



MINUTES OF THE BUREAU MEETING – BERLIN CONGRESS 2014

Berlin, 26 October 2014.

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); Mattia Sozio, Assistant (MS)

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

VG opens the meeting at 10 and congratulates everyone for the work and the organisation of the congress.

VG thanks SH for the important logistical role during all of the congress.

2. Debrief on the fulfilled tasks from the previous meeting

IC and VG sum up the undergoing and finished tasks.

3. Debrief from the LYMEC Congress in Berlin

JJ proposes that Chairs should present themselves to participants and be more open to explain procedures, amendments and general functioning of the Congress. Chairs should also be presented in the official Congress power point. Bureau approves.

IC proposes for next Congress to put a simple and brief explanation about rules of procedure for Congress in the LYMEC mobile app. Bureau approves.

Bureau agrees with IC's proposal to organise debate workshops for next fringes Congress.

Bureau agrees with DV's proposal to include a political bingo game in the newspaper for the next Congress.

SH proposes that IC should modify the text of resolutions and update them with amendments during Congress. Bureau approves.

DV suggests that the venue should be aware of how many people are participating in each LYMEC Congress, and that there should be a guarantee that the internet connection is strong enough to support it, in order to avoid logistic problems. Bureau approves.

TR proposes to ask ALDE Party, and SH proposes to ask Julis, about their respective software systems for managing resolutions and amendments. Bureau approves.

SK will send evaluation form for the Congress to all delegates.

SK and DV both propose to re-introduce a newbies' session before the official start of the Congress. Bureau approves.

Bureau proposes to create a video material – my first LYMEC congress with the memories from senior



members of LYMEC.

4. Finances

Bureau approves to revise financial documents, and potential additional changes to Statutes will be analysed.

a. Realisation of expenditures in 2014.

Though the expenses for the Congress should be higher than initially foreseen, in several other budget lines there will be underspending, which will lead to a budget that should still present profit.

b. Budget 2015.

IC and DV will look into the creation of new accounts, such as ELF missions, to improve the clarity of our finances.

DV will make separate budgets for each project for internal use.

c. Operation grants – Erasmus+

IC will double check the deadlines. IC asks for Bureau members to comment on the project to be submitted. SK will be the BM responsible for overseeing the application.

5. ALDE Congress in Lisbon

a. LYMEC delegation – state of play

b. LYMEC resolution and other political work

TR affirms that several delegations (D66, VVD, FDP) have analysed LYMEC's resolution for ALDE Congress.

c. LYMEC fringe meeting – TTIP – what's in it for us and what for the US?

Bureau agrees for TR to prepare the topic and invite other experts next to two already booked speakers, such as representatives from US Embassy.

IC confirms the presence of two Portuguese speakers. LYMEC's fringe will take place Saturday morning, 10h15-11h45. MS and SH will take care of the logistics.

DV suggests LYMEC tries to find speaker who can cover ISDS as that is a hot topic in several countries right now.

d. ALDE Bureau elections

Bureau approves to analyse all the candidates. Final decision will be taken by the delegation, on the spot.

e. LYMEC side event with Portuguese youth

VG says LYMEC delegation should meet the Portuguese youth. IC proposes dinner or drinks Thursday evening, Bureau agrees. IC will contact them.

6. Events planning 2015.

a. ALDE party projects - LYMEC Congresses, The Netherlands, Finland

TR will be in charge of the logistics and for finding chairs in collaboration with JD and JOVD.

DV proposes the last weekend of October 2015 for Autumn Congress in Finland. Bureau agrees.

b. ALDE CoR project – Belgium/The Netherlands



IC states that the dates of ALDE CoR project will be first week/weekend of July.

c. ALDE Group project – Bruxelles Summer school

IC will send the dates of the ALDE Group project to the Bureau. IC asks to Bureau Members to send topic ideas.

IC will meet SecGen of YDE and further discuss it, reporting back to the Bureau.

d. ELF project – LYMEC seminar

Bureau agrees that Warsaw is the best venue, possible dates to be in March 2015.

e. CoE project - pending

IC states results won't be available before the 1st of December 2014. IC if approved, events will be in July, September or November.

f. Projects based on own resources – YLM, IMS event

DV states that they are planned resources in LYMEC budget. Bureau agrees that Riga will be the venue for next IMS event in the Pride week 15.-21.06.2015. Bureau agrees that both the event will last 2 days.

g. Additional projects – IDI/VVD projects, FNF project, DG Just (optional)

Bureau agrees with TR's proposal to have a summerschool on defence and security in IDI and VVD project. TR will propose other venues than The Hague if possible.

DV agrees to cover eventually additional expenses.

SH will ask to FNF if any speakers would be available for future events. IC will check some past project ideas on immigration to apply for DG Just.

h. Other projects – division of tasks

Bureau agrees to organise an event in Macedonia. VG is in charge.

Bureau will present a paper about youth unemployment and eventually an ebook for ELF project.

IC and TR are in charge

VG asks IC to talk to the Alde Group about funding and internship opportunities.

IC will investigate about important dates to celebrate in LYMEC and forward them to the Bureau, as part of the upcoming 40 years of LYMEC celebration.

7. PR and campaigns

a. LYMEC campaign – Trust me I'm liberal, We live our values

JJ plans to have first street day campaign. BMs agree on "Defence" as main topic for a Christmas card this year.

b. LYMEC merchandise

JJ proposes to revise logo to integrate more often the yellow color, as our party and group are now using more and more of that colour.

JJ and SH will prepare the new LYMEC leaflet.

c. LYMEC Online – new website, communication channels and email infrastructure

SK will create the account on Instagram.

d. LYMEC Stylebook



JJ will ask if the same company from Latvia that is working on merchandise can also prepare LYMEC stylebook.

e. LYMEC Congress newspaper

SH asks to respect more the deadlines for adding contents but also she states she will give more time. DV asks to insert a "Bullshit Bingo" in. IC proposes to insert Congress timetable. Bureau approves.

VG asks to SH to put more pictures and information about LYMEC MOs.

f. LYMEC pre-Christmas preparations

Eventually a new postcard will be sent.

8. LYMEC working groups - brainstorming

VG asks to JJ to send another reminder in order to involve more people.

9. LYMEC pool of projects - brainstorming

VG proposes to collect all projects into one database for future brainstorming and project applications.

10. Partners organizations

a. European Youth Forum - preparations for GA and YFJ elections

DV and MY will organise a meeting with president candidate. MY will attend the YFJ congress.

b. YDE - preparations for the closer cooperation

IC will meet the Secretary General of YDE.

c. PPYO - preparations for the initial communication with YEPP

Bureau agrees to start communicating with YEPP following their invitation to YEPP Council of Presidents.

d. ESFL - preparation for the initial communication with ESFL

VG will meet them in Lisbon to discuss current state of play.

e. IFLRY - state of play

Bureau will draft a new agreement.

f. ELSN - state of play

Bureau agrees that SH will send emails to LYMEC students' organisations and asking them what they expect from LYMEC. VG proposes to have a side event for ELSN on LYMEC congresses on how to recruit people on universities.

11. Technical arrangements in the LYMEC office - interns, moving of the office

IC states that the moving of the office will be after ALDE's party congress. IC will be in charge to sell furniture of the current office and to buy new ones. MS will assist IC.

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12. Any other business – quick Bureau health check

SH will draft and send to the Bureau a letter to apologize about participants' behaviour in the Hotel. Bureau agrees SK will create guidelines for internal communication to improve the functioning and decision making processes.

Bureau agrees to include MY in IMS trainings: JJ will be in charge of it.

BM agrees DV to go to the Estonian congress in November.

13. Planning of the next Bureau meeting and closing – tbd.

Bureau agrees to plan it for the end of January 2015. VG will start planning it on Doodle and send it to other Bureau's Members. Bureau agrees to choose a venue among Montenegro, Bosnia and Serbia.