

## MINUTES Bureau Meeting 19 September 2021 Bucharest, Romania

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**Meeting starts at 8 h 35**

### **1) Congress - BG/MP/AA - 45 minutes**

#### **- COVID updates in Europe and situation in France**

There is no big change in the situation in terms of rules, it is quite stable. We have to foresee a proper framework for testing and checking-in to ensure everyone's safety. Important to have the EU certificate - make sure your test and vaccination is available in that format.

We will also explain the 'pass sanitaire' in our future communications. The entry table at the hotel will be divided in two (testing spot and covid check/registration spot).

There will be a rapid testing carried out before the time of the Congress upon arrival on Friday. If the test is positive, then delegates don't enter and go get a PCR.

#### **- Number of participants (including guests)- for decision**

Discussion takes place around the implications on increasing numbers. We have some financial possibilities but also uncertainty around the COVID situation development in Europe. The biggest issue is to change the logistics to fit all the people in case of an increase. Rooming considerations are discussed and the need to fit 2 people in the same room if we drastically increase the number of participants.

**The Bureau decides to keep online participation for the second delegates.  
Guests will be welcomed in-person (7 people).**

#### **- Travels and logistics - for decision**

The options are to be sent to MP and BG for booking. Everyone should do so by Friday. Brussels team is set to take the train.

#### **- Chairing and briefings**

Chairs are confirmed. We will have Svenja, Danica and Remi. BG to send out the briefing soon and one call will be organised.

#### **- Technical updates + Bureau member in charge - for decision**

IH to be in charge of the technical aspects. She will be the chief digital officer. LC to help with testing at the entrance (with shield, gloves and mask) and someone from JR for the whole time at registrations. MP to be at the registration desk.

**- Evening programmes and offers (Friday/Saturday) - for decision**

- Friday evening at the JR HQ with butler service, drinks and food
- Boat for the Saturday evening is being booked for after the dinner at the hotel
- We should add some juice options for the Friday evening and take into account the dietary requirements as well

**- 4 weeks deadline and reports**

Friday 24 September is the deadline with the reports to be submitted from all BM. Resolutions are to be submitted at the same date.

**- Bureau resolution on Afghanistan - for decision**

It is a work in progress on MS side. IMS delegates wanted to co-sign but it should only be the Bureau to keep neutrality. The proposal can then be amended by the IMS if they want.

**- Bureau Meeting at Congress**

It will be on Friday morning from 9 h 30 to 12 h 00. The objective is to organise the last part of the year. Calendar 2022 has to be decided upon at this meeting and the anniversary event as well.

**- Parallel session Friday updates**

We won't organise this at the end. Instead, the Mouvement Radical representative will give an address at the opening.

**- Delegation to ALDE Party Congress - election process**

Deadline to apply to be featured on the website is 1st October. Applications can be taken after as well but no visibility will be granted.

**The bureau decides that MS will be invited to attend together with the delegation if the ALDE Congress takes place after the mandate of this Bureau as an ex-officio/advisory role to ensure smooth transition.**

As an additional point, there should be differentiation whereas the two policy officers work together on the content but the new policy officer leads the delegation (also for the candidacies for President of ALDE).

**- Specific points: badges, promo material, printed material and voting cards**

- Badges - yes
- Promo material - yes
- Printed material - only Libertas magazine (MP, LC and Lucasta)
- Voting cards - no

**-Working Groups**

- We will ask the chairs to be there
- MS with Danica and LC with Remi
- Online before the Congress on Saturday

**2) Finances - MP - 30 minutes**

**- 2022 Budget - for decision**

It was sent out before the meeting to all.

**MP explains that we have a small deficit foreseen.** More money for the podcast was requested and it will be available for next year. In addition, 500 for e-marketing. Money will be

added on equipment for a new camera for LYMEC. More money on ALDE delegation as well with MS joining in – see previous point (most likely the ALDE Congress will take place after the mandate of this Bureau).

#### **- Internal Audit outcomes**

Quick update was sent by MP in the Bureau chat. It is mostly focused on the refund process and the change of currencies when they occur. It is important to use the ECB exchange rates for all requests.

#### **- Outstanding MO and participation fees**

Unchanged but we are in touch, the last 5 MOs fees are still not received. Participation fees are received very slowly.

#### **- Alumni Network updates**

Vedrana will be staying only, the rest of the leadership leaves. We will ask Danica, Svenja and Daniel K and take suggestions from the current board. The first drink will be organised on 23 September. Online GA for Alumni board renewal will be on 12 October.

### **3) Upcoming events - All - 30 minutes**

#### **a. ELF YCA - Event 2 - Andorra**

##### **- COVID updates**

Situation is stable with the EU COVID Certification in place. Only 7 out of 10 participants will be able to attend the event (issues with parallel events - work commitments mainly).

##### **- Logistics and programme**

- Only 1 person will arrive earlier on Thursday instead of Friday so we will make sure that person gets proper accommodation. Hotel and dinners are set with invoices sent to ELF already. The visit of the parliament will take place on Friday.
- The programme is still work-in-progress. We might have one speaker from Barcelona. We asked a few companies in Andorra for potential speakers on Social Media. ELF might take two sessions instead of one. IS is our online back-up if we can make proper connections with the room.
- E-learning was completed by most of the participants but one.

#### **b. Study Session CoE Youth Foundation**

##### **- Preparatory meeting**

It is taking place next weekend in Strasbourg. Katharina will join online and the rest of the team in-person (Adelaide, IS, Lena and LC). Agenda is ready and LC/IS have to prepare the session (a lot of readings).

##### **- Programme Study session**

One organiser is responsible for a part of the broader programme. It has to be discussed next weekend. It is a 5-day event and full attendance is required - it has been made clear in the call.

##### **- Registrations**

Application deadline is next Saturday 25 September with a possibility to extend if need be. Bureau members need to reach out to their MOs directly as soon as possible to trigger more interest. **Profile of participants** should be: people responsible for communicating on diversity,

those who are organising events, responsible for membership and developing the organisation.

### ***-Application 2022-2 Study session EYF***

Bureau assessing the opportunity and relevance of a new application for next year (second part of the year. It is not really an added-value because we do not get many LYMEC applications, a lot of administrative work for us and not structural funding. It is also an additional event and also for a whole week which is not convenient.

**The Bureau decides not to apply for the next call.**

### **c. CoFoE Regional talks**

- Upcoming talks and dates (7 October with the South - LC and 14 October with Benelux and France - MS and MP);
- Additional talks: November for Central Europe potentially - maybe one German speaking event;
- Event with MEP Olivier Chastel in French with our Belgian french speaking MOs on October 13;
- JNC and Ogra Fianna Fail to organise an event together for the CoFoE - Oriol will keep us informed;
- MS to write an article for FEL magazine (the Blue line) about the CoFoE.

### ***- Outcomes of the YLM and latest updates CoFoE***

It was a very needed exercise with the Presidents. It is a pity that we didn't have more leaders. Most of them didn't really know about it and hopefully there will be more mobilisation in our membership after this event.

Climate change, European Values have the most endorsement on the platform at the moment. Pushing our MOs further is the way forward.

**YLM call for action:** MS will work on the outcomes and add a few more points to what the Presidents discussed. Logos to be added (ELF and LYMEC) and names of the Presidents and their organisations. We will ask other organisations as well if they want to sign.

### **4) Invitations - All - 5 minutes**

- DAS going to Ukraine to the LDLU Congress on 9 October;
- IH not going to the Swiss JFS Congress at the end (we would have had to pay for everything and organise it all);
- IH invited to a panel on youth and innovation (involving housing) by the Slovenian UPI organisation. She will send in two videos on the topic;
- MP invited for the JD Academy with Renew Europe in The Hague - no costs are involved. He will represent us there;
- Young Liberals Greece is organising an event - LC might attend their final event in Greece where she will already be;
- Next weekend DAS is going to Sibiu for the Youth Summit with Renew Europe and USR/Generatia PLUS;
- JOVD Congress is happening soon and MP might get an invitation to attend;
- AA to write an article for Jong VLD for the 175 years of the Belgian liberal family. 'Necessity of young liberals for the future' will be the topic;
- IS is meeting the Finish MOs (FCY and KOL) on Thursday to discuss the CoFoE;

- ALDE-PACE: MP and IH to be sent. They will attend online, we will ask for two delegates;
- ELF GA: LC for the working group / BG for the stand and dinner / AA for the actual GA.

## 5) News - All - 10 minutes

### - ALDE Party

- Council Meeting in Rome with DAS being our representative and AA for the Bureau meeting;
- Actual Congress next year Spring in Dublin;
- Strategic document for the next elections is being prepared - Katalin Cseh and Malik Azmani are the rapporteurs. LYMEC might be involved in Working Groups further in the line to contribute;
- ALDE will make some modifications in the AIM section. Take out some of their powers/structures;
- AA reported to the ALDE Bureau about the last online ALDE Party Congress communicating the feedback of the LYMEC delegation members.

### -MOs and IMS

- No news shared by Bureau members

## 6) AOB – 15 minutes

### Renew Europe Winter Academy - 6 to 10 December 2021

We will check if possible, in the EP and we are in touch with the Renew Europe Group for that.

### Alliance of her - Youth Academy 2022 - Call for applicants

Call on Tuesday with LC and the programme manager. We will open applications in October for next year's academy.

### Taiwan project with ALDE and ELF

It would be 'the Hans Van Baalen legacy and partnership program'. It was discussed that they would be involved in the ALDE Council and ELF/ALDE Alliance of her events.

Online first maybe with an event for youth as well- President of IFLRY would be involved if it happens. In the future we could apply for flexible formats at ELF level for such an event.

**Meeting ends at 12 h 30**