

Bureau meeting

Sofia, Bulgaria, 14th of October 2012

Present Bureau members:	Jeroen Diepemaat, President	JD
	Vedrana Gujic, Vice President	VG
	Anne van der Graaf, Treasurer	AvdG
	Ed Sanderson, Bureau member	ES
	Igor Caldeira, Bureau member	IC
	Sissel Kvist, Bureau member	SKv

Others present:	Slaven Klobucar, Secretary General	SKI
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1. Opening and regularia

JD has opened the Bureau meeting and established that the quorum of the meeting has been reached.

2. Adoption of the agenda and the minutes

The agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting have been adopted unanimously.

3. Preparation of the congress

This agenda point was taken before the start of the Congress. The chairs have been prepared prior to the Congress. Additional agenda point has been added, the agenda point "urgent resolutions".

4. Comments on the Congress in Sofia

IC said that we need to define clearly how to proceed with the amendments. ES is very pleased with the congress; he suggested that in future we make a clear set of rules for the chairs. AvdG said that the congress was not dynamic enough and we should think about changing the agenda of the Congress. VG is not happy with the selection of the chairs; it was done too late and we need to put more thought into selecting the chairs in future. JD said that we should look into the rules of procedure as some of the rules seem to be conflicting. SKI said that we should plan fringe meetings better as they were uncoordinated. JD said that there are few things to follow up such as the working group on the resolution, look into the rules of procedure and maybe improve the Congress agenda. AvdG proposed that we make a questioner for the participants in order to improve our work; AvdG is in charge of this task.

5. Upcoming events

SKI gave an update on the ALDE Winter Academy in Brussels. There will be a Bureau meeting and meetings with ALDE Group and MEP Verhofstadt before the Academy starts.

6. Events in 2013

SKv has discussed with Svensk Ungdom about organization of the Helsinki ELF event in March. In general they are interested in organizing it but will let us know the answer soon. SKv have discussed with ERPY about the Congress in April and the organization of the even has already. IC talked to GIV about the organization of the training in Rome, they have agreed to host it. ALDE academy is going to be organized but it is unknown when. IC said that the organization of the Young Leaders Meeting in Lisbon has been agreed with MLS Portugal. IMS event in Berlin has also been arranged, Julis will help out with the organization. VG said that the Autumn Congress will be in Bucharest.

7. ELDR Congress in Dublin

IC said that the whole delegation has been confirmed except for Claudia. We should contact Carlota from JNC as the substitute. IC will contact Claudia and Carlota. ELDR suggested we merged a resolution with Fianna Fail on the Youth Unemployment. The compromise has been made and we will have a joint resolution. The resolution on LGTB rights remains even though ELDR suggested we merge it with Centerpartiet. JD suggested we prepare the voting list for the delegation and that we should pick the topics on which to talk about in order to strengthen our position. IC and VG are in charge of this task. SK reported about the preparation of the LYMEC fringe meeting.

8. Finances

AvdG prepared the financial regulation which has been sent to the Bureau. There will be only one change in the regulation regarding Secretary General's phone expenses which will be increased from 20 Euros to 30 Euros. The auditors suggested some changes in accounting and they will be taken into account.

9. Revising the policy book

IC said that the Policy Book needs to be revised. The organization of the Policy book is inefficient. The sunset rule should be applied to the outdated resolutions and the archive policy book should be created while the policy book would be current and relevant. A controlling commission should be created that would analyze the proposal of the changes to the policy book. The intern will be in charge of the first screening of the policy book. This point should be added to the next bureau meeting agenda in order to further develop the idea.

10. Candidacy of Gouda Luminaite for Youth Forum

She is a candidate for the Vice President of the Youth Forum. YEPP proposed that we support them for the President of Youth Forum. A meeting will be organized in Brussels. SKI will contact Borut Cink to represent us on the Youth Forum GA in Maribor. Matilda Flemming would like to run for the financial controller of the Youth Forum but on behalf of IFLRY.

11. Press

ES suggested a project for the next year that the Bureau has approved. It will be an event in Brussels in October or November of 2013 where we will get members from LYMEC member organisations who are involved in press and media relations in their respected countries. There will be a financial prize for the best blog posting. The logo competition is ongoing; so far we have received three entries. VG asked that we put the SKI's proposal on the facebook. ES is in process of building the database of press officers in our MOs. MO of the week feature is the new addition of the web site, ES is in charge of this section.

12. Campaign Yes to Press

SKv said that the campaign is almost done and it is expected to be launched very soon. VG said that the campaign for the white paper should be planned already at this point. IC and SKv are in charge of the preparations. The campaigns should be promoted online as of now not via the printed leaflets.

13. Libertas

We should launch a call for the articles soon. ES and Julian Kirrchher are in charge of the draft.

14. Representation

Ed is going to Liberal Youth conference in Manchester. IC will go to the ELF event in Istanbul. AvdG will go to FCY Congress in Finland. JD will go to IFLRY GA in Chisinau. SKI will go to ENoP GA in Stockholm and JD Congress in Rotterdam. JD will join JD Congress as well. VG will visit LiDem in Macedonia.

15. Any other business

Christmas card needs to be designed and printed soon. SKI and SKv in charge of this task.
ES proposed that for the future events we have lanyards instead of the paper stickers as the name tags.

LYMEC will send the letter to Graham Watson inquiring about the change of the name of the ELDR Party. ES is in charge of redrafting the letter.

16. Next meeting

The next meeting will be in Brussels on Friday 7th of December in the LYMEC Office at 11h