

BUREAU MEETING MINUTES BUCHAREST 20 NOVEMBER 2022

Present in-person: Dan-Aria Sucuri (DAS), Ines Holzegger (IH), Tuuli Helind (TH), Alexandre Servais (AS), Ellinor Juth (EJ), Tanzer Yuseinov (TJ) and Bălint Gyévai (BG).

Invited in-person: Marten Porte (MP) and Chiara Liguori (CL).

Online attendance: Laia Comerma (LC)

Meeting starts at 10 h am EET.

1) Congress evaluation and follow-up

- Evaluation and feedback Congress:

- DAS explains that it was a good Congress overall, positive feedback from the participants. The Bureau is discussing positive and negative comments also linked to the hotel and how we can improve in the future. There will be a list of issues brought up with the hotel by BG.
- BG brings up the idea of a scouting from LYMEC side to the venue before the Congress, at the beginning of the process to ensure everything goes as wished to/planned. It could be booked under MO representation and having one person sent well before the Congress -meeting hotel, venue and local MO.
- EJ explains that some people didn't feel very comfortable in some bars (respect towards women was not good and LGBT rights were not ensured), we need to take that into account for planning an evening program to have a safe alternative for delegates. Privatising fully a space/bar could be a viable alternative.
- We should also give better ideas on what we want for Friday evenings - a place for ourselves with not too loud music.
- We received the feedback to go faster on MO issues. This will be considered where possible.

- Policy follow-up (archival and policy book updates)

A lot of political discussions took place. Interventions on amendments and resolutions had quality and there was widespread willingness to compromise. We adopted 17 resolutions with quality discussions.

- LYMEC delegation to ALDE Congress:

The elections went well with a strong race between the candidates. 9 got elected out of 14 + our Policy Officer by default part of the delegation. First meeting took place and a chat was set up. Further meetings will follow to talk about resolutions.

- Finances point Congress:

We heard some issues from our members with the money not being fully used from the Congress participation fee. It was considered by the Bureau. We will try to ensure more transparency in that matter for the future where possible.

- Implementation decisions

- Membership - Nowoczesna Youth full member: we will update the website and they will be invoiced for the MO fee on next year's side.
- BG's mandate renewal as SG - the contract needs to be signed.
- MO fees were accepted, it has to be updated for next year - IMS fees stayed the same.
- Financial Protocol - to be published on website (latest version as adopted - no changes).
- Programme of Action - to be published on the website (no changes).
- Freedom Fund - BG to send the form to those granted and manage the process with the payments to be made.

- Minutes BM website - IMS names to be taken out for reduced fee- for decision

The Bureau decides that we would use the initial of the person and IMS instead of the full name.

2) 2023 Calendar

- Decision on the draft calendar and dates for next years' events - for decision

- Policy Book clean-up: call next week - 22 November. Week after the call is being closed on 29 November. Form will be created and visuals can be reused from the last time.
- BG runs the Bureau through the calendar. The Bureau defines the dates of the events and meetings. The dates will be shared with the members through the newsletter and available on our website.
- We will open a call for Autumn Congress in November 2023 at the beginning of December. We will suggest two sets of dates: 10-12 Nov or 17-19 Nov.
- MP will share the calendar with the incoming newly elected IFLRY board for better coordination.
- **The Bureau approves this draft calendar.**

- Spring Congress May 2023 Budapest

- Accommodation contract and venue signature should happen in the coming days to book the place. It needs to happen by the end of the month for sure. Then we can look into the rest.

3) Finances

- Closing of the year with a deadline to submit refunds, receipts on **4 December** end of the day for everyone.
- 2023 and multi-annual EC+ grant applications: 13 Dec and 20 Dec deadlines. Involve all Bureau members but also former staff that could help. This is the highest priority.
- We are going to work on the financial tree on the drive for 2023 digital bookkeeping.

4) Staff

- Amy is leaving with the end of this Congress

It was her last days with this Congress. We are losing a key person from the team. We will be one person less.

- Future of the Youth Liaison trainee position

- DAS and BG to meet Jacob when DAS is in Brussels (week 29 Nov), a meeting to be set-up to discuss issues at stake at ALDE.
- EJ is ready to step in on some policy work as well in the coming weeks, months if needed.

- Updated task distribution office and Bureau - for decision

- Policy renewal process working group: LC will continue.
- Policy debates: LC upon availability otherwise break until capacity again.
- Policy briefings to MOs: we will put a hold at the moment.
- ALDE delegation: LC will focus on this as a priority.
- Advocacy actions with MOs and MEPs: pairing MEPs with MOs will be put on a hold but keep AM work - DAS and IH will discuss this point further.
- Traineeship initiative with MEP Monica Semedo - AS to send it out - follow up with MOs - data gathering to be sent to Benjamin from Monica's team - AS can step in and support the work.
- BG reminds to use bcc to communicate with the IOs.

- Christmas arrangements:

- Business continuity is **not needed** and holiday dates are between 21 December till 4 January. We are then closing for 2 weeks.
- Only two calls open in the meantime to give members more time: Congress and MO survey points.

- Willemijn Krans proposal

- Study stay for 8 weeks between mid-January and mid-March for her university studies to write her master thesis. University doesn't allow it to be paid.
- **The Bureau is positive but with limits in terms of actual work, we don't support unpaid internships.**

5) Events and next actions

- Liberal Hack outcomes and ELF project report

- CL prepared the outcomes from the Vienna event. We have some inputs from each group. We miss some last parts from one group.
- CL working on all the final reports for ELF projects 2022 - they will be finalised next week. It will be shared with BG and respective project leaders.

- Alliance of her Summit

BG will support the work because AM will only be there partially. Important for LYMEC to stay involved especially ahead of the Youth retreat next year.

- European Youth Forum - COMEM Autumn 2022

TJ and IH are going on Wednesday, it's all booked. They held two interviews. Further meetings will take place on spot. Decisions on votings will be taken by IH and TY on the spot.

- Renew Europe Youth Academy

It will be between 29-30 November in Brussels. DAS will be at the event and hold a speech on our behalf. We have 27-28 spots at the end out of the 50 available spots. Programme

is settled by Renew and we helped on the recruitment of participants and trying to shape the event.

- ALDE Council

Friday and Saturday event in Bratislava between 2-3 December. IH will be our Council delegate. She will arrive after work on Friday and go to the Council meeting on Saturday. DAS will be there as an ALDE Bureau member. BG as International Officer. We have the travels and accommodations booked.

- Digital Assembly and next Policy Book Renewal Working Group: timeline and dates- for decision

Policy Book clean-up: call opens next week on 22 November. Week after the call is being closed on 29 November. Then the work starts. Form will be created and visual can be reused from the last time. We need to be ready for the Digital Assembly taking place during the first days of February.

6) Rainbow Platform_

- Feedback and assessment

BG sent out a longer email to the Bureau with feedback and an assessment of his participation in the Rainbow Platform this year. There are no major comments.

- Creation of a Diversity officer position or reinforcement Ombudsperson - for decision

TH and EJ would be interested in the diversity officer position. She will work on a plan and hold a brainstorming session. EJ will be happy to help, she is doing a lot of this for her work.

TH and EJ will come up with a plan.

7) Invitations

- Students for Liberty Congress April 2023

We are happy to cooperate and we will be there. 22-23 April in Lisbon. AS will follow-up and aim to be there. He will draft an email for ELSN network as well and use this to attract interested members from our student member organisations.

- Renew Europe CAUCUS dinner in Brussels, 1st December 2022

We will check if AS can go and see based on that.

8) News from MOs and IMS

- MP explains about IFLRY:

There are elections next week. The 3 top positions have 1 candidate each: Valentine for SG, Bram for President and Sam for Treasurer. There are more candidates for the Bureau positions. MP will try to set up a digital meeting between the two Bureaus when elected.

- AS explains about the IMS:

AS explains that there will be a meeting with the whole section to debrief the Congress and continue the work on the newbie sessions + topical zoom calls for discussions.

9) AOB

- 2023 Membership survey timeline - for decision

We will open at the beginning of December and the deadline will be in the second part of January.

- DAS will be in Brussels on the week 28 November for Youth Academy but also other representation meetings.

- Political literacy academy with Ece Ciftci:

She wants to organise an event for 18-24 years old. We don't know how to finance it so she will write a project. She proposed to approach MEPs. Two parts - one online and one in-person - we can start small and then set up from there. We should find the financial support first.

Meeting ends at 12 h 30 pm EET.