

## Online Bureau meeting 25/02/2019

Present: Svenja Hahn, President (HH), Edgaras Mascinkas, Vice President (EM), Lena Höglund, Treasurer (LH), Dan-Aria Sucuri, Bureau Member (DAS), Antoaneta Asenova, Bureau Member (AA), Deimante Rimkute, Bureau Member (DR), Pau Castellvi Canet, Bureau Member (PCC).

Also present: Danica Vihinen, Secretary General (DV).

- Budget Update (LH)
  - LH: Internal audit: NM was critical of the fact that the financial year 2018 wasn't closed at the time of the meeting. A few conclusions, but in general nothing major. DV: ER was thankful for the preparations made by LH and DV.
  - LH: External audit: massive job, but figured out some things that the external auditor didn't even understand at first. Some corrections were made and one conclusion is that bureau members need to file their reimbursement requests before the office closes for Christmas so we don't have to do transactions in 2020 referring to 2019
  - LH walked the Bureau through the updated budget for 2019. Will make a deficit but hopefully not a big one, it's election year so it is not very bad. Has taken out all the air and tried to make it as realistic as possible, mainly we will have more staff costs than expected.
  - DV: To sum it up: It would be great if we could find external funding, please all think about potential sponsors.
- Campaign (EM)
  - EM: Changed the visual to pink in accordance with bureau feedback, EV is working on this to create the content, after EM and DAS will create visuals and plan implementation.
  - Launch at the congress, if anyone has ideas of how to do it please let EM know
- Copyright directive
  - SH: There is a vote on the final agreement in JURI tomorrow, AA has made a wrap up of our positions. As the ALDE representatives in JURI are not in line with LYMEC position we will post on social media to show some liberals are against it. The plenary vote will be in March, we will send the letter AA drafted to all ALDE MEPs and also communicate externally to show consistency and credibility. Asks for an OK to this from the bureau
  - DAS: Absolutely, this has been one of our most successful campaigns and it's been well received so let's keep it up.

- DV: Thanks to AA for drafting this, we now have answers in case/when someone will ask us about our positions
- AA: Should we share the one pager to the IOs as well, if they need help and to support them.
- SH: Wrapped up discussion: SoMe campaign tomorrow, letter later, small campaign team will take from here, let's send to our MOs too
- DV: Yes MOs appreciate this service very much
  
- YCA III (DV, PCC)
  - PCC: Updated that we now have all set: speakers, programme, only small details to fix
  - SH: great, thank you DV and PCC. Need to discuss the refunds asked for
  - LH: Emma's tickets are 340 euro, Lucia hasn't given a number yet: PCC will coordinate with Lucia.
  - Discussion on what is feasible and what budgetline to take it from
  - SH: Emma will get 125, Lucia the difference between 55 euro and DV's train tickets.
  
- Online Learning Platform (DR)
  - DR: Sent all the files on dropbox. DV: Should have curated the material not just saved everything from the toolbox, as a large part of it is not usable. Also need a vision or plan as we don't understand how to use the platform to upload material. DR: Will do after the local elections this Sunday.
  - SH: Also please keep in mind to let people who will be at YCA III know what needs to be recorded
  - DR: Will send plan to PCC for what to get on tape
  - PCC: If you need anything from speakers please let us know in advance so we can discuss with them and have them prepared. SH: and don't just plan to tape a session but really have a strategy on what you want to transfer to the wider audience as nobody will watch 3h of speeches.
  - SH: DR please make this platform your top priority right after the elections, will be held accountable
  
- Paris Seminar (DV, EM)
  - EM gave update on where we are on the programme and speakers, DV has secured two and working on a few more.
  - EM: has been in contact with JAM to get a governmental speaker. Waiting for formal response from JR before going any further
  - DV: As soon as we have formal response from JR president we can call RG to secure the centrist senator as a speaker.
  - EM: Asked about the possibility to cover travels etc for JAM participants if needed. DV: fits into ELF budget so should be ok

- Congress Seminar (DV, EM)
  - EM: Has some speakers lined up
  - DV: There is a lot on the same people right now because of picking up others' slack, so not very far along with this event. The reason why we divide the events between the bureau members is so that nobody has overwhelmingly much at one time, but when people don't deliver it piles up on some. Please consider the rest of the team and let everyone know in advance if you won't have time.
  - PCC: Let know if help is needed with finding/suggesting speakers, happy to help if he finds time as he is sure everyone else is as well.
  - AA: can help to reach out to sir Graham Watson.
- Congress (DV)
  - DV update on where we are with logistics
  - LH: we will get 3500 € from IRI for Saturday dinner
  - DV: Ask office if you need help or suggestions for how to present applicant MOs at the congress, so you all have a coherent way of doing it. Last congress people stated untrue things as facts as they didn't check the actual status with the office.
  - DV: reminder that the resolution tool needs to be opened this week Friday. SH: will make the backend, PCC will take up from there
  - AA: sent an email to MOs regarding how to write (and archive) resolutions and suggested topics.
  - DV: Please all, remind your MOs about registration deadline this Friday and all the statutory deadlines next week Friday!
- Annual Report and Bureau Reports (all)
  - SH: reminder, the deadline is 8.3, EM and SH will make the annual report and template. Will send this week to all.
- Code of Conduct (DV)
  - DV: EV is looking into what chapters to include, DV will draft over the weekend and send Sunday the latest. Deadline for comments next Wednesday so we can make last changes on Thursday as it needs to be submitted on Friday 8 March
- Committee of Discipline and Arbitrage (SH, DV)
  - SH: Hasn't heard from them. LH: FB asked for information on a MO. DV: Haven't heard anything. SH: Will check in with FB and remind of the 2 weeks before congress deadline.

- Moldova Seminar (DV, DAS)
  - SH: putting it on the agenda just to have it on the horizon
  - DAS: had a call with DV and has now looked at what was done at the last seminar, in talks with SB about FNF SEE plans. SB will get back to DAS with ideas shortly.
  - DV: EV is working on a brief of what's going on and the current state of play and plans for EPP/ENP so we know how to focus the programme.
  
- IMS (EM, PCC)
  - EM gave update: Haven't had a SC meeting yet, but Delegates are up and running and have already called for a resolutions meeting and set dates for more meetings.
  - DV: Remember to put the Internal Rules on the agenda for the SC meeting!  
EM: Yes, and also visual identity
  - EM: PCC will discuss with ALDE Party if we can use Nation builder for handling our IMS database but only after the elections.
  - PCC: DV and EV had a meeting with the CEO of Kialo. DV: Seems like a good platform for internal debates, idea to have the IMS as a test group before launching it for the rest of the membership but too late to have it for their internal resolutions debate.
  
- Member Organisations (all)
  - LH: Update on the finances of Norwegian liberal students
  - LH: Please check your MOs if they haven't updated information about members
  - AA: Ivan Despotovic informed of a new organisation in Serbia called "new third way", he will look into it.
  - DV: the new Russian organisation that sent an email, can DAS look into it?  
DAS: yes
  - PCC: had a Skype call with Alliance Youth, they will reconnect to LYMEC.  
DV: And EV will try to meet with them when she's in Belfast in mid-March.
  
- Invitations (all)
  - DV: Mlade ANO congress, dates changed again to 15-17.3 so we need someone to go as DR is unavailable. LH: can go
  - DAS: VU congress in Cph last weekend of March
  
- Next meetings: SH: Need another online meeting before April: 11.3 19:00, 1.4 19:00
  
- AOB
  - AA: Will go to European Leadership Institute by IRI upcoming weekend.