



## LYMEC BUREAU MEETING MINUTES

1<sup>st</sup> of November 2015

### **Present**

Vedrana Gujic, President (VG); Sissel Kvist, Vice-President (SK); Danica Vihinen, Treasurer (DV); Svenja Hahn, Press Officer (SH); Jelena Jesajana, Campaign Officer (JJ); Markus Ylimaa, Training Officer (MY); Timo Roeleveld, Political Officer (TR)

### **Also present**

Igor Caldeira, Secretary General (IC); Mitch Devinck, Assistant (MD)

**01.11. 12:00**

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

Opening meeting at 10:45 by VG, the agenda is adopted and the previous minutes are accepted.

### **2. Analysis and comments on the Congress in Helsinki**

-SK suggests the introduction of working groups concerning the resolutions, to speed up the process.

-TR: agrees and adds that a new system has to encompass fringes, working groups and the plenary session.

-IC: The congress went very well, thanks to the local organizers and a great team of chairs. Concerning resolutions, and other practicalities in the congress, we have to choose between giving plenty of opportunities for participation, or do it fast.

-next congress we need to implement deadlines for amendments and start using the amendment software. It is impossible to insert amendments while the discussion on other resolutions is taking place. That would only be possible if we had a secretariat of at least two people just for resolutions (which we don't have).

-Time limit for speakers, to speed things up. It is pointless to have 3 resolutions discussed in three hours and 2 in 30 minutes because in the end people have realized they do not have more time.

-JJ: Challenges the scope of the congress, should we go for reporting by the bureau or allow more time for amendments. Bureau majoritarily believes that reporting is fundamental, though we can/should try to make the political discussion more agile.

The quality of the fringes has not been very high, we could use the time for working groups, which in

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turn would help the congress as a whole.

-MY: In general everything was fine, the local organizers where really active and did a great job. The fringe speakers could be better; a solution has to be found for the next congress. For example, some working groups on resolutions could be put in place before the congress itself.

-DV: We need to find a solution for the fringes. The venue place was great, the food was really good and this was a big plus.

-SH: there were some concerns being raised about the fringes. Also supports the working group idea.

-JJ: There were a lot of new people in this congress, which can only be welcomed.

-IC: The fringe model has been exhausted for some time now. If we are to move in to the working groups, it should be properly framed, respecting democracy and allowing the secretariat to introduce any changes in the final documents.

-MY: working group can accept some of the non important amendments. TR agrees.

-VG: this was a great congress, the venue place forced everybody to attend and be on time. The concept of fringes is exhausted, we should move to working groups. The chairs were great. Political discussions were good, but we have to regulate the speaking time. Main concern about the new model of working group on resolutions is how to regulate quorum and majority when voting on amendments. We can test the ALDE party model of consensus and passing on only amendments that are disputed. TR will propose a new model for working groups on resolutions.

### 3. LYMEC delegation to Budapest

- a. Organisation of the activities and distribution of tasks  
TR gives update about ongoing amendments for congress and update about internal politics. Upon request, we will send a delegation list to all the candidates running for ALDE Party. TR and IC will prepare programme for LYMEC delegations and find timeslots for presentation of all ALDE candidates to LYMEC.
- b. LYMEC fringe on Development aid – speakers, moderators  
VG will need help with the fringe, because of time concerns on Friday. IC clarifies that he and MD will be there to help. VG is still working on contacting speakers, but this is in a final stage.

### 4. Other events in 2015

- a. FNF Winter school in Skopje  
- Due to late notice, it is not possible to send a speaker to FNF training in Skopje
- b. Extra event: Office will look into organizing a specific training event, early December. 4 to 6 December, venue place to be decided. Bureau asks to exclude Skopje because of the FNF event taking place.
- c. Capacity building activity in Lithuania, JJ will represent the bureau.

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- JJ and DV draft a budget; the deadline for this is Tuesday.
- d. Roundtable with Ilhan Kyuchuk in Bruxelles should take place on 9 December.
- e. Bureau meeting in Budapest.  
IC suggests bureau meeting in Budapest. MY will be representing LYMEC at YFJ COMEM, but might attend via Skype.

#### 5. Press and campaigns – plans by the end of the year

- a. Website and Facebook  
JJ is searching for a young entrepreneur for the project *50 Shades of Liberalism*. Igor will send European Young Innovators Forum contact information to JJ.  
Office will upload the ALDE campaign videos on our Youtube page and on Facebook.
- b. Christmas card  
JJ proposes a last picture of the bureau.  
Bureau agrees about a TTIP themed card.

#### 6. Events and Projects in 2016. – run trough\*

VG has received an offer for a volunteer to work in our office. IC will contact the volunteer and negotiate the conditions.  
VG will draft the letter for the working group for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of LYMEC.  
ELF Event for young elected politicians should take place within this Bureau mandate still.  
Negotiations with Junos towards the organisation of our spring 2016 Congress are undergoing, but it is confirmed that it will take place in Vienna.

#### 7. Reports from the latest visited events

JJ went to Moscow and met 2 liberal organisations and to speak at the event organised by Radikale Venstre and local organization. She negotiated a possibility to organize a capacity building event in Moscow with both of the local organisations.  
MY visited the LUF and CUF congress.  
DV and SK visited the NCF congress.  
SH visited the JEF congress,  
VG attended the ALDE working group on migrants and asylum seekers and IRI event in Vienna, where she also attended local elections of NEOS/JUNOS. VG is in touch with IRI for the next event.  
LYMEC office has received multiple delegations (JuLis, RU, LY).

#### 8. Planning of the next Bureau meeting and closing

Next meeting will take place during ALDE Party Congress in Budapest. The exact date is yet to be defined.

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