

LYMEC Digital Assembly (Online)

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Minutes

Session A

Introduction and outline of the latest and future Bureau actions

Antoaneta Asenova-Bihlmayer (LYMEC President)

- ❖ She explains what the Digital Assembly is about and how it will proceed. In **session A**, she will explain what the Bureau has been doing since the last Congress, and what the plans for the coming months are, especially in light of the Electoral Congress (May 2022 in Prague). Then **Dan-Aria Sucuri (LYMEC Vice-President)** will complement that and there will be a Q&A session. **Session B** will be dedicated to the clean-up of Chapter 4 of the Policy Book with **Marina Sedlo (Policy Officer)**.
- ❖ She further explains this is the first time this year that the Bureau meets in-person in Brussels, with strict measures in place.

Antoaneta Asenova-Bihlmayer (LYMEC President)

- ❖ As a reminder, after the last Congress (Paris, October 2021), a few events have been finalised, such as the Young Changemakers Academy 2021. We have received positive feedback, so the same format will continue in 2022.
- ❖ We have been in contact with a few responsible MEPs to work on youth topics and the European Year of Youth. In this framework, **Ines Holzegger (LYMEC Bureau)** has participated in the big Assembly of the European Youth Forum. An exchange with MEP Dragos Pislaru is going on to build an event on the Year of the Youth.
- ❖ We have also started organising for the first time the Youth Academy of the Alliance of Her with the ALDE Party.
- ❖ Our Communications Officer **Ida-Maria Skytte (LYMEC Bureau)** has led a study session with the youth foundation of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg on diversity and inclusion for a whole week.
- ❖ As for our publications, this year's one focused on youth diplomacy for the future. We wanted to spread our publications, so we went to MEP offices to hand them out and present them.
- ❖ Antoaneta represented LYMEC at the ALDE Party Congress and participated in a debate with representatives, where she has again outlined LYMEC's proposals for the CoFoE. It is now up to them to make something concrete happen out of LYMEC's work.
- ❖ This is the wrap up of what LYMEC has been up to in the past few months since the last Congress. It's time to plan the year ahead. We are working on restructuring the LYMEC Secretariat. We see a clear need to provide you with timely information, and

inform you on the topics that are on top of the agenda in Europe. The new Youth Liaison Trainee is going to take care of this. She gives the floor to **Balint Gyévai (LYMEC Secretary General)** to give more information about it.

Bàlint Gyévai (LYMEC Secretary General):

- ❖ He explains the restructuring of the Secretariat. LYMEC lacks human resources as the team is very small (Secretary General + Administrative Assistant + Policy Intern). We tried to make sure that for the future we will be able to hire a second full-time project assistant with a full-time contract instead of an internship. We will still have 3 people working together at the office because the ALDE Youth Liaison trainee is also joining the team. Hopefully, we will professionalise even more the work that we already have. This way it will be possible to have more sustainable work within the LYMEC Secretariat and proper institutional memory.

Antoaneta Asenova-Bihlmayer (LYMEC President):

- ❖ She asks if International Officers would be interested to have a Q&A session to learn how to use Openslides ahead of the next Congress.
- ❖ To finish, she ends with a last remark on the European Year of the Youth 2022.

Antoaneta Asenova-Bihlmayer (LYMEC President) gives the floor to **Abel Hartman (JD)**, who asks **Balint Gyévai (LYMEC Secretary General)** about the reform of the Secretariat to better understand how the new structure will work.

Bàlint Gyévai (LYMEC Secretary General) answers that one intern position will be replaced by a full time position, which will help the organisation with institutional memory. The youth liaison trainee will be the third person in the office.

Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer) adds that we now have the financial means to make this change, answering to **Phil Hackemann (JuLis)** comment from the chat.

Dan-Aria Sucuri (LYMEC Vice-President) adds that the change is of course made because the financial situation allows us to do so, but it would also be good for LYMEC to have a more political monitoring and keep the members updated on political matters.

Antoaneta Asenova-Bihlmayer (LYMEC President) presents a project **Ines Holzegger (LYMEC Bureau)** has been mainly working on, which is the Year of the Youth Hub, namely a brainstorming session that will take place later in February. MOs will send a representative to discuss the topics they deem relevant for youth involvement in politics. Representatives will gather to brainstorm on activities. After that, LYMEC will serve as a facilitator to get in touch with MEPs and convince them of the need to organise those events with MOs on the topics they are interested in. This project has been presented to the Renew President and received very good feedback.

- ❖ As regards the Year of the Youth 2022, LYMEC is working with the Commission to provide inputs on the content. After the brainstorming, the actions will be put on the Commission's platform to reach a broader audience.
- ❖ With Renew, LYMEC is planning on organising several events with MEPs involved in the Year of the Youth, such as Dragos Pislaru.
- ❖ LYMEC is also working with Renew Europe at the Committee of Regions. A delegation of members led by Marina will take part in the Young European Liberal Leaders Summit in Marseille in March.
- ❖ LYMEC is planning with the ALDE Party and ELF to have video clips and testimonies with a specific focus on youth.
- ❖ We are trying to reach out to other organisations like ours to have the biggest political impact possible.

Antoaneta Asenova-Bihlmayer (LYMEC President) leaves the floor for further questions and comments. She gives the floor to **Alice Schmidt (Julis)**.

Alice Schmidt (Julis) thanks the Bureau for their work and presents her points to discuss. For communications, she remarks that it usually takes time to have a politically centred post in the media. To give an example, the reaction to the situation in Ukraine was too slow. She thinks we should use the MOs more, reach out to them, get in touch and react fast. Moreover, she asks why only 3 people for MOs are present at the DA if the assembly does not take any additional costs and it is organised online. She proposes to have **6 people** for each delegation for the digital assemblies instead of 3.

Antoaneta Asenova-Bihlmayer (LYMEC President) answers that we try to be politically accurate and try to talk to our stakeholders too before creating a post. Still, we can step up our political communication. For the second point, we could increase participants from 3 to 6. Anyways, we don't have the digital infrastructure to carry a big event of 1000 people online. She thanks her for the feedback.

Antoaneta Asenova-Bihlmayer (LYMEC President) hands the floor over to **Dumitru Opritoiu (USR Tineret)**.

Dumitru Opritoiu (USR Tineret) states it is great to have meetings with stakeholders and influence their decisions. Dragos Pislaru and its involvement in the year of the youth was previously mentioned. Dumitru's organisation had a nice interaction with him on youth unemployment. Our input should be as direct as possible in the decision-making process.

Antoaneta Asenova-Bihlmayer (LYMEC President) affirms that this is what LYMEC has been doing. Policy ideas based on the Policy Book will be collected so as to have strategies and resolutions for the youth by the end of the year.

Antoaneta Asenova-Bihlmayer (LYMEC President) asks participants to use the zoom chat to take the floor.

Abel Hartman (JD) asks for further information on the concrete expectations from the MOs when it comes to get in touch with MEPs for the EYY 2022.

Antoaneta Asenova-Bihlmayer (LYMEC President) answers that MOs representatives will connect on February 21 and pitch their idea to the other organisations. The participants will be divided into groups according to the topics of discussion. They will discuss and possibly set up a project proposal. The project they will come up with will be pitched to MEPs, to whom it will be asked if they would be interested in concretely creating that event. LYMEC would get in touch with MEPs too on those same projects.

Ines Holzegger (LYMEC Bureau) adds that even if you don't have a topic in mind for February 21, the brainstorming session is useful to get ideas from other MOs. We are also working with Renew Europe to understand how the proposals should look and which guidelines should be met. LYMEC will facilitate MOs' projects. There won't be one single project in the end, but several.

Felix Schulz (IMS delegate) takes the floor. Regarding communications, to make a campaign run faster when the Board doesn't have time to come up with a post, he suggests creating a post that involves the point of view of every LYMEC MO.

He asks if they have ever discussed getting an EU certificate (carbon offset) to state that LYMEC is a sustainable organisation. It is a 60 EUR official EU mechanism that you can buy on the stock market.

Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer) answers that we have not looked into this yet. These schemes tend to be more greenwashing than they actually are. If finances keep looking well as they do, it will be possible to further look into that.

Ida-Maria Skytte (LYMEC Bureau) answers that every suggestion is well accepted and thanks everyone for the comments. December and January have been quiet months, but that does not mean things stop politically wise.

Felix Schulz (IMS delegate) quickly replies to **Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer)**, repeating that an EU certificate would be a very good idea to implement.

Abel Hartman (JD) asks for further information about the delegation to the ALDE Party Congress.

Marina Sedlo (LYMEC Bureau) answers that after the DA, as the deadlines are approaching, a first meeting for the delegation will be organised. A Whatsapp chat will be created.

There is a short break of 10 minutes

Session B

Marina Sedlo (LYMEC Policy Officer)

- ❖ The Policy Book renewal process is an ongoing project of clean-up. We are today at **Chapter 4**. Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 10 have already been reviewed.
- ❖ We will go through chapter 4 point by point. All the members have had the chance to submit their amendments before the DA. They still have the possibility to submit amendments and take the floor if they wish.
- ❖ As a reminder, only Heads of delegations should vote in the chat (and only one time), but all delegates can speak in the debate. Ines will open the vote in the chat and count the votes. Heads of Delegation need to have a '1' in front of their name.
- ❖ The amendments submitted today will have to be resubmitted before the Congress on Openslides.

Marina Sedlo (LYMEC Policy Officer):

- Marina displays the **outcomes of Chapter 4** renewal on the screen. The green text is the text taken from other resolutions and the red text is the new text. We will not change the policy, only update it.

Resolution and amendments	WG Recommendation	DA Outcome on the resolution	Comments by participants
4.01 Resolution on Completion of the Single Market	Archive	Positive recommendation	/
4.02 LYMEC Urges FIFA to Adhere to "Fair Play"	Archive	Positive recommendation	/
4.03 No More Fiscal Harmonisation in the European Union	Archive	Positive recommendation	/
NEW 4.04 Liberal ideas on the Future of the Single Market	Merger of 4.04, 4.07, 4.09, 4.35	Positive recommendation	Helena Herzig (JuLis) takes the floor to comment on their amendment on Harmonisation. She supports the idea that the EU

			<p>has to improve, but regulations should be checked and only kept if relevant.</p> <p>POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE AMENDMENT</p>
<p>OLD 4.04 Urgent Resolution, Time to Complete the Internal Market</p>	<p>Archive (merged with 4.07, 4.09 and 4.35 in new 4.04)</p>	<p>Positive recommendation</p>	<p>Alice Schmidt (Julis) thinks the resolution should be kept because many points are not in the Policy Book nor in the new merger resolution, such as the privatisation of the postal service, the empowering of youth education for a young age, or basic ideas on the structure of the economic market.</p> <p>Dumitru Opritoiu (USR Tineret) agrees with Alice on the points that could still be carried, however there are points they are against. Maybe we can take points that could be carried over in new future resolutions and archive the resolution as a whole.</p> <p>Sorcha Ní Chonghaile (Ogra Fianna Fail) this work has been done to clean up the chapter. Missing points can be put in new resolutions.</p> <p>Phil Hackemann (Julis) what we are doing today is not about content. Most of these policies of the resolution are still current. There is no reason to strike them out of the policy book, as many points are not present in other resolutions. If in doubt about the policy, we should keep it and not merge it.</p> <p>Umberto Masi (LLY) says their organisation trusts the PB renewal working group. What would happen if we don't agree with archiving a resolution that has been merged into a new one?</p> <p>Marina Sedlo (LYMEC) answers that the 4.04 would be kept as it</p>

			<p>is, and points we want to keep will be put out of the new merger resolution. There are different points that don't really go together. She would propose to merge those points in the new 4.04. As for the other points as language or education, it can go as it is already in chapter 3.</p> <p>Tim Robinson (IMS delegate) checked resolution 4.04 and on telecommunication: the only point present is roaming charges which is now irrelevant. The new resolution covers the old points for liberalisation. He thinks there is not necessarily relevant content which has not been included in the new one.</p> <p>Phil Hackemann (JULIS) doesn't get why prioritise points that could be merged. Everything agreed on during previous congresses should stay in the policy book. If in doubt now, we should just keep it. It is not a top priority for the policy book to be read in a perfect way. What has been previously discussed in detail should just be kept.</p> <p>Marina Sedlo (LYMEC) proceeds to a vote.</p> <p>Peter Banks and Marina Sedlo (LYMEC) clarify the vote YES is to archive, the NO is to keep.</p> <p>Marina Sedlo (LYMEC) says she will come up with a solution and re-discuss this resolution at the pre-congress meeting.</p>
<p>4.05 Resolution on Cross Border Healthcare Services in the EU</p>	<p>Archive</p>	<p>Positive recommendation</p>	<p>/</p>

4.06 No to EU Tobin Tax	Update	Positive recommendation	Dumitru Opritoiu (USR Tineret) says it updates the policy and removes a bullet point from the resolution. POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE AMENDMENT
4.07 Seminar Theme Resolution Liberal ideas on the Future of the Single Market	Archive (merged into 4.04)	Positive recommendation	/
4.08 No Double Standards	Archive	Positive recommendation	/
4.09 Completing the Digital Single Market	Archive (merged into new 4.04)	Positive recommendation	/
4.10 On the Completion of the Single Market for Pharmaceuticals	Update	Positive recommendation	Dumitru Opritoiu (USR Tineret) comments on the amendment. He points out that patients should not suffer from a lack of harmonisation at the EU level. POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE AMENDMENT
4.11 European Market for Retirement Funds	Archive	Positive recommendation	/
4.12 Enhancing the Single Market for Retail Financial Services	Keep	Positive recommendation	Dumitru Opritoiu (USR Tineret): there is a real risk for countries that are not part of the eurozone so this addition is necessary. POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE AMENDMENT
4.13 Resolution on Banks	Archive	Positive recommendation	/
4.14 Resolution on Bank Reform	Keep	Positive recommendation	/

4.15 It's Time for Innovative Solutions!	Archive	Positive recommendation	/
4.16 Upholding Stability Pact	Archive	Positive recommendation	<p>Phil Hackemann (JULIS) it is true that resolution is quite old but still not outdated even if there has been a reform on the stability pact, the other points are still relevant today. We should keep those points in the Policy Book as they are not included elsewhere. Otherwise they could work on a new resolution for the next congress to include those points and study a more detailed policy.</p> <p>Umberto Masi (LLJ) is for the archival of the resolution. Even if what JuLis said is true, the situation has changed dramatically and the positions in the document are not as relevant as they were when the resolution passed. If the policy has changed over the years, it is not coherent to say that those points are still relevant.</p> <p>Marina Sedlo (LYMEC) opens a vote on the archival.</p> <p>POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR ARCHIVAL</p>
4.17 To Go Greek or Not to Go Greek	Archive	Positive recommendation	/
4.18 Resolution on Competition in the European Community	Update	Positive recommendation (with amendment)	<p>Phil hackemann (JuLis) the first sentences of the paragraph are still relevant. They are quite general remarks that should be kept in the PB. They would urge to only delete the last sentence, as it is more detailed.</p> <p>Alice Schmidt (JuLis) It can be a sentence of 1950 or 2020, it does not matter when it was said, it is</p>

			<p>still relevant. It took years from then to take it out of the resolution.</p> <p>Marina Sedlo (LYMEC) opens a vote for JuLis amendment on the deletion of the last sentence of the paragraph.</p> <p>POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE AMENDMENT</p> <p>Tim Robinson (IMS Delegate) language could be updated, namely the terms which are not used anymore today.</p>
4.19 Globalisation is an Opportunity, not a Threat!	Keep	Positive recommendation	<p>Dumitru Opritoiu (USR Tineret) we believe it should be updated according to the developments of strategic autonomy</p> <p>POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE AMENDMENT</p>
4.20 Capitalism Not to Blame for the Crisis	To be archived	Positive recommendation for archival	<p>Dumitru Opritoiu (USR Tineret) wants to archive the resolution because much of the scientific consensus applies to few regulations that distorted the market and created the conditions of the financial crisis. The resolution is no longer up to date from this perspective.</p> <p>Alice Schmidt (Julis) we can have parts of the regulation but we have to rethink them and take something out of this policy book. If you argue there is scientific consensus, I deem it wrong. It is necessary to have a statement like that in our Policy Book.</p> <p>Marina Sedlo (LYMEC) opens the vote on the archival of the resolution.</p> <p>POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR AMENDMENT PROPOSING ARCHIVAL</p>

4.21 On Europe's Sovereign Debt Crisis	Archive	Positive recommendation	/
4.22 Telecommunication in Europe	Update	Positive recommendation	/
New 4.23 Resolution on Free Market in developing countries	Merger of 4.23 and 4.24	Positive recommendation	Dumitru Opritoiu (USR Tineret) thinks the amendment serves to clarify the language. There is a lack of political control and it is not economical. POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE AMENDMENT
Old 4.23 Resolution on Free Market in the Third World	Archive (merge into new 4.23)	Positive recommendation	/
4.24 Resolution on Foreign Aid and Development	Archive (merge into new 4.23)	Positive recommendation	Phil Hackemann (JULIS) doesn't see a lot of positions of this resolution in the new merger one. We are in favour of the 7% GDP goal for development policies and for a new European development agency. These policies are not elsewhere in the Policy Book. Either we add that to the new 4.23 or we just keep the resolution. Umberto Masi (LLJ): the concern is understandable, but there was a mechanism to suggest new points to the digital assembly. I suggest next time for all the MOs to state their position on the chapter renewal in advance. He thinks that we can simply add those points that you mentioned, but doesn't see the need to have two similar documents if there could be just one. Dumitru Opritoiu (USR Tineret) : we can take the two points in the new resolution and update the

			<p>language.</p> <p>Alice Schmidt (Julis): our goal is to have a look at our positions for all our resolutions. What we have in this resolution is still up to date, it is only the language that should be updated. I don't see why we, as a small group, should archive the resolution just because it would be better to have one instead of two.</p> <p>Dumitru Opritoiu (USR Tineret)) and Marina Sedlo (LYMEC) clarified that the two points would be included in the new merger resolution.</p> <p>Marina Sedlo (LYMEC) opens the vote.</p> <p>POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE ARCHIVAL</p>
4.25 Urgent Resolution on Global Financial Crisis	Archive	Positive recommendation	/
4.26. Audit Market reform	Update	Positive recommendation	<p>Dumitru Opritoiu (USR Tineret) adds a point to the resolution.</p> <p>POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE AMENDMENT</p> <p>Dumitru Opritoiu (USR Tineret) makes another addition to the resolution. Auditing companies are liable to give sanctions to member states. Sometimes the sanctions are so low that countries just pay the fines, but competition is not enhanced this way.</p> <p>POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE AMENDMENT</p>

4.27. European Financial Sector	Keep	Positive recommendation	/
4.28 – Seize the possibilities of the sharing economy	Keep	Positive recommendation	/
4.29 – Rejecting A Common Eu Tax Policy	Archive	Positive recommendation	/
4.30. Urgent resolution in defence of CETA and free trade	Archive	No recommendation	<p>Helena Herzig (JuLis) this resolution is not outdated as CETA is still not fully ratified.</p> <p>Marina Sedlo (LYMEC) opens the vote on the archival.</p> <p>No clear outcome. Decision will be taken at the Congress</p>
4.31 A proposal for the withdrawal of small-denomination euro coins	Keep	Positive recommendation	/
4.32 A step forward for digital entrepreneurship in Europe	Keep	Positive recommendation	/
4.33 From an economic and monetary union (EMU) to an economic, budgetary, fiscal and monetary union (EBFMU)	Keep	Positive recommendation	/
4.34 Motion for a resolution against new taxes on innovation (especially taxes on automation)	Keep	Positive recommendation	/

4.35 European Digitalisation Accelerated	Archive (merge into new 4.04)	Positive recommendation	/
4.36 Menstruation: Breaking the taboo	Keep	Positive recommendation	/
4.37 Standing behind our SMEs	Keep	Positive recommendation	/

Marina Sedlo (LYMEC Policy Officer)

- ❖ There are no more comments. Marina closes the session on the Policy Book Renewal. She will come up with some solutions for the unclear resolutions, so as to have a formal vote on them at the next Congress in Prague.
- ❖ She thanks everyone participating, especially the members of the Policy Book renewal Working Group.

Antoaneta Asenova-Bihlmayer (LYMEC President) thanks everyone for participating at the Digital Assembly. It has been a pleasure for her to work with everyone who participated to make LYMEC stronger.