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Bureau Meeting Sofia 15 October 2017

Present: Sissel Kvist, President (SK); Svenja Hahn, Vice President (SH); Marijn de Pagter, Treasurer (MdP); Lena Höglund, Political Officer (LH); Edgaras Mascinkas, Campaign and Communications Officer (EM); Kevin Tammearu, Digital Officer (KT); Sergiu Boghean, Trainings Officer (SB).

Also present: Danica Vihinen, Secretary General (DV)

1. Congress de-brief

All agreed that the organization was very good and that LYMEC is very grateful for the logistical help from YRMF.

SK: The resolutions working groups worked well, much thanks to the fact that the congress chairs were chairing these too. The congress chairs did a really great job in general.

SK: Let's remember for next congress to double check that we have the right number of votes printed on the voting cards. DV: Yes, noted.

IMS motion: Discussion about the IMS motion that was not carried and the next steps. Agreed that SK will reach out to the IMS delegates to discuss how to proceed from here with the reform.

Seminar: It was really good initiative to also have our own members in the panel, we got good feedback. Decided that SB will do the ELF reports.

2. Upcoming Events

A. Book launch 18.10: DV gave a short overview, the printed books should arrive in time, confirmed speakers are Angelika Mlinar, Sissel Kvist, Susanne Hartig, a yet-to-be named person from Refugee Tandem, and Saara Jokela and Manel Msalmi of the authors. DV will moderate.

B. Mentorship Event: We will inform on Monday who will be chosen (LH); those not chosen will get proper feedback. Event itself: November 10-11, Open VLD office, DV and LH are working with Hans Maes from Jong VLD on the practicalities.

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C. Alde Party congress (launch of alumni). LH: very happy with the delegation, resolution submission a bit hectic but it worked out in the end, people are now very enthusiastic. Need to give information on amount of travel refund.

Will also officially launch alumni network during the congress, have to check with IFLRY if we are doing it together. SK: It would be nice to have a printed invitation with a bottom part interested people can rip off and give to us with their contact information. Everyone should check their flights so we know if we can have a BM on Sunday evening.

D. IMS event: Decided at the IMS meeting on Saturday morning that the office does survey/Fb poll on the skills they want to train, MdP will check the budget how many people we can accept

E. Pool of Trainers SB: Wants to establish a pool of trainers, should have a call, a training of trainers to learn how they can use the toolkit. EM: We could look into YouDemi, online training on democracy. Also need to get MOs to send material for the toolkit. Look into international foundations to have funding for trainings. SB will write a concept note.

3. Finances

The open financial issues from Stockholm and Tallinn congresses are still not solved, MdP will send a new draft letter later today. MdP ran through the over all financial situation, pointing out which budget lines have money left

4. New visual identity

SH: we have good ideas but need money to pay a designer, happy to hear that there is money left in the right budget lines. At least 2000 € needed. Want to do it properly as it will be a long process.

5. Christmas Greeting

SK: let's try to think about something brilliant the upcoming month: DV: maybe an online Christmas calendar?

6. Update of office equipment:

DV: what is most urgently needed is new laptop(s). There has also been a discussion about standing desks.

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7. Invitations and visits

SB will represent LYMEC at European Youth Forum COMEM in Cascais, Portugal 23-25.11

KT will go to Porto for Jorge de Jesus' party's event on November 25th

SH will represent LYMEC at JEF congress in Malta on November 10-12

LH will participate in the NLRU event in Norway

Social Summit in Stockholm: No capacity to participate

Greek Liberal Youth event: Decision that no one will go, as they asked for Spanish/French/English speaker and also because the budget line for MO representation is exhausted. DV will inform the organization.

NUV congress last weekend in October, no one will attend as MO representation budget line is full

SH: was invited to an event in Russia with FNF but can't go

SK: Stand Up for Europe congress in Munich, will attend as she's going to Munich on other business

8. Erasmus+ Operational Grant

DV will attend info-day about the new call for grant applications on October 27th, and after that inform everyone about possible changes. Deadline for applications in mid-December, but will try to have everything done by ALDE Congress.

9. ALDE Manifesto group

SK: it seems to be unclear if LYMEC is on it or not, will check with ALDE bureau members

10. AoB

No other business

11. Closing of the meeting

SK closed the meeting and wished everyone safe travels home.

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