

**MINUTES
BUREAU MEETING
20 OCTOBER 2022
ONLINE**

The online meeting starts at 18 h until 19 h 30 CEST.

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

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1) Congress - BG

- Logistics and bookings: state of play

- Accommodation and meeting room were both booked;
- Saturday evening is secured with FNF and USR Tineret taking care of the practicalities;
- Travels were booked, even if some Bureau members' trips had to be rescheduled because some flights were changed.

- Latest actions to take

- Finalise the EYY event and send out confirmations when we receive the green light from the Group finally;
- We are in full capacity for the accommodation at this stage, we don't have any rooms free;
- Technical aspects to be double-checked with USR. Ioana explained the following: we will have a Logitech C922 pro camera + tripod. Laptop for zoom and audio card to capture sound from the hall mixer.

- European Year of the Youth event: updates and roles for BM

- We have Issues with the Renew bookings. They encountered internal issues with how to make this event happen from a financial perspective and we are waiting for feedback from their side on the way forward;
- TH will follow up with the financial unit in person to make sure we progress fast;
- If nothing changes by the end of October, there will be no youth event because we have to let our members know asap and it wouldn't make much sense anymore. Next week is therefore the last week.

- Online Working Groups: BM involved and structure - 12 November at 10 h CET

- Handover from MS to LC to cover the details;
- The zoom link will be created before the event on ELF account to be sent out to the participants;
- Signal chat for the WG's will be set up with all actors involved;

- The tasks are divided as following:

LC and AS will take the notes, Ioana and Lucasta will lead the proceedings, Amy and Chiara will open the votes in the respective WG's, EJ will be managing the zoom.

- LC will take the lead on organising a meeting and brief everyone involved;
- AM will set up the excel spreadsheet;
- EJ will join as a back-up and technical support - she will manage the zoom.

- 4 weeks deadline

- Reports: both Financial and Bureau reports will have to be submitted. Reports are to be sent to office@lymec.eu before midnight on Friday;
- Resolutions: 3 were submitted for the moment but more to come - 2 of them from the IMS expected;
- Financial documents: TH to submit and she sent some of them to the Bureau already. On the request for reduced fees, we have 1 from Slovakia - Young Progressives;
- Secretary General nomination: IH will submit it;
- Bureau technical report on membership: LC did for Joves Accio Andorra and IH will submit the second one for Nowoczesna Youth;
- Policy book renewal submission: LC will deliver that. LC will submit the outcomes of the policy book renewal process and the archival as well.

- Roles and responsibilities Congress for BM

- EYY event: AS and EJ to support each other in the facilitation
- BG and Secretariat: open voting + minutes
- EJ for comms
- TJ backup IH on technical matters
- IH is the technical support
- LC on policy
- AS back-up on policy
- AS and TJ to do the welcoming desk
- Daniel Ruiz to monitor the voting and replace BG on SG voting

- ALDE delegation elections updates

- Case of candidates for ALDE delegation not registered to the Congress: they can join online to defend their application.
- We only received two applications so far and the deadline is tomorrow so we should give more incentives.
- Debate with the candidates will be on the Wednesday before the Congress from 19 to 20 CET online - 16 November.

- Bureau meeting on Sunday

- LC is flying back at 6 h before the Bureau meeting so she will connect online.
- 10 h to 12 h EET is feasible.

-USR will have a Congress

It will be taking place in the Parliament on Saturday when we have our Congress on 19 November. DAS will hold a speech quickly there. It shouldn't take more than one hour. It should be at around 10 o'clock on Saturday.

2) Finances - TH

- Final budget proposal

We have now the call open for the E+ grant application and we will do our best to perform. Budget is there with money coming from the savings and we plan on a year without the EC grant, but we hope we will get it and then update the budget for the next Congress.

- Final financial protocol - for decision

The Bureau agrees with the latest version of it.

3) Events - IH, LC, BG

°YCA feedback and closing

The 3rd and last event took place: feedback from the participants was mixed but the event went quite well with great speakers. We will expect the participants to get back to us with progress on their projects. We had issues with one speaker: Samira Rafaela cancelled on us and TH replaced her for that session. AS thanks IH for her great work on this edition again.

°NDI (National Democratic Institute) group visit feedback - Two days twinning programme in Brussels

We mostly worked on the programme part (speakers, topics to be addressed, ...) to bring the group to Brussels. We visited a few EU institutions and had exchanges with MEPs and key stakeholders. It was and is a very nice cooperation and we would want to repeat this next year again.

°Level-Up side event with Renew Europe - latest updates

27-28 October in Brussels: there will be around 1500 young people in the EU institutions, the big Year of the Youth event organised by the European Youth Forum. We are having a side event with Renew on Friday evening. We received a lot of registrations so far, so that is a good sign. We only miss some MEPs to be confirmed.

°Liberal Hack - latest updates

28-30 October in Vienna: we lost some participants on the way as we initially had 4 groups of 4 but we will end with 3 people in two groups. It will be a hackathon with each group on a specific technology. We have a good line-up of speakers with some local and some attending remotely. Everything is set for the event now - we just need the venue invoice to be paid and finalise the certificate for the winners.

°#1 Policy debate

- It will take place on 26 October in the evening for the first time. AM and LC will moderate this session and we hope for a productive policy discussion. It's open to all our members. The link was sent yesterday to connect.

- We should have 1 every 3 months for the frequency of these meetings. In case of something urgent, we can organise more of them of course depending also on our own available resources.

4) COVID situation in Europe - ALL

- General discussion and assessment for future events

We have a disclaimer that we expect the participants to get tested before the events and that they won't come if they are sick or feel sick. No need to check extra documentation beyond what our partners ask. We will have a case-by-case approach for our events. Compliance with the general rules of the countries remains the priority.

5) Call for Communications Working Group - EJ

- Selection and start of the work

The call is closed now. We have received 16 applications. The quality of the applicants is quite good. They are mostly from Julis and IMS so there is a lack of diversity from our member organisations side. There will be a meeting on Monday to discuss the selection of the team. **We will select around 10 participants in total (1 or 2 more could be possible of course in case someone disengages and serves as a back-up).**

6) Invitations

- YFJ Electoral manifesto session: IH put down some comments, questions and points we would want to bring up. BG asks to coordinate before the meeting, so we are aligned. She will share her inputs in a group of 3 with BG and LC.
- Constitutive Congress of Joves Accio will take place before our Congress: LC will connect online to that. There is no date yet.

7) News from IMS and MOs

MOs:

- Alice from Julis reached out to us on a policy cooperation project. They prepared a 'policy communique' on their aims on the 'fit for 55' file. They wanted to get us involved. LC double-checked the text, and she made some amendments to make it policy book compliant. They are liaising with the MEPs from FDP mostly at this stage to have an impact and lobby for the positions. They would like to do a joint social media campaign on this and get other MOs involved as well. DAS comments that we need to be visible as well if we worked on it. This means the logo is present and we are involved in any high level meetings that would take place. LC will set up a meeting with EJ for the communications campaign. IH makes the point of the involvement of the Secretariat, as it shouldn't put too much pressure on the team.
- LC had a meeting with a pan-Italian youth organisation that tried to bring together the liberal forces. They are interested in cooperating; they are in a constitutive process. They are interested in joining us on the longer-term.
- LC went to the Congress of NEON in Greece. It is the successor organisation of PANKS. They are supported by KEfiM and FNF.

IMS:

- There is a steady flow of new IMS joining, that's very positive. One resolution on taxation from the WG will be submitted for this Congress. There are rather good dynamics within the section at the moment.

WG:

- The civil and minority rights group will submit at least 1, maybe 2 resolutions as well.

8) Next Bureau meeting

It will take place in Bucharest on Sunday 20 November between 10 and 12 h EET

9) AOB

-Quality traineeship technical meeting follow-up

LC updates the Bureau on the meeting and the request to gather data from the national level on youth and traineeships. It went well and they were interested in our ideas. LC had prepared a policy brief with all the proposals, and they took the ideas in. It's nice to be early in the process. Once we reach a draft, we will have to monitor that our requests are still there. We will ask our MOs to gather the data, it's not something we can gather from the Secretariat side.

-EJ adds that if anything is going on in your region and we should react, please contact her. It's good to get inspiration and ideas on what we should communicate on.

Meeting ends at 19 h 45