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Bureau Meeting Amsterdam 3 December 2017

Present: Sissel van Run-Kvist, President (SvR-K); Svenja Hahn, Vice President (SH); Marijn de Pagter, Treasurer (MdP) (had to leave for the airport at 10:30); Lena Höglund, Political Officer (LH); Edgaras Mascinskas, Campaign and Communications Officer (EM); Kevin Tammearu, Digital Officer (KT); Sergiu Boghean, Trainings Officer (SB).

Also present: Danica Vihinen, Secretary General (DV)

1) Opening

- SvR-K opened the meeting at 13:35, thanked all for being available to attend and mentioned the Nordic candy brought to the meeting.

2) Evaluation of LYMEC participation in the ALDE Party Congress

- SvR-K: Had debrief with the delegation directly after the congress was over.
- LH: Delegates surprised about the leverage we had, proud to be part of the delegation. Appreciated the leadership and preparation. Good dynamic team, all had experience. Good that she was seen as senior, not quite the case last year; made big difference. Put in a lot of work which was reflected in the way the delegates put in effort as well. Could have been even more prepared but much better than last year. Other delegations came to us to negotiate.
- SvR-K: Managed all we wanted: Our resolutions passed, Ilhan Kyuchyu got elected with the highest number of votes, SH on the Manifesto Group, much of our prints on the legalizing (soft) drugs resolution as well.
- SvR-K: Lena maybe delegate more not to put so much pressure on herself
- SvR-K: Launch of Alumni Network was a success, even Taavi Roivas made an appearance
- SH: Great job with the lobbying of the ALDE Bureau so we got our spot on the manifesto Working Group.

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- DV: Bureau members can be used more, both to fill seats when delegates are in negotiations and also to lobby and negotiate.

3) Finances

- MdP: all open issues solved: we received all the money from the restaurant in Tallinn, and all Stockholm payments have finally been made upon reception of correct invoices. We are looking at a surplus so we have possibility to spend money on things previously put aside. Decision to check with the external auditor what reservations we can make, and the Bureau compiled a list of what should be considered:
 - New laptops for the secretariat
 - Upgrade of the office furniture (standing desks, proper chairs)
 - Translation of statutes
 - Visual identity
 - Adobe Creative Cloud
 - Camera, microphones, stand
 - Website update
 - New app?
- SvR-K: Should send flowers or buy chocolates for Sabine (ALDE party) and Therese (ALDE Group) for their help and patience with the Stockholm bills.
- MdP: send all travel reimbursement and phone bill claims asap.
DV: and boarding passes

4) Erasmus+ application

- SH gave an overview of the strategic plan and what will be added, and DV gave a brief overview of the timeline. Will have Final draft by Friday, December 8 to be sent out to the Bureau, and submit preferably 11.12 (DL 14.12).

5) IMS event

- DV gave update: 20 participants, programme almost full of speakers, just need someone for the Social Media part. EM: Will check with ALDE Group communications

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- DV: We need to look into why so few female participants (2/20), even after we extended the call and specifically contacted female IMs.
- 6) Christmas card
- EM: Will make a funny video with seasons' greetings, to be shared on social media and in the newsletter, also sent to partners
- 7) Zagreb event
- SvR-K: The Vote, vote, vote event will be 16-18.2, everyone should be there as we have BM as well.
 - DV: Hotel is booked, need to look into speakers. SvR-K: This event will be managed by office, DV will hand out tasks
- 8) Staff
- Secretary General
 - DV: expressed her willingness to extend her contract that ends in April 2018, in accordance with the statutes. Discussion on how this is done.
 - SvR-K: Looking at the statutes there is not a need for an open call for applications, if the Bureau decides to extend the contract. Then it is only the Bureau recommendation that is put forward to the Congress for approval.
 - Assistant
 - Call for the new assistant should be launched after the Erasmus+ application is done in order to get the process through by mid-January so that the person can start in February 2018.
- 9) AOB
- Social media from the Congress: EM will make a video or similar to go with a web article about the victories.
 - IFLRY: SvR-K: had meeting (SK, SB, Pauline and Tone), all good. They're moving their HQ to mainland Europe, currently looking at Netherlands and Berlin.
 - LH: Two of the mentorship pairs met during the congress. The mentors are very enthusiastic and have spoken warmly of the programme

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- SH: Working on the Berlin congress. JuLis will have a seminar parallel to ours.
- LH: Had discussion with Martina Dlabajova, MEP about youth employment. Also with NDI who are interested in cooperating.
- DV: IRI also still want cooperation, met Thibault Muzergues briefly at the ALDE office last week.
- DV: Youth of United Democrats in Cyprus might be interested in re-engaging, should invite them to congress
- SH: SH, SvR-K, DV had a meeting with Ciudadanos youth, went well.
- LH: Radicali Italiani interested in cooperating
- SH: JFS Switzerland interested in coming back, good if someone could go to their congress 9-11.3 in Basel. If SH can't go KT will.
- DV: ESFL LibertyCon2018 will be 13-15.4 in Belgrade

10) Closing of the meeting

- SvR-K closed the meeting at 14:50

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