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Bureau Meeting on Skype 4 July 2017

Present: Sissel Kvist, President (SK); Svenja Hahn, Vice President (SH); 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)

Apologies: Marijn de Pagter, Treasurer (MdP)

SK welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 20:17

1. Upcoming events (own)

A. Young councillors

- EM gave update, about 40 applicants in total, ALDE CoR have narrowed it down to 19, have extended to certain countries that are not represented and ultimately we will have 25 participants; confirmations will be sent this week or next, then ALDE CoR will start booking tickets
- Sunday-Monday 27-28.8: Arrival Sunday, bus to Mechelen, visits and dinner there, Monday morning meeting and after the first coffee break joint meeting with ALDE CoR Group. More meetings/visits are planned in the afternoon.
- EM, DV and SH will participate

B. YLM 8-10.9, Podgorica

- DV gave recap on state of the event: Dates are set, LY Montenegro are looking for hotels, programme still same as was submitted in the proposal to ELF last summer.
- Save the date was included in the Newsletter on Monday and invitation will be sent this week to President, SG and IO of member organisations
- Discussion about the programme, decision to check Satka Hajdarpasic, Katrien van der Broek and Valentin Dupouey Sterdyniak (JEF) as speakers
- SK: Please inform DV about your flight preferences so she can check flights asap. The new assistant will not go.

C. Congress

- DV gave update :
 - Dates set for 13-15 October
 - The venue will be Novotel Sofia, Ilhan will provide three offers in total by the end of this week

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- There will be a cocktail reception on Friday evening to celebrate 10 years of Bulgarian (and Romanian) EU membership
- The farewell dinner and party will be somewhere a bit away but there will be buses to take people
- There is already a basecamp for the event, MdP will upload the updated budget there
- YMRF would want us to have a "wall" behind the podium instead of roll-ups. Decision to look into the possibilities of that, task force for this: DV, SH, EM, MdP, one local organiser
- Resolutions: Local organisers need to know how many meeting rooms should be included when they ask for offers. Discussion on one or two groups, decision on two.

D. Congress seminar

- DV gave recap :
 - The programme is still according to the original plan that was submitted to ELF, except the venue has changed from Chisinau to Sofia
 - will discuss this with Daniel Kaddik, FNF willing to support us in the planning
 - need to decide on number of people as we need to get an offer for this as well from the hotel

2. Upcoming events (external)

A. IUSY Summer camp in Albania

- DL 5.7
- Refund 200 for travels
- LH available but might be very expensive to fly from Helsinki
- If LH can't go we send apologies, it is only a networking event so good to attend but not crucial

B. Task Force on Youth Guarantee, European Youth Forum event

- LH available and can attend the full event
- DV will check the survey that is connected to this, bureau decision on survey answers

C. (Y)MRF events in Bulgaria: Brexit and the future of the EU 19.7 and How to promote liberalism in the era of populism 20.7

- SB will attend as it is his region

D. FNF Academy

- SH explained that the FNF Academy is interested in cooperating on the ELF events next year, but also offers for us to do an event in Gummeresbach next year
- Discussion and agreement to do a non-election related event
- 20-70 participants, free to do this at any time of the year, so suggestion to have it as a summer school

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- Seminar rather than training, political discussion on a few given topics, workshops
- July?
- SH will call Philip tomorrow and propose July

3. IMS reform

- SK: intention to reply to the delegates this week
- feels like the discussion is stagnated at the moment
- SH: Communication tool: WhatsApp is not official tool. Also pointed out that there are many misunderstandings in the IMS delegates reply.
- DV: let's use the expressions used in the statutes (IMS Council, Mandatory Meeting)
- SK: Suggested that DV and EM set up a meeting with the IMS delegates in person in Brussels asap
- Steering Committee: decision to suggest 2+1 members as compromise
- Country coordinators: can be on ad hoc basis like they are now, should not be in the internal rules
- SH: IMS can have their own WGs, not forbidding we just suggested to have a joint one on policy as MO members are also interested
- Elections: Should steering committee be elected before or after Bureau elections?
SK: after, if someone runs for bureau and isn't elected the person has the chance to run for SC
- Email: for steering committee or delegates? Decision to open a imsdelegates@lymec.eu address for now, but this should be revised after the first SC is elected.
- Their own IMS agenda point in congress: SH: suggestion: "reports from MOs, IMS and WGs" all in one
- Membership fees - hard to move to civil year as people have signed up using PayPal with automatic renewal
- When too old, suggest to become member of both ALDE IMS and LYMEC alumni

4. Alumni Network

- SH gave recap on the meeting SH and MdP had with Bart Wanmarcke in Mechelen:
 - asbl, no notary needed (company can get tax refund)
 - make statutes ourselves, get them, bring it to staatsblad, ca. 200€ fee,
 - independent person status in legal system, capital of its own
 - board members are not legally responsible
 - mandatory to present yearly accounts, therefore one general assembly a year in the first half of the year,
 - have founding meeting and statutes
 - at least 3 in general assembly, 2 people in board
 - board members treasurer, president, Secretary General, and as many VP as General Assembly decides
 - Content of statutes:

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- Should write down as cause that the aim is support LYMEC and its activities so it will stay close to lymec.
 - maximum contributions of membership fee needs to be mentioned in statutes
- Next step: Write statutes and rules of procedure (we get general statutes from Bart, write it ourselves and Bart will check), organise the founding general assembly. Decision to organize the founding meeting during the Internal Audit as we will have the required amount of people present.
 - DV: Let's think of how to thank Bart for doing this pro bono. SH: Already promised he will get Sofia Congress without participation fee.
5. Visual identity
- EM gave recap of what SH and EM discussed during their meeting in Brussels
6. New assistant
- Decision that SK and DV will select candidates for interviews
7. Elf application
- SK gave recap on current status, asked all to do their own parts (speaker suggestions for example) quickly
 - DV: Will send the draft to ELF asap to check the phrasing
 - Everyone to send their parts to SK by Friday so she can wrap it up during the weekend, DL is Sunday
8. Update on campaign
- EM gave recap of current status:
 - will discuss with Urmas Paet next week
 - Ilhan Kyuchyuk and Cecilia Wikström are in the pipeline
9. Any Other Business
- SK: Let the others know when you're on holiday!
 - DV: Keep in mind that the office is closed three first weeks of August so for anything needed inform the office by end of July.

SK closed the meeting at 22:00

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