



MINUTES BUREAU MEETING

19 March 2016

Bruxelles, Belgium

Present: Vedrana Gujic, Sissel Kvist, Danica Vihinen, Timo Roeleveld, Svenja Hahn, Jelena Jesajana, Markus Ylimaa

Also present: Igor Caldeira

1. Opening of the meeting, adoption of the draft agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting

VG opens the meeting at 14:22, minutes adopted with no amendments.

2. Events in 2016

a. Campaign training in Moscow - *state of play*

JJ explains the present political context in Russia. JJ will continue to negotiate with local partners on the best possible arrangement for this event. The Bureau prefers earlier dates to be able to contribute to capacity building prior to the upcoming elections.

b. Planned events after LYMEC Congress in Vienna – *for information purposes*

Young liberals in Parliaments, Bruxelles

IC presents outline. Event will be implemented by the new bureau. Resources are secured. We will contact member organisations and parties directly and target elected young MPs.

ALDE Party Council, Vilnius

VG introduces, it will take place 4-5 June, and will be attended by the elected President and Vice President.

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LYMEC-ALDE Summer Academy, Bruxelles

IC presents event, will take place 29June-1July and will have as a topic "Connections".

Topics under debate could include: Schengen, Roaming, Net Neutrality, Digital Single Market, Energy Union, European Defence.

3. Preparations for the Congress in Vienna

a. Walkthrough the agenda and distribution of tasks

Farewell party venue is settled, IC will check technical conditions for video and sound.

We will send invitations to PPYOs and ALDE Party and Group.

VG introduces agenda. IC will correct point on the nomination of Secretary General.

We will have several organisations applying for membership this Spring congress. IC will check 3H Turkey and SK will check TLDE Romania.

We will try to implement the resolution software in this congress. SH and DV will talk to developer. To improve the organisation of the debates on resolutions, before the snap vote each author will present his/her resolution for one minute.

b. State of the Budget – incomes, donations, expenditures

Budget is in slight deficit, but can be covered. We will look for additional funds. Given the big interest of our members we might need to get more hotel rooms.

4. Finances

a. LYMEC Internal audit – debrief

DV presents conclusions. Internal auditors asked us to contact again members with outstanding debts in participation fees. External audit will take place 22 of March.

In this congress we will select a new external audit company. DV will prepare proposals.

5. Participation in upcoming activities

a. British Stay IN campaign

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We will promote an online campaign in support of UK's membership of the EU. SH proposes using online ads directed at the UK public. DV and SH will coordinate. In the congress we will start the campaign with pictures with our delegates.

b. Youth Forum PPYO debates programme

First debate will be on youth unemployment. IC will represent LYMEC. The second will take place on the European Youth Event in Strasbourg, late May on radicalization; SK will represent us. Third debate will be in Fall, and will be inserted in the EC programme of a New Narrative for Europe.

DV will represent LYMEC at COMEM.

c. LGBTI seminar and Eurovision viewing

LYMEC will participate in a joint initiative with ALDE Party, Open VLD, FNF, ELF at Open VLD's offices on a debate about LGBTI rights and group viewing of Eurovision on the day of Brussels Gay Pride, 14 May.

6. Selection of the next Secretary General

a. Presentation of the candidates' performance

VG and SK presented the results of the interviews with 3 candidates. The key areas that were questioned were general knowledge about LYMEC and liberal politics in Europe, office work experience, project and event management, IT skills and general relations to work.

Decision on the new Secretary General Based on the performance of the candidates, the Bureau selected Danica Vihinen for LYMEC Secretary General.

7. Closing

Meeting closes at 17h05.

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