesner for a session taking place somewhere early July.

- Policy debate

There was one in February. We should also have one in June and one in September. It will be discussed between LC and EJ will help, they will brainstorm topics and date together.

- Voices from Ukraine

There should be 3 in total: one in June, one in September and one in October. The week of 12 June was highlighted for the first, we will check with our Ukrainian members if it works.

4) Staff

- Intern hiring process

BG shared with the Bureau the draft call for the next intern to join the office over the summer. It is thanks to the European Commission grant that we can afford hiring someone at this point.

Some comments are made from the Bureau side:

- There is a request to take out French as an asset from the call for intern, we don't really need that. We have enough people speaking French already.
- Discussion on adobe package knowledge comes up. The Bureau thinks it is more for the interview than the call.
- There are some comments on the process and about the documents to be shared with the Bureau.
- Timeline is approved with a call opening on May 17 and open until June.

- Recuperations and holidays

Closing for summer but not at the same time fully. We will be ensuring business continuity as much as we can. Recuperations are to be respected and taken seriously.

5) ALDE Congress

- Policy work

We tried to work with some organisations to do joint resolutions but no one wanted a merger at the end. We now have the amendments' book, and the delegation works on it. We submitted ours by the deadline. We didn't get our resolutions very high on the list, maybe 2 of them could be discussed but the one on digital definitely.

- Delegation

- There is a reminder to consider all the emails from ALDE that BG forward to LC and communicate efficiently with the delegation on that.
- TH and BG propose to support the delegates representing LYMEC in Stockholm with their travel costs. **The Bureau therefore approves the delegation travel refund increase to the amount of up to 250 EUR per person.**

- Alumni event updates

- AS suggests including the changemakers network as well and invite them officially.
- DAS proposes to include features on Ukraine by giving the floor to our Ukrainian members. We will facilitate to have booth with QR code available to donate. The idea is to also give 5 minutes for them to speak.



- We will have our merch at the stand in the exhibition.
- TH drafts a plan for the event to send to ALDE asap. Currently, our session is during lunch time on Saturday. We will have an open mic part and ask for snacks and drinks. We will do a proper event promotion: Website, newsletter, promotional notes...
- Guest speakers: Oleksandr Sanchenko, Ines Holzegger, Danica Vihinen

- Exhibition (rotation system) and merchandising

- AS, TH, EJ and TY will be mainly with the staff. We will share a draft rotation system with the Bureau to double-check all the availability. The material to send from Brussels is settled with ALDE. Additional stickers and hoodies will be sent as well. TH and TY will check if it would be brought from Bulgaria or Estonia.

6) Summer Bureau meeting

- Date: 31 August to 3 September dates are the final ones.
- Location: Option to go to the South of Europe or instead to the North. TH makes the proposal to go to Estonia. The Bureau likes that idea.
- Accommodation: House not too far from the airport close to Tallinn. <http://www.humalapuhkemaaja.ee/>
- Partnership FNF: Linked to Digital Assembly it could be possible, we will select the topics with LC, find an expert speaker and involve high-level Renew MEP on foreign affairs. TH and LC to work together with BG on this. We will then make a proposal to FNF.

7) Events updates

- Young Changemakers' Academy:

- The next event is in October in Brussels between 20-22 October 2023. It will be the first event when we hear about experience with mentors. They were paired together with a mentor.
- We will focus on a range of people that are instrumental in advocacy and networking but also fundraising for the speakers. ALDE proposed to work with their fundraising trainer - Raphael Velez. The Good Lobby and Renew Europe will also be contacted. Swedish enterprises are also a good idea for lobbying in Brussels.
- First two events went really fine and it was nice that they could mingle with the experts and speakers. This is something to replicate definitely. We do short videos at each event so that we can trace their progress and use it for future promotional actions as well. Online e-learning will take place in the coming weeks. CL gathered the results of their evaluation feedback so we can operationalize that.

- FNF Hackathon 'Reshape Europe':

- It takes place between 11-13 May in Lisbon. CL explains that the programme was done in cooperation with the different teams. Final information to participants was sent out. There will be first an interactive activity, then hacking times with some mentor speakers.
- Winners will go to Berlin for the final session to present to bigger groups in October. Staff will provide some feedback after the event on the concept. Readings were provided.

- LCN youth edition:



- EJ explains that in less than one month it will happen already. We have some sessions on communications with limited means and how to talk to the youth. Targeting fake news sessions is still pending. We need to figure out a challenge for the umbrella programme as well. Contacts were mobilised in Poland. Back-up options are NGO representatives.
- EJ did an opening speech in front of the 40 participants group for the LCN network at the NGO focused event.

- Liberal Hack:

- TY explains that one speaker dropped out because the person is a representative for EPP so we need to find an alternative.
- Dinner is booked for the first day and we have offers for the second day.
- We will order some medal prizes for the participants. Different categories will be highlighted and everyone will get something with the certificates. Winners' team will also have Belgian chocolate.
- TY and CL will work on the outcomes after the event - booklet and EC report.

- European Trainers' Academy - youth edition:

- AS explains that we work on this with ELF and D66. Goran is dealing with the logistical aspects. The event will be in Split.
- We have more than 15 applications and we gave our inputs but we wait to hear back from ELF. We got some good applications from the LYMEC network. We have half of the spots available since we put half of the money on the table for this event (5000 EUR).
- It is taking place on the last weekend of June.

8) Invitations

- Renew Europe: Renew4Youth manifesto adoption - 10 May - Strasbourg

Based on the time schedule, AS could probably go to represent us.

- Radikal Ungdom Congress in August

It takes place in Roskilde in Denmark between 11-13 August 2023. We will skip this time unfortunately, we have been there last time already. There is no availability in the Bureau.

- EYE 2023 youth in politics panel discussion.

IH was invited to join this discussion during the EYE by JEF (Young European Federalists). We had some issues with travel options for IH to get there. JEF tries to accommodate, if possible, she will then go to represent us.

- ALDE Congress' side event by the Rainbow Platform

TH, EJ, CL and BG will be registered for now. We can then see if someone from the delegation could maybe take one of the assigned spots.

- IAF FNF seminars in August-September

BG will send around the invitations in the Bureau. Otherwise, we will circulate them to our members if no one is available.

- Nasa Stranka Congress in June in Sarajevo

TY will go if it's possible logistically.

9) News from MOs and IMS

No points were brought up by the Bureau.



10) AOB

- Report from different missions and events
- A meeting with EuObserver for potential partnership for promotion on their platforms took place. EJ, CL and BG were involved. We are waiting for them to send us their partnership options on paper to be able to discuss what could work. We could start submitting Libertas articles there for free, they might be picked.
- Ukrainian students for freedom association: They reached out via email and would be interested in cooperation. We will check with DAS what is possible.
- The Students for Liberty Con report was sent by AS to the Bureau a couple of days ago. Students for Liberty is really libertarian, we knew that but the opportunity to have a stand for ELF was a good idea. We could maybe have a joint stand for next time. AS will check with Even if cooperation would be possible.
- Rainbow Platform: CL explains that they had the first event in Lisbon. Commitments had to be made after the session. How to measure engagement was the topic. Her commitment would be linked to the IMS. The main issue is the engagement when they are IMS but maybe for the on-boarding process and when the membership ends, we could innovate a bit. For example, in the final email we could send a form asking why they are leaving. We could also have an initial form instead of the questions via email to gather data and measure the IMS better. Ask for example where they found us etc. AS thinks it's a great idea to be implemented.
- TY explains that PPYO met as part of the last YFJ COMEM. The goal is to have the mother parties at EU level to push young candidates in eligible positions, including also the national youth councils. FYEG will write a draft as starter.

Meeting ends at 12 h 40 CEST.

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