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Bureau Meeting Brussels/Skype 11 November 2017

Present in Brussels: Sissel Kvist, President (SK); Lena Höglund, Political Officer (LH); Edgaras Mascinskas, Campaign and Communications Officer (EM)

Participating over Skype: Svenja Hahn, Vice President (SH) (participating in JEF Europe EC in Malta); Marijn de Pagter, Treasurer (MdP); Kevin Tammearu, Digital Officer (KT) (Moderator at a Financial Technology conference in Tallinn); Sergiu Boghean, Trainings Officer (SB).

Also present in Brussels: Danica Vihinen, Secretary General (DV)

1. Opening

SK opened the meeting at 15:00 and thanked all for joining the meeting, explained that KT is moderating a debate but will join as soon as he can.

2. Erasmus Application

SK explained that we will apply for the FPA for three years, which requires a 3-year plan which is why it needs to be discussed in the Bureau. Draft by Office, SH and SK

First year will clearly be emphasizing the 2019 elections, but need to look into the two later years. First draft by Friday 17 November, aim is to have the application more or less ready before the end of November so it can be approved at the Bureau Meeting in Amsterdam.

(KT joined the meeting 15:07)

3. Youth Forum COMEM

SB will represent LYMEC, will attend session for first-time participants.

DV: Explained the motion and the two resolutions that will be voted upon during the Comem, all documents are uploaded in Basecamp

4. Interim IFLRY Representative

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Igor Caldeira has to step down as LYMEC representative in IFLRY Bureau due to getting a job in the EU institutions.

SK: suggestion to appoint an interim representative from the bureau until the next Congress where we would anyway elect a new representative. SB has expressed interest. Discussion on what it encompasses, agreement to appoint SB as interim representative.

5. ALDE Congress

- General preparations: LH: Amendments sent to Bureau yesterday. General impression is that the group is active, most very actively participating, people have different strengths. Still a bit unclear when exactly everyone is arriving so hasn't been able to set the time for the delegation meetings. Regarding ELF fringes: Might have to interview candidates to ALDE Bureau VP on Saturday, so can maybe not participate in that one.

Division of labour very clear, already approaching parties ahead of the congress to sort out possible differences.

Might come an urgency resolution on Catalonia.

- Support for Ilhan: SK: Makes sense to give a strong recommendation to the delegation to support Ilhan Kyuchyuk, as he is one of our strongest allies and president of one of our member organisations. Decided that SK will send an email suggesting this to the delegation.

- Launch of Alumni Network: SK met with Pauline Kastermans (IFLRY president) and agreed on a shared event in Amsterdam. We need to make promotional material for the launch, SH and EM will look into it as agreed at the previous BM. SH: Will write the text for the section in the website the upcoming week, same information in a leaflet that will be handed out with a section for signing up. SK: Let's try to get permission from ALDE Party secretariat to have them handed in at the registration desk as well. SH: Let's also spread them on all tables during the coffee breaks

MdP: What was the minimum fee? SK: Low annual fee to start with.

6. IMS Event

SK: December 8-10, skills training in accordance with results from IMS poll. Launched yesterday on website and Facebook, also a Facebook event. SK will be there for the opening but can't be there for the whole event. EM and DV plus hopefully Rick will participate.

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7. Finances

SK: Really hope the issues with the bills from Stockholm will be solved as soon as possible. MdP sent out explanation of the situation by email yesterday. MdP: Has made a plan B, in the worst-case scenario we can pay the outstanding amount from our reserves.

Sofia congress is already all paid.

SK: How about the office updates? Can we proceed with those?

MdP: Let's in any case wait until the start of December when we have a better overview of the end of year figures.

Discussion about non-EU money and how to diversify the sources of income.

8. Christmas Card

EM suggest a funny video with all Bureau members, to be sent out via Mailchimp and uploaded on Social Media.

9. New visual identity

EM and SH gave an update on the latest developments, will ask for offers from agencies.

MdP: Should be paid this year.

10. Campaign

EM: Next focus will be climate change, we're trying to get Fredrik Federley to do a dialogue on this. SK can't interview him because she's working in ENVI, but LH will be in Brussels on 22.11 so might be able to do it.

11. Any other business

SK: Really successful kick off of the mentorship programme, Angelika Mlinar was great and LH has done an amazing job putting it all together. The group of mentees is very good. Some questions from MOs regarding the scope. LH: Needs to be a small group not only now because it's a pilot, but also in the future as it needs to be very closely monitored. Also, next time needs to be on week days so that mentors can participate.

ALDE Congress: SK and SH will write short texts for the website before the congress regarding our two resolutions. LH will point out the most controversial parts.

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Next BM: SK: has everyone sent their travel times to office? Can we have BM Sunday afternoon? DV: Should be ok for everyone.

DV: We need to soon launch the call for the next assistant. SK: Makes sense to have interviews in the beginning of January if we want the person to start from beginning of February.

12. Closing of the meeting

SK Closed the meeting at 16:07, said that she is looking forward to meeting everyone in Amsterdam.

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