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Bureau Meeting, Athens 24th February 2017

Present: Sissel Kvist, President (SK); Svenja Hahn, Vice President (SH); Marijn de Pagter, Treasurer (MdP); 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: Lena Höglund, Political Officer (LH);

1. Opening (SK)

- SK opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, and expressed her regrets that LH couldn't attend because of her delayed flight

2. Tour the table (All)

- SK: Doing well, started to work full time
- KT: Yesterday last day at the embassy, started a new job. Spring is coming, favourite time of the year. Today is Estonia's national day, 99 years.
- EM: Everything is fine, work is good, life is good, also waiting for spring
- SB: Also good, still working for the ministry of education, the party is still in government, though there are currently protests in Moldova against the government and the ministry of education in particular. Family is good.
- MdP: Life in Utrecht is busy, as the elections are coming up and he's the campaign coordinator in Utrecht. Work is good. Busy, but all good. And has found a new flat.
- DV: All is good, happy to finally get a new assistant.
- SH: Fine, the busy time of the year at work is ending, looking forward to busy LYMEC times instead
- LH (by email): Had a very busy period at work, now on vacation.

3. Upcoming own events

- Athens Seminar (DV)
 - i. All ok, waiting for confirmation of Saturday dinner from YL Greece

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- ii. SH will write the reports for ELF
- March for Europe (DV)
 - i. SK: Hopefully we will get the money from ALDE Group
 - ii. DV: one spot left in the delegation, happy that we have a very diverse group both organisation wise and regionally.
- Manchester Hackathon (KT/DV)
 - i. KT: Will send the concept and program on Tuesday so we can launch the call
 - ii. Decided that spots will be distributed according to answers to 3 questions that KT makes for the application. Launch 28.2, DL for applications 7.3, confirmation by 9.3
 - iii. KT, EM, DV, PG (Paulína Gono, administrative assistant) will attend from bureau/office
- PPYO Debate (SK/DV)
 - i. The next PPYO debate will be hosted by YES in connection to their congress in Duisburg, Germany, on Saturday, 8th April from 10-12.30
 - ii. DV and SK will be in Oberhausen for JuLis Congress that weekend, and the place of the debate is only 6 minutes away by train from the congress so either can participate.
- Congress in Stockholm (DV/LH)
 - State of Event
 - SK: Hotel within the budget, LH will still check Scandic hotels. SH is in charge of the party (ESC).
 - Decision to have working groups on the resolutions, as everyone wants it according to the survey after the last congress. Better to do it in the afternoon on Friday before the Congress starts as more people have arrived then.
 - Seminar on Education: KT, SB, LH + Swedes. Center Party International Foundation is partner.

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- Chairs: SH suggested Eoin O’Niallain (Ogra FF), and on top of that we will have one from CUF and one from LUF.
 - Distribution of delegate spots: After a discussion, it was decided that a certain amount of spots / organisation will be guaranteed (WG on statutes and congress are currently working on this) and any leftover spots will be distributed according to MO size.
 - Future of Congress Newspaper. Lots of work but low appreciation, outcome of the congress survey showed that few people read it. Decision to stop printing the newspaper, rather put effort into turning the Libertas section on the website into more of a blog. EM + PG
 - KT: Voting data, should we aggregate results on who voted how? Discussion, decision to have a motion on three different ways of storing, KT will draft a motion.
 - Decision to launch the Congress Call right after we have the hotel booked
 - KT: Make sure to check the wifi in the hotel
 - Freedom fund: A way to secure the participation of MOs with financial constraints in the congresses to promote diversity. ALDE Group grants us 1500 € per congress for travel reimbursements, criteria should be defined. SK will propose criteria, decision by email, launch as a nice positive piece of news.
 - MO applications: Associate: UDI Jeunes, Mlade ANO, Nowoczesna, Nasa Stranka Youth, Greek Liberal Youth, possibly Moldova; Full: TLDE
 - MdP suggest to propose the following to the congress:
Disaffiliations: Youth of MNSP (Bulgaria), Mladi Liberali Democracija (Slovenia) (DV will double check with Gasper Koprivsek and Dejan Radunic if they have any proof of life from the organisation first).
Suspension: Mladi Liberali Slovakia (PG will check the organisation first)
- Andorra Seminar (MdP)
- i. 9-11 June

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- ii. Budget from Andorrans a bit unclear, SK will check with Judith, IO of the motherparty
 - iii. DV will check IRI sponsorship
 - CoR Event
 - i. EM: ALDE CoR wants to repeat the successful event from 2015 and do a summit for young locally and regionally elected politicians together with LYMEC in the summer
 - ii. After discussion decision to prefer the end of August, LYMEC will need to provide contacts to potential participants, while CoR will take care of all the logistics. The programme will be made up by LYMEC and ALDE CoR together.
 - iii. YDE will have to be involved
 - iv. EM will draft concept during the next week. We will get to select the participants after applications.
 - ALDE Summer School (DV)
 - i. The Summer Academy is confirmed by ALDE Group, it will be 28-30.6 and all bookings are already made (meeting rooms, hotel)
 - ii. Theme will be decided together with YDE, LYMEC suggestion could be Europe's place in a changing world
 - (Possible) Euro Pride Madrid (LH)
 - i. 1.7.2017, day after Summer academy
 - ii. Look into if Ciudadanos are doing anything and maybe send 1-2 people as it is important to take part
4. Invitations and Visits
- PPYO Study Trip to Cyprus (DV)
 - Blog post for Libertas
 - Look into ALDE memberparty
 - JEF Strasbourg (DV)
 - 10-12 March.

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- YFJ sent an invitation to the office and JEF Germany sent one directly to SH
- Decision to see if JRdG could represent LYMEC as no one is available on short notice
- ESFL LibertyCon (EM)
 - ESFL president sent an invitation, EM will participate and also set up meeting with Mlade ANO
 - Discussion about what to raise during the meeting with Eyd Aradottir Hammer
- JNC Congress (DV/LH)
 - SH: LH and SH got invitation, LH is available, would be good to participate, decision to send LH as the regionally responsible
- Julis Congress (SH)
 - JuLis sent invitation directly to SK and DV, both are available and will go as speakers on getting involved in international politics and campaigning.
- FNF Russia (SK)
 - Discussion round on future of liberalism coming up: 13.3 crisis of democracy, 24.4 crisis of the welfare state, 5.6, crisis of identity; FNF Russia want young speakers and they're offering travel refunds.
 - KT can go in June as will get a passport in April, March is too close for anyone to get a visa, SK or SH might be able for April.
 - SK will notify FNF Russia
 - SH will check with Julius if they will have money to finance a small scale campaign training for Yabloko and Parnass youth the weekend before the April event
- ERPY congress 4.3, KT will go
- SU Congress (LH)
 - 5-7.5
- ELF GA (SK)
 - 12.5, same date as our congress. Decision to give a proxy to Jelena Jesajana as former Bureau Member (She will be there as the director of the Latvian ELF member organization)
- YFJ Comem and GA (DV)

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21-22.4

DV will check if LH as policy officer can go, if not KT

- ALDE party Treaty of Rome event in Brussels on March 25th. SK in Rome but SH could participate, waiting for more info from Daniel Tanahatoe

5. Finances (MdP)

- Might have a surplus for 2016 if we get the full 20% that's left of the 2016 grant from the EC
- Possible targets to spend the surplus: Office upgrade (docking stations for laptops, motorised desk), DV will do market research, then MdP will look into it budgetwise. SB: Capacity building event either in 2017 or early 2018, DV will look into getting IRI funding for that.
DV: Andorra event
- New financial protocol, will be in the Congress agenda

6. Update from working group on statutes and congress (SK)

- The Skype this week was cancelled, so next meeting next week
- Now working on the statutes to make them clearer. Also want to cut down on Bureau reports etc. to allow more time for debate on resolutions
- Rule for delegation size, need to work out a key for distribution of spots between the delegations

7. Campaign (EM)

- Teaser is ready, launch next week, also a press release.
- Long term goal is to have a LYMEC CI, EM will draft a proposal how to update for now, at least use magenta in our campaigns to keep connection to ALDE logo

8. Elections (discussed during lunch)

- Northern Ireland (SH)
- Netherlands (MdP)
- France (EM)
- Bulgaria (SB)

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9. New Emails (EM)

- Produweb can help switch. Decision: change to Gmail Business

10. Twinings

- SK: Now ERPY, FCY and SU have a meeting in Tallinn 4.3, but only to find common ground
- Rule of thumb: concrete proposal and not only setting up cooperation. SK will draft proposal to guidelines for LYMEC financial support for twinings

11. Alumni Network (MdP)

- SH: Three different ways to set up: Sponsor membership, club close to LYMEC, independent club. SH have elaborated in a doc in Basecamp
- KT: Third one is not feasible, would be too separate. SH: So Sponsor membership or club close to LYMEC. SK: Not the sponsor membership. Agreement to proceed with club close to LYMEC.
- SK: Double check with Igor that there are no red flags
- MdP: Still have to contact JOVD officially about using their office.
- SH: Rather in Belgium as it's better to have it together with LYMEC office for the long run. MdP will ask Jong VLD to help us find a notary. DV will check with Sabine in ALDE Party Secretariat if there is anything special to keep in mind.

12. Toolkit (SB)

- Discussed over lunch

13. Any other business

- Newsletter: PG will make a lasting structure, every 2. Monday, MailChimp
- IMS elections: 6-8.3, KT will figure out how to execute the voting.

SK closed the meeting at 13.54

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