

MINUTES BUREAU MEETING 4 JUNE 2022 DUBLIN

Saturday 08.30 at the ALDE Party Congress in Dublin, Ireland.

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

Invited too: Chiara Liguori (CL)

Arrived later: Tuuli Helind (TH)

Meeting starts at 08:10

Agenda:

1) Bureau responsibilities, regional distribution and portfolios (DAS, IH)

- Distribution of responsibilities for the remaining events of the year

- DAS explains that with IH and BG they worked on the allocation of the tasks for the new Bureau. CL worked on editing a nice template [to present the new Bureau structure.](#)
- Bureau members go through the portfolio and regional responsibilities as allocated in the new structure document.
- DAS explains the innovations compared to the last Bureau. This time there is an overlapping partner for each Bureau member: LC and EJ / AS and TY.
- DAS explains that we shouldn't spend too much time on some countries, so they aren't part of these priorities at the moment. There needs to be mutual interest in general for cooperation. He also adds that if help is needed, BM should reach out to their peers. He also recommends for BM to reach out to their organisations on a regular basis to create an actual relationship.

Questions from BM on the new structure:

- AS has a question on the overview of events. How to make that happen concretely. It is decided that LC will talk with AS about that in a bilateral setting.
- EJ mentions that the Communications team is under her responsibility so that's the second 'working group' for her.
- LC proposes to reach out to her newly assigned countries to make sure they know about the change in contact point. She also adds that it is important not to baby-sit but still inform the organisations.

- BG reminds the importance of GDPR when handling data from our member organisations. GDPR good practice: the link to whatsapp to be sent out via email to ensure opt in takes place.

2) Finances (TH, BG)

- Latest updates on general situation

- Overall situation is stable for the moment.
- 40 000 EUR was available for the next Congress including the contribution of MEPs for side events on the European Year of the Youth.
- We have reserves for the Autumn Congress and should be good thanks to the support of Renew.

- E+ grant

- Thursday there was a technical meeting between the CULT committee and the EC. Youth organisations are putting pressure on their MEPs so that we can bring this up as a united front. We follow up on this, also with Ben Fievet.
- We made an objection to the grant decision. We will hear back in a few months.

- Additional point

- There are limited resources, and it is important to acknowledge that we do this Bureau commitment in our free time. There is no issue in taking sometimes the more expensive options for travel. We have a budget, and we need to follow it in a practical way.
- BG and TH looked at the invoicing process with the credit note system for example.
- She proposes that we should look into alternative auditors to get better results. The cost might go up but for a good impact on the organisation.

-Refund form and documentation

Reminder on the basic rules for refunds with the new form TH worked on. All documents need to be attached in one email and a signature to be added.

3) Latest updates on events (BG, LC)

a) ALDE Party Congress wrap-up:

- LC gives feedback from the delegation. All the candidates were interviewed. The delegation casted their votes already. LC is happy and hopes that we get a more youth-centred Bureau. In the interviews, the financial issues were highlighted on top of the more political content. The youth edition of the AoH for years to come was promised in several meetings.
- Two resolutions were submitted from us and one was merged with the Piu Europa one.

- Working Groups were super quick so no time to discuss all amendments. It is important to reopen some of the amendments when addressed in plenary in a few hours.
- The delegation did a great work and LC would like to thank them. Two members of the delegation dropped out before the event. The two replacements did a great job so that was fixed.

b) LCN Youth edition:

- It takes place next weekend in Helsinki, Finland.
- We are going to be at the venue of SBF.
- We have all the trainers/speakers confirmed.
- All logistical aspects are done. IS will help us on the ground.

c) AoH Youth edition:

- In Budapest in two weeks, everything is booked now. There will be several meetings with local members and female leaders.
- It will be focused on fundraising and communication.
- The participants are very excited and bound really well.
- Amy contributed very much to all the logistical details.

d) Scientifically Illiterate no more:

- It will take place on the first weekend of July in Zagreb.
- AS will go with the staff.
- It will be very content based and not skills based.
- We confirmed the participants, we only need the speakers.
- The not selected person reached out asking for explanations. We will provide.

4) 2023 ELF projects (BG)

a) Define projects, locations and responsible persons

- YLM 2023 - IH in charge
- YCA 2023 - AS in charge
- LCN Youth edition 2023 - EJ in charge
- IMS event - AS and TY to work on a topic - AS in charge
- Liberal Hack focused on energy and environment - AS and TY to work on the CN and LC will help where needed.

b) Drafting CN

- The Bureau is reminded how important this process is.
- Internal deadline is Thursday morning next week - 9 June 2023.
- TH will have to prepare the budgets by Thursday as well.

c) Coordination for project proposals

The deadline will be in July and we will have to discuss locations and dates.

5) LYMEC Autumn Congress (BG)

- Location and dates

- A. Our members in North Macedonia were supposed to organise a Congress for Spring 2020 and the previous Bureau decided that we would give them one as the situation in Europe COVID wise gets better.
- B. LiDem showed interest in delivering this in the current context.
- C. Renew Europe would not be able to support us in North Macedonia, quite a risky option at this stage for that reason.

There is a dilemma here between our member organisation and the ability in delivering the event.

Things to check:

- How committed our North Macedonian partners are on this.
- How sure are we to organise something with Renew.
- Financial situation needs to be taken into account.
- COVID-19 situation is very risky still in general

We will follow up with Laia Garrido from the Renew Europe team to see what's possible. It is important to keep in mind that we have non-EU members and they should also be involved like all others.

We need to open a call for applications to host our next Congress if we don't grant it to the North Macedonians.

6) Summer schedule Bureau + Secretariat (DAS, BG)

- Calendar invites will be sent to everyone.
- BM to send to the Bureau when the staff is off for holidays this summer.
- Business continuity will be ensured at both levels.
- It is important to respect the holidays of the staff as well, especially in the summer.

7) In-person Bureau meeting in August and preparations (DAS, BG)

- 26-28 August: most likely in Belgium but we will see where. We would invite a guest from a partner organisation. We would go somewhere in countryside Belgium.
- We need to look at the work ahead of us, the strategy for the next few years and deliver the programme of action. **Each Bureau member should prepare their priorities for the portfolios decided.**

27 August - Digital Assembly:

- The whole calendar is set for the renewal process of the policy book initiated.
- It's a 3 months process.

- We open the call next week for people to register.
- The work starts late June to have it all ready for the DA.

8) News from MOs and IMS

- The call to apply for IMS positions is open now.
- We also need one new IMS delegate.
- AS is now the person from the Bureau side in the SC

9) Invitations

- Civil Platform for Young Liberal Activists 28-30 June in Sarajevo - Liberal EU values and political activism. **LC will be sent to deliver the session.**
- Radikal Ungdom 12-14 August Summer School - flights would have to be covered by us. **EJ will be sent.**
- LHG request for video - **IH and DAS** will record and send their inputs.

10) AOB

- Call for Working Group will be launched 1 time a year, people can be added ad hoc. Transfer to relevant people will be made soon.
- IH will circulate a template for Bureau members to deliver reports on progress in the different tasks every month.
- EJ proposes a pride month mini-campaign and do one post every week.
- TH adds that we should work with Monica Semedo on an event that she could finance. We could link it to a Bureau meeting.
- Organise more events on the Year of the Youth with the MEPs. TY mentioned this and we should definitely move forward with it. Concept notes should be prepared and then we can contact them.
- Instagram account was hacked the night before Congress. Luckily thanks to 'META' we got it back quickly but this is a serious threat and we need to be careful in the future. CL and EJ will be for now the two having access only.

End of the meeting at 9 h 40