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## Draft minutes Berlin Congress

### 1. Opening speech by LYMEC President and guests

Sissel van Run-Kvist opened the congress.

12<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS for me but also last one. Lots of politics and debates but also friends. Thank you to local hosts JuLis and LHG. Successful two-day seminar before congress. LYMEC is growing and professionalizing. Thanks to everybody and especially the candidates. Officially opens congress. Calls Konstantin Kuhle to the floor.

JuLis president Konstantin Kuhle gave a welcoming speech.

Thank you Sissel. Welcomes everybody. 3<sup>rd</sup> time we have a congress in Berlin. No liberal MPs at that time. We are back nowadays. Mentions the liberal fightback and comeback which was discussed during the seminar. Welcomes Thomas. Gives also credit to NEOS, VVD and D66. Thanks for support. Invitation to Bundestag reception tonight. Not going to run again for JuLis president. All youth organizations are independent, while being associated with mother parties.

LHG president Johannes Dallheimer gave a welcoming speech.

Thanks and welcomes everybody to Berlin. Really glad to host everybody. We are students so we focus mainly on student matters. Talk less, work much and enjoy congress.

### 2. Roll call and voting rights

SG Danica Vihinen did the roll call and distributed the votes.

	Country	Votes	Roll call 1
Joves Liberals d'Andorra	Andorra	3	3
Junos - Junge liberale NEOS	Austria	4	4
Jeunes MR	Belgium	10	10
Jong VLD	Belgium	6	6
Fédération des Etudiants Libéraux (FEL)	Belgium	4	4
Youth Movement for Rights and Freedoms (YMRF)	Bulgaria	10	10
Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya	Catalonia (MS: Spain)	7	7
IDY - Istrian Democratic Youth	Croatia	5	
Mladi HNS	Croatia	8	8

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Mladi hrvatski liberali (MHL)	Croatia	5	
Radikal Ungdom	Denmark	4	4
Venstres Ungdom	Denmark	6	6
Estonian Reform Party Youth (ERP)	Estonia	6	6
YAECP (Eesti Keskerakonna Noortekogu)	Estonia	7	7
Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto	Finland	4	4
Suomen Keskustanuoret/Finnish Center Youth	Finland	7	7
Svensk Ungdom - Swedish Youth	Finland	6	6
Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen (LHG)	Germany	5	5
Junge Liberale (JuLis)	Germany	10	10
Ógra Fianna Fáil	Ireland	8	
Attistibai Youth	Latvia	3	3
Lithuanian Liberal Youth	Lithuania	6	6
Jonk Demokraten (JDL)	Luxembourg	3	3
Liberal Youth of Moldova	Moldova	5	
Jonge Democraten	Netherlands	8	8
JOVD	Netherlands	6	6
Norges Unge Venstre (NUV)	Norway	5	5
Centerstudenter	Sweden	4	4
Liberala Ungdomsförbundet (LUF)	Sweden	5	5
Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund (CUF)	Sweden	6	6
European Youth of Ukraine	Ukraine	3	3
Young Liberals	United Kingdom	7	7
IMS Benjamin Fievet	France	1	1
IMS Spyridon Monastiriotis	Greece	1	1
IMS Marina Sedlo	Germany	1	1
Total amount of votes		192	166
Absolute majority		97	84

### 3. Election of Congress chairs, secretaries and scrutineers

Sissel van Run-Kvist proposed Jelena Jesajana, Timo Roeleveld, Lasse Roth and Benedikt Bente as congress chairs. Congress accepted.

Chair Benedikt proposed Chris Giapitzis Papandreou and Anastasiia Pravedna as secretaries. Congress accepted.

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Chair Benedikt proposed Hans Maes, Niklas Milthers, Guillermo Passas Varo, John de Coster, and Keith Henry as scrutineers. Congress accepted.

#### **4. Adoption of the agenda**

Jelena Jesajana proposed two slight changes and two additions to the agenda (moving the ALDE delegation elections to after announcement of the Bureau and adding election of LYMEC representative to IFLRY). Congress accepted.

#### **5. Urgency of resolutions**

Chair Benedict Bente explained what urgency resolutions are.

Cecilia Baggesen Gyllunger (LUF) presented the urgency of the resolution “Shame on you, Juncker” Explains why. Congress carried.

Alistair Spearing (JNC) presented the urgency of the resolution ‘Rise of the Machines – Bringing the Macron AI plan to the European level’. Explains why. Congress carried.

#### **6. Snap vote on the order of resolutions**

Kevin Tammearu explained how the voting works and opened the vote. Deadline for voting was set to 18:45.

Point of order by Benjamin Fievet (IMS): when will we get urgency resolutions?  
SG Danica Vihinen answered.

#### **7. Adoption of minutes from the Congress in Sofia**

The minutes from Stockholm were adopted with the following corrections

Benjamin Fievet (IMS): not cooperation with Bureau but with MO's

Dennis van Driel (JD): Anouk is JOVD member, not JD

Congress accepted the adopted minutes.

#### **8. Annual report 2017 and debate**

Sissel van Run-Kvist presented the annual report.

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Deimantė Rimkutė (LLJ): What are the steps the next bureau should adopt?

Sissel van Run-Kvist: Extend the Freedom Fund programme. Political voice stronger, ahead of EU elections. Step forward in terms of professionalizing LYMEC.

Dennis van Driel (JD): What has the bureau done in terms of manifesto?

Sissel van Run-Kvist answered.

Marina Sedlo(IMS): Cancelled the newspaper. Did not hear about the blog, why is that?

Sissel van Run-Kvist: It was in the newsletter. We underestimated how much effort these things need. Feel free to send articles.

Daniël Karssenbergh (JD): toolkit. Is the accessibility and content enough?

Guillermo Passas Varo (IMS): have you made mistakes this year? What would you do differently?

Sissel van Run-Kvist: More work to be done. More service minded. More trainings with experienced members. Help new MO's. continued development and extension.

## 9. Bureau reports and debate about the reports

It was explained that there will not be presentations of the reports as they have been available online, but the bureau members will answer any questions the congress might have.

Hans Maes(IMS) to Lena: Mentorship programme. More takeaways, how can we market it better?

Lena Höglund: Feedback received was very weak. Discussed with people for better feedback. Mentors would like to continue. Through the connection, the leaders can hear the youth. Two of the mentees are here, feedback not yet received. Not possible to publish results.

Chairs propose to move agenda point 26 forward.

## 10. Secretary General report and debate about the report

Hans Maes (IMS): Rising amount of activities. Is the work load going to be manageable?

Danica Vihinen: for EC grant more than two people were included to work in the Secretariat, there is a need to diversify financial funds as LYMEC cannot rely on EU funds only.

Casper Pedersen (VU): is there a possibility for new employee in such small space in Brussels:?

Danica Vihinen: let us know if you are in Brussels, and we will meet you in our HQ. In the office there is space for 3 which was proved when we had a trainee as well as an intern.

Deimantė Rimkutė (LLJ): Are you looking for private sponsors?

Sissel van Run-Kvist: many sponsors cannot sponsor political organizations that is why we set up Alumna association , working with private sponsors requires a lot of work , possibilities to look into former LYMEC members and look into possibilities with new staff

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## 11. ALDE Party Congress 2017: report from delegation

Lena Höglund presents on success of LYMEC delegation at the ALDE Congress 2017 in Amsterdam.

Hans Maes (IMS): The congress to be in Amsterdam, not in Warsaw as in report

Lena Höglund: We will change it.

Andre Eduard Gruber (Junos): how can we integrate more with LYMEC delegation and mother parties present at the Congress?

Lena Höglund: Infiltration and jealousy are positive, we should point to the MO parties to make sure young votes are heard. Loyalty of youth should be towards their generation.

Jelena Jesajana: applications for the congress are still open, encourages people to apply.

Jelena Jesajana: link to vote for the order of resolutions

## 12. Approval of the Secretary General nomination

Chair Jelena Jesajana explained the procedure.

Sissel van Run-Kvist present the candidacy of Danica Vihinen as the Secretary General.

Danica Vihinen: elaborates on her motivation to continue as SG ahead of EP elections and new Bureau starting

Hans Maes(IMS) to Danica Vihinen and Bureau: what do you identify as main areas of improvement for Danica for the last two and next two years?

Pau Castellví Canet (JNC): praises work, how can we improve?

Chair Jelena Jesajana: reminder for snap vote

Danica Vihinen answers: Chaotic office needs improvement, time to reorganize filing of documentation, plus what to change administratively, going to look into these with the new bureau, work closely with new Treasurer

Danica Vihinen leaves the room.

The delegates vote. Approved by 168 out of 181 votes simple majority (13 abstentions), Danica Vihinen's term is renewed as SG. Danica Vihinen thanks the delegates.

Jelena Jesajana: reminder to vote

## 26. Reports from MOs

Dennis van Driel(JD): We have been critical of mother party, new intelligence law, going to organize international summer school, Minister of foreign trades is confirmed

Laia Comerma Calatayud (JNC) ideological convention 13<sup>th</sup> of May, everyone is invited, we are helping our party to form the government

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Eric Lundvall (Centerstudenter): record membership, more than 10 of our motions came through at mother party congress, congress in two weeks to discuss education policies  
Marina Sedlo (IMS): meeting on skype, working on resolutions, trying to work together, encourages others to join

Chair Benedikt Bente: We will continue tomorrow, amendments for urgency resolutions till tomorrow morning at 11, order of resolutions online. Chair Benedikt Bente announces the order of resolutions:

- 201 No taxation without representation 7% 55
- 206 Resolution on Minority Rights 6% 52
- 204 Associate Citizenship For European's Outside The European Union 6% 52
- 302 European Leadership in Robotics and Artificial Intelligence 5% 44
- 701 On the need for a blue economy 5% 43
- Urgency Resolution - Rise of the Machines 5% 43
- 102 Towards a democratic approach to the issue of self determination 5% 42
- 402 Motion for a resolution against new taxes on innovation (especially taxes on automation) 5% 39
- 207 Resolution on the Rights of Linguistic Minorities 4% 36
- 303 5G wireless — let's start the future 4% 35
- 104 On the Appointment of Martin Selmayr as Secretary General of the European Commission 4% 34
- 307 Academic freedom in a time of populism and political volatility 4% 34
- 403 European Digitalisation Accelerated 4% 34
- 602 The future is nuclear 4% 33
- 105 The revised Dublin III Regulation 4% 30
- 904 Support student activism internationally 4% 30
- 305 A liberal way for European education 3% 27
- 103 On Reducing the European Commission 3% 25
- 903 Transparency and human rights led approach to EU deals with other countries... 3% 24
- 306 Facilitating the academic cooperation with the EU in higher education 3% 23

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- 603 Resolution for a common container deposit scheme in the European Union 3% 23
- 304 Industry 5.0 - A European Initiative 2% 19
- 203 Resolution on the Istanbul Convention 2% 18
- Urgency Resolution - Shame on you President Juncker! 2% 14
- 901 Break the Turkish Olive Branch in Afrin 1% 11
- 902 On the inadmissibility of mitigating or cancelling political and economic sanctions against... 1% 6
- 205 Resolution on ban of artificial intelligence for military use

The Congress adjourns.

The congress is back in session. Secretary General Danica Vihinen performs a roll call:

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Joves Liberals d'Andorra	Andorra	3	3
Junos - Junge liberale NEOS	Austria	4	4
Jeunes MR	Belgium	10	10
Jong VLD	Belgium	6	6
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Venstres Ungdom	Denmark	6	6
Estonian Reform Party Youth (ERPYP)	Estonia	6	6
YAACP (Eesti Keskerakonna Noortekogu)	Estonia	7	7
Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto	Finland	4	4
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Attistibai Youth	Latvia	3	3
Lithuanian Liberal Youth	Lithuania	6	6
Jonk Demokraten (JDL)	Luxembourg	3	3
Liberal Youth of Moldova	Moldova	5	5
Liberal Youth of Montenegro	Montenegro	3	3
Jonge Democraten	Netherlands	8	8
JOVD	Netherlands	6	6
Norges Unge Venstre (NUV)	Norway	5	5
Centerstudenter	Sweden	4	4
Liberala Ungdomsförbundet (LUF)	Sweden	5	5
Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund (CUF)	Sweden	6	6
European Youth of Ukraine	Ukraine	3	3
Young Liberals	United Kingdom	7	7
IMS Benjamin Fievet	France	1	1
IMS Spyridon Monastiriotis	Greece	1	1
IMS Marina Sedlo	Germany	1	1
Total amount of votes		192	192
Absolute majority		97	97

### 13. Finances

#### a) Financial report for 2017

Fernard Souply-Pierard (Jeunes MR): €10.000 reported, why not receivable? Other expenses, what is the history of the transaction?

Marijn de Pagter (Treasurer) answers: Commission grant discussed last year too. Not wise to keep the extra 10k in the book, because its not sure that we get it. Financially we cannot do it. Discussed with external auditor and advised against it. Expenses from previous years, it is a negative expense. The history is: a flight from 2016, was refunded in 2017. In 2016 we celebrated our anniversary with a deposit of 4000 to a restaurant in Talinn but they did not receive it until October.

Congress accepted the treasurers report.

- b) Financial report January – March 2018 (for information)
- c) Requests for reduced membership fee and payment plans

Dennis van Driel (JD): Bureau gave its recommendation last year for Young Liberals of Greece. Do they take into account the financial state?

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Sissel van Run-Kvist: We don't want to have a situation with money. Good for diversity. People try their best to pay. LYMEC is open to anyone.

Dennis van Driel (JD) Agreed. They have 15 paying members, They said they were extending, so why only so few members?

Marijn de Pagter: they said so, but we don't know why they didn't grow. They want to remain active so I suggest we approve this.

Hans Maes (IMS): MLADI LDP, is it likely that the remaining fee is going to be paid, or should we fully erase the debt? Do you think it is feasible?

Marijn de Pagter: They applied, they said they will pay, but we can go for full reduction. They have been really active in the past and paid. They are now smaller, so I'm not sure about their capacity, but they assessed that they can pay it and I trust them.

The applications were accepted.

d) Internal Auditors' report (for information)

Internal auditors Hans Maes and Niklas Milthers presented the report

Casper Pedersen (VU): Thanks for your work. Website is pending, which should be easy. Why so expensive?

Hans Maes: We don't know. Better address the bureau or the SG. They always consider our recommendations.

Danica Vihinen: We have taken steps. Changed email provider, fixed it. The website is a bit more complicated, but we are actively looking into this, not happening overnight.

#### 14. Membership issues

##### Suspensions and Disaffiliations

Marijn de Pagter gives arguments for Jungfreisinnige Schweiz: postpone disaffiliation or payment plan decision to next congress.

Projekt Polska: propose to suspend them

Young Republicans (Georgia): propose to suspend them

Congress approved as suggested.

##### Applications for full Membership

Liberal Youth of Montenegro

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Slobodan Franeta and Ammar Boranic take the floor to defend their application.

Very honoured to be here. Open for all individual who consider themselves liberals. We adopted changes to our statutes. Became more independent and autonomous. We are growing, facing changes in the country. We have influence within the youth nowadays. We are very similar to most LYMEC MO's. We Organize annual workshops to see the capacity of members and promote the liberal ideas. We help them promote their ideas. We believe in free individuals and society, open markets, rule of law. We can influence a lot of young people. Only party participating in pride. Also members of ISEEL, IFLRY and LYMEC associate. We want to apply for a future spring congress too. Host of Youth Leaders Meeting LYMEC, Podgorica 2017.

Hans Maes(IMS-Jong VLD): we hope to host a future congress. Can you reconsider?

Slobodan Franeta: I suggest spring congress due to nicer weather and enough time to prepare.

Daniël Karszenberg (JD): Montenegro using euro but not in EU. What's your position?

Slobodan Franeta: Good thing. Hyper inflation in the past. Government adopted the German mark. Good move for us. Later we adopted the euro. Maybe a problem for EU, but we are a small country with lots of imports. We depend on this, it's very important for our economy. We also have some turbulence, but we can improve our position through free markets, the EU and eurozone.

Bàlint Gyévai (FEL): Important to have congress in Brussels ahead of EU elections. More info for your new vision?

Slobodan Franeta: brief platform on how Europe will look in the future. Look into how we can affect Europe. How we can connect Europe and be more prosperous. Europe maybe in a big crisis in the future demographically and financially. We should work on this to create a competitive union globally. Policies that will bring prosperity to Montenegro and Europe. Montenegro to become more start up folly.

Antoaneta Asenova (YMRF): workshops and programmes. Apart from organizing a LYMEC congress, what else can you offer to be more active?

Slobodan Franeta: liberal forum, ready to host important events to improve our society. Helps a lot. Working on it a lot, ready to try more with our colleagues. Intend to try even more in the future, also with Balkan partners. Promote Estonia's example.

Deimantė Rimkutė (LLJ): what's is your vision for Europe? What topics are you interested in?

Slobodan Franeta: Economics and business. Tax and regulation issues. Political and international affairs. Montenegro in Europe. Digital economy. Opened recently a research centre.

The applicant leaves the room. The congress discuss the application and proceeded to voting. The congress votes:

In favour: 173

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

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Congress approved. Liberal youth of Montenegro is accepted as a full member of LYMEC.

## 15. Discharge of the Bureau

The Bureau is considered discharged.

LY Moldova got their votes as Sergiu Boghean is now a discharged Bureau member and he can represent the organisation. There are 5 added votes to the total.

## 26. Reports from MOs

Aurian Delli Pizzi (Jeunes MR): support candidates for upcoming elections, organize training for candidates, set up website, Political Academy for 30-40 young people who will follow a minister etc.

Christoffer Ingo (SU): opposition politics as a challenge, as a youth organization we are growing by 20 percent per year, successful municipality elections. Upcoming congress in two weeks.

Balint Gyévai (FEL): new campaign Bleus d'Europe, campaign on migration, increased cooperation with other LYMEC MOs, newspaper where you can publish your articles, big conference with Minister of budget, FEL hosts.

Suvi Mäkeläinen (Finnish Centre Youth): one year till election, cuts for budget for youth organizations, next October regional elections; Invitation to next party Congress in June; next year parliament and European elections so we are preparing for it.

Esther Steverding (LHG): new Board, 70 active groups in Germany, too many participants for seminars.

Deimantė Rimkutė (LLJ): preparation for next LYMEC Congress, successful work on resolutions with other MOs, organization of seminars, vote 16 for next Lithuanian Youth Council.

Raphael Nazaruk (TLDE): many active members for next year seminars and congresses as well as the Romanian presidency of the EU.

Tudor Ionescu (TLDE): importance of youth organization for ALDE, many members left for EPP but as ALDE is the only liberal party, big growth of members youth and women, ALDE is also the only party defending liberties. Very important elections upcoming so we are pushing for young representative in EP.

Ben Whitlock (Young Liberals UK): pushing for 2<sup>nd</sup> referendum on Brexit, local elections in May, many young candidates that they fund and capacitate now the largest membership ever. Youngest party and the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in the UK.

## 16. Elections of the Bureau members (presentations, questions and voting)

Chair Jelena Jesajana explains the procedure.

Chair Jelena Jesajana: presentations of three minutes and then questions

**President:**

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Laura Neijenhuis (JD): Honoured to run for president. LYMEC is a political family, a home for me. We worked together in many resolutions, always seeking compromise. Great opportunity to learn. Great experience with ALDE. Focus to improve the LYMEC procedures, especially for congress. Worked with the bureau to implement changes. Very happy with the results. I'm bringing a lot of experience from other organisations. Set out 5 rules. Strong young voice at the upcoming eu elections. Help the IMS members too. Be heard. Open and inclusive LYMEC. Safe environment for everybody, working together. Buddy system. Involve more members to external work. Transparency and communication. Diversify policy areas. Further Professionalize LYMEC. Be more critical during congresses. Hold us accountable for decisions we make. This is the place to learn more about liberal politics in the EU level.

Svenja Hahn (JuLis): How does the LYMEC we want look like? I want to create an organisation everybody feels like home. A place to grow and reach our potential. Times are challenging. Hard times for liberals in the past. LYMEC was a place for optimism and opportunities. Inspired by stories of liberal fightback. The will to make things differently. Time for new way of thinking. Liberalism is the answer to today's challenges. The best is yet to come if fight for it. Create a strong bond between us and collaborate. Foundation of the alumni was the first step. Shape a new generation. EP elections are very important. Major task for LYMEC. We created the LYMEC academy for young candidates to train and succeed. We need to go and vote, mobilise young people. Our vote counts. A future that place of birth does not matter. A more political and louder LYMEC. Let's create our future together.

Q&A:

Joris Zevenbergen (JOVD): Main focus for ALDE for the next elections. How to influence ALDE to make your point heard? Main point for EU elections? Criticise ALDE?

Laura Neijenhuis: most important issue for EU elections, regional inequality issues. Do more things together to help other countries. Social issues that go with that. Manifesto group is great, talk to MEPs. Young candidates have to push.

Svenja Hahn: broad discussions. Topics relevant for youth. Our duty to focus on youth topics like education, digitalisation, sustainability. Push forward to ALDE manifesto. Strong network in ALDE. We need a team, the ALDE delegates to come together.

Marten Porte (JD): what are your plans to fight populism?

Laura Neijenhuis: father votes for Wilders, problem close to my heart. Equip our members to fight it. Language, be in the office to fight it.

Svenja Hahn: populism is talking to the emotion, we need to touch people's hearts and emotions.

Aaron Vrieler (JD): broad topics. Specific policy areas LYMEC should focus on?

Laura Neijenhuis: regional inequality, urban areas. Discussions about climate change, mitigation, adaptation, sustainability.

Ida-Maria Skytte (SU): how will you guarantee diversity and equality?

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Svenja Hahn: really relevant, MOs are sending the members. We need to work on it, big challenge. Need to increase diversity.

Laura Neijenhuis: crucial for LYMEC. More diverse groups. Nice gender balance. But we are not very open to other genders. Put other sex in the application form. Educational background, high academic level. Help other people who might be less educated.

Deimantė Rimkutė (LLJ) : what type of leader are you?

Svenja Hahn: PR leader for a German company. Adaptive leader, I'm in for everything you need.

Laura Neijenhuis: I bring fire, don't beat around the bush. No lies, no games. Honesty. Protector of the team. Look for the best.

Aurian Delli Pizzi (Jeunes mr): extension to more members, more fees etc?

Svenja Hahn: more freedom to look for candidates. Two types of membership. Successful system. Stronger if we stick together.

Laura Neijenhuis: diversity is better with more perspective.

How would you restore the word liberal, connotations, liberalism vs capitalism?

Laura Neijenhuis: positive message to share. Individualism. Focus on the message. Believe in our strength.

Svenja Hahn: come from party which rebranded. Know how to do that.

Jeunes MR: immigration how we can do something to improve asylum network?

Laura Neijenhuis: difficult issue. Work together with MO's. local level

Svenja Hahn: solve together, be pragmatic, common EU solution, lifetime duty and issue

Spyros Monastiriotes (IMS): IMS is an advantage. General direction and vision for IMS?

Laura Neijenhuis: grow and develop. Full support to change.

Svenja Hahn: everybody might be IMS. More pragmatic and inclusive, stronger IMS

Tudor Ionescu (TLDE): view on eastern Europe and Balkan organisations.

Svenja Hahn: growth in the area. Great work. I was active there. Help them more. Happy to continue, close to my heart

Laura Neijenhuis: passion for eastern Europe. Equality, more events in the region and for MO's there, inspiration

Eyk von Steinmetz (IMS): how to get involved more in the EYF?

Laura Neijenhuis: more observers to influence

Dan Aria Sucru (LUF): how to achieve unity within LYMEC?

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Svenja Hahn: fight hard for one position and unite behind it

Laura Neijenhuis: continue working and growing

Yaroslav Vasyliuk (EU Ukraine): position on Russia?

Laura Neijenhuis: specialised in geopolitics and eastern Europe. As president I have to follow our policy. Go for resolutions.

Svenja Hahn: we can't allow Russia to mess with us

Christoffer Ingo (SU): leverage in your party? Are you going to be on the list for EU elections?

Hans Maes (IMS): will you be running in the EU elections and will it affect LYMEC?

Laura Neijenhuis: I will not run if I am elected president, focus on LYMEC, full support by D66, I have leverage within.

Svenja Hahn: strong roots within FDP. Plan to run for Spitzenkandidat. Strong influence within and impact for LYMEC.

#### **Vice President:**

Edgaras Mascinskas: Passion for liberal ideas that bring us together, better future for Europe and liberalism. To do: pass on liberal ideas, make liberalism better and stronger. Focus on making LYMEC more professional, louder and more visible. We have to become more political and talk to all decision makers: EC, EP, Council etc.

#### **Treasurer**

Lena Höglund: stand by standards of transparency, increase personnel, raising funds, applying for grants, set up talent fund

Q&A

Marina Sedlo (IMS): do we need to track MO for reduced fees controlling MOs?

Hans Maes (Jong VLD): any concrete ideas hot to get more money for personnel?

Tudor Ionescu (TLDE): what prevented you from doing it?

Lena Höglund: reduced fee goes to organization in exceptional situation with expectation they will overcome it but control is good idea.

Internship idea with MOs

Ed Mascinskas: to do campaigning and contents strategic overview takes a lot of time so it was difficult, as VP people will be working on it

Eyk von Steinmetz (IMS) to ED: why did you not succeed that much in the role of Bureau member in terms of communications?

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Suvi Mäkeläinen (FCY) to Ed: how are you going to support the work of the president?

Deimantė Rimkutė (LLJ) to Ed: work with other political groups except from ALDE?

Ed Mascinkas: President will then concentrate on higher level, as VP I will take care of Bureau work, reshuffle Bureau responsibilities to use resources efficiently

Lena Höglund: take personnel seriously, look for more funding such as European solidarity fund, more for politics and less for administration with new employee.

#### **Bureau:**

Anouk van Brug (JOVD): as events officer, every voice is heard, generation of the future; clear vision for events. individual members and MOs have the possibility to learn = trainings, seminars. pool of international trainers.

Antoinetta Asenova (YMRF): priorities - enhancing Western Balkans and Eastern partnership (good practices, exchange of best practices), position on migration to be streamlined, debating equal citizenship, common bold Manifesto.

Casper Pedersen (VU): communications officer to keep doing great communication. Concrete campaigning on adopted policies, not to forget them.

Dan Aria Sucuri (LUF): tshape clear liberal voice in Europe, build bridges among MOs, bring members together, make LYMEC visible externally, clear ideological, more joint campaigns with ALDE and MEPs.

Deimantė Rimkutė (LLJ): fight for freedom every day, LYMEC more political by empowering members, by educating future politicians, by engaging cooperation with members, to create platform for young candidates to get all help needed.

Eric Lundvall (Centerstudenter): educating policies, environmental policies, EP elections (LYMEC to lead and create successful campaign), voters and members outside the EU.

Pau Castellví Canet (JNC): joint belief that brings all us together, opt for engagement with those who don't know about LYMEC. Ideas: policy making data base for policy makers and IMS reform.

Chairs propose not to take questions and proceed to internal auditors. Congress accepts.

#### **17. Election of the Internal Auditors and substitutes (presentations, questions and voting)**

Erki Raja (ERPY): as management consultant, I have experience with finances plus strong liberal ideas

Fernand Souply-Pierard (Jeunes MR): teaching finance and accounting in Maastricht, used to work for finance ministry, Treasurer of Association and on the Board of the company.

Niklas Milthers (IMS): continue to work as internal auditor.

Pieter Sannen (Jong VLD): help Treasurer and the Bureau.

Chairs propose not to take questions. Congress accepts.

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Chairs explain that the voting is open till 13 45. Kevin Tammearu informs the Congress how the voting works online.

Point of order Benjamin Fievet (IMS): no right to abstain, which there should be according to statutes.

Chairs suggest an improved voting system. Congress accepts.

## **18. Announcement of the elected Bureau members**

### President

Svenja Hahn 154 votes

Laura Neijenhuis 38 votes

Svenja Hahn is elected president

### Vice President

Edgaras Mascinskas 192 votes

Elected

### Treasurer

Lena Höglund 192 Votes

### Bureau

Antoaneta Asenova 189 votes

Pau Castellví Canet 119 votes

Deimantė Rimkutė 118 votes

Dan-Aria Sucuri 104 votes

Anouk van Brug 89 votes

Eric Lundvall 76 votes

Casper Pedersen 73 votes

Antoaneta, Pau, Deimante and Dan-Aria are elected Bureau Members

## **19. Announcement of the elected Auditors and substitutes**

Niklas Milthers 145 votes

Erki Raja 137 votes

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Pieter Sannen 64 votes

Fernard Souply-Pierard 38 votes

Niklas and Erki are elected Internal Auditors, and Pieter and Fernand as their substitutes

## **20. Speech of the elected President**

Svenja Hahn: Thank you to all candidates. True competition for ideas. Applause. Really happy for so many brilliant candidates. Let's work on the resolutions which is the most important thing.

## **21. Election of the Delegation for ALDE Party Congress (presentations, questions and voting)**

12 candidacies received

Kristo Enn Vaga (ERP): SG of Estonian youth party, digitalization as important topic

Ben Fievet (IMS): IMS delegate, ready to do background work and resolutions

Andre Eduard Gruber (JUNOS): international officer of NEOS, contribute and continue the good work

Bàlint Gyévai (FEL): international officer FEL, proposing resolutions for the past three years, ALDE delegation is the next step

Keith Henry (OFF): international officer OFF, mayor, political knowledge, past experience in the delegation, education interest

Bernardas Jauga (LLJ): international officer LLJ, talk about cybersecurity & aggression, artificial intelligence

Guillermo Passas Varo (IMS): fifth ALDE congress attending, talk about core values eg gender, LGBT rights, experience and background important

Mitja Schulz (JuLis): former president JuLis, part of ALDE delegation in the past, carry on LYMEC's resolutions to ALDE

Marina Sedlo (IMS): ELSN, education resolutions, part of ALDE delegation last year, hard-working, strong way for EP elections

Syuleyman Shaban (YMRF): bureau YMRF, very active in politics, experienced

Ida-Maria Skytte (SU): knowledge and experience, dedication, member of local city council, refugees, asylum policy

Alistair Spearing (JNC): European officer JNC, go even further, part of ALDE delegation last year, build bridges with other delegations, hard-work, shape and defend LYMEC policies

## **22. Election of the LYMEC representative to the IFLRY Bureau (presentations, questions and voting)**

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Sergiu Boghean: LYMEC bureau member, wish to continue contributing from different position, launched toolkit, work with IFLRY to become a better organisation and build bridges

### **23. Resolutions**

Chair Lasse Roth explains the procedure.

Kevin Tammearu explains the voting tool.

### **26. Report from MO's**

Cecilia Baggesen Gyllunger (LUF): elections coming up in September. Europride hosts. Join us and help us.

Mitja Schulz (JuLis): general elections last year, back in the Bundestag. Transitional period, congress in three weeks, everybody invited.

Ben Fievet (IMS): regular hangouts, telegram chat group, restart a more inclusive process to rebrand the IMS. Work with new bureau.

Erki Raja (ERP): local elections in Estonia. Got 20%, best result in history. Party election in a week, getting ready for next elections, everybody welcome. Most popular party in Estonia. The youth managed to have a member in the parliament

Jonatan Riberth (Centerparty youth): 30% in a recent poll, elections in September, congress in one month.

Rémi Guastalli (IMS): young radicals in France, the left and the right are merging. Hope to join LYMEC in next congress.

Timo Nikolaisen (NUV): made the threshold two times in a row

Keith Henry (OFF): conference three weeks ago, new president, first LYMEC congress and probably last for me. Great experience. Preparing for elections, everyone welcome.

### **23 . Continuing with resolutions**

201 No taxation without representation

Alistair Spearing (JNC) explains the resolution: Europe of values and common space of democracy. Allow people to vote in the country they live.

Bàlint Gyévai speaks as an IMS for the resolution.

Ben Fievet(IMS) speaks for the resolution with two amendments, against without the amendments.

Amendment 18 carried by the mover

Amendment 19 was not carried by the mover in the WG. Ben IMS: presents the amendment. Alistair Spearing (JNC) carries 19

Amendments 20, 21 withdrawn

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Amendment 22 not carried by the mover in the WG. Ben Fievet(IMS) presents the amendment. Alistair Spearing (JNC) carries 22

Amendments 23, 24 withdrawn

Resolution is accepted by Congress

### 206 Resolution on Minority Rights

Balint Gyévai(FEL) explains the resolution: important WG, gives definition if minority rights, LYMEC communication strategy for this.

Amendments 52,53,54,55,56,57 carried by the mover

Resolution is accepted by Congress

### 204 Associate Citizenship For European's Outside The European Union

Point of Order Dennis van Driel (JD): suggested to vote directly without handling amendments, as it was clear in the WG that there is a clear majority against this resolution.

Chair Benedikt Bente answers. Congress votes

110 in favour

13 abstain

26 against

Point of order was carried. Congress moves directly to voting without discussion.

Resolution is rejected by Congress

Point of Order Ben Fievet (IMS): amendments to amendments for resolution 201 were not discussed.

Chairs answer they were included in the compromise that was carried.

### 302 European Leadership in Robotics and Artificial Intelligence

Point of Order Alistair Spearing (JNC): it is one of the two resolutions that were to be withdrawn

Danica Vihinen(SG) answers that none was to be withdrawn.

Deimantė Rimkutė (LLJ & mover) explains that this resolution was withdrawn

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## 701 On the need for a blue economy

Víctor Solé Ferioli (JNC) explains the resolution. Policies for sustainability in all water masses

All amendments are carried by the mover

### Resolution is accepted by Congress

## Urgency Resolution - Rise of the Machines

Alistair Spearing (JNC) explains. No EU strategy for AI, something bigger for the future, get the most from AI also for the military.

Ben Fievet (IMS) speaks against

Aaron Vrieler (JD) speaks against

Yaroslav Vasyliuk (EY Ukraine) speaks for

Point of Order Bas Steendam (JD): can we have a comment from the author on why he chose to merge?

Alistair Spearing (JNC) speaks for

Chairs suggest to have a more general debate on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading

### Congress accepts

Point of Order Ben Fievet (IMS): motion to move directly on the vote

Point of Order Lena Höglund (bureau): essential topic for policy book. Sort the problem. Hope you have sorted the issues beforehand.

Congress votes directly

### Resolution is rejected by Congress

## 102 Towards a democratic approach to the issue of self-determination

Ben Fievet (IMS) and Alistair Spearing (JNC) explain: update on the one on the policy book. Compromised text. Testament to what LYMEC can achieve. Joint resolution by IMS and JNC, supported by Ciudadanos

1<sup>st</sup> amendment was amended by Pieter Sannen (Jong VLD) and was carried

2<sup>nd</sup> amendment withdrawn

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> withdrawn

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Ben Fievet(IMS) speaks for

Aurier Delli Pizzi (Jeunes MR) speaks against

Lena Höglund (LYMEC) speaks for

Yaroslav Vasyliuk (EY Ukraine) speaks for

Pierre Brassinne (Jeunes MR) speaks against

Bas Steendam (JD) speaks for

Ben Fievet (IMS) states that this is an improved version of a policy already in the policy book

Ian Woods (OFF) speaks for

Andre Eduard Gruber (JUNOS) speaks for

Lena Höglund (LYMEC) states that the resolution will replace an existing one, as an update

Alistair Spearing (JNC) states that if rejected, LYMEC will be stuck for more than two years on this matter.  
 Urges to vote for

Resolution is accepted by Congress

Point of order Dennis van Driel(JD): received a tweet from YL UK

Bureau discussion on the matter

Danica Vihinen (SG LYMEC) does a roll call:

	Country	Votes	Roll call 4
Joves Liberals d'Andorra	Andorra	3	3
Junos - Junge liberale NEOS	Austria	4	4
Jeunes MR	Belgium	10	10
Jong VLD	Belgium	6	6
Fédération des Etudiants Libéraux (FEL)	Belgium	4	4
Youth Movement for Rights and Freedoms (YMRF)	Bulgaria	10	10
Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya	Catalonia (MS: Spain)	7	7
IDY - Istrian Democratic Youth	Croatia	5	
Mladi HNS	Croatia	8	

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Mladi hrvatski liberali (MHL)	Croatia	5	5
Radikal Ungdom	Denmark	4	4
Venstres Ungdom	Denmark	6	6
Estonian Reform Party Youth (ERPYP)	Estonia	6	
YAECP (Eesti Keskerakonna Noortekogu)	Estonia	7	7
Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto	Finland	4	4
Suomen Keskustanuoret/Finnish Center Youth	Finland	7	7
Svensk Ungdom - Swedish Youth	Finland	6	6
Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen (LHG)	Germany	5	5
Junge Liberale (JuLis)	Germany	10	10
Ógra Fianna Fáil	Ireland	8	8
Attistibai Youth	Latvia	3	3
Lithuanian Liberal Youth	Lithuania	6	
Jonk Demokraten (JDL)	Luxembourg	3	
Liberal Youth of Moldova	Moldova	5	5
Liberal Youth of Montenegro	Montenegro	3	
Jonge Democraten	Netherlands	8	8
JOVD	Netherlands	6	6
Norges Unge Venstre (NUV)	Norway	5	5
Centerstudenter	Sweden	4	4
Liberala Ungdomsförbundet (LUF)	Sweden	5	5
Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund (CUF)	Sweden	6	6
European Youth of Ukraine	Ukraine	3	3
Young Liberals	United Kingdom	7	7
IMS Benjamin Fievet	France	1	1
IMS Spyridon Monastiriotis	Greece	1	1
IMS Marina Sedlo	Germany	1	1
Total amount of votes		192	161
Absolute majority		97	81

Svenja Hahn (President LYMEC) answers for bureau: stand united, despite disappointment. YL UK were not here during the debate. Put resolution forward in the next congress.

Cal Roscow (YL UK): worked hard, did not want to cause trouble. Disappointed that we did not have a conversation.

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#### 402 Motion for a resolution against new taxes on innovation (especially taxes on automation)

Aurier Delli Pizzi (Jeunes MR) explains. In favour of automation, New digital tools. Against taxation, which obstructs progress.

Sjors van Wickeren (JD) speaks for, asks question

Aurier Delli Pizzi (Jeunes MR) answers

Ian Woods (OFF) asks question, what do you tax?

Aurier Delli Pizzi (Jeunes MR) answers

Pierre Brassine (Jeunes MR) speaks for

Antoianete Asenova (YMRF) gave information

Amendment 74 amended & carried

Amendment 75 amended

Dennis van Driel(JD) explains amendment

Amendment 75 carried

Sjors van Wickeren (JD) makes a point

Ben Fievet (IMS) makes a point

Resolution is accepted by Congress

#### 207 Resolution on the Rights of Linguistic Minorities

Alistair Spearing(JNC) explains. Wide diversity of languages, cultural diversity, united in it. Positive effect. Support multilingualism.

Daniël Karssenbergh (JD) asks a question

Alistair Spearing (JNC) answers

Ida-Maria Skytte (SU) speaks for

Noud Dumoulin (JOVD) speaks against

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Laia Comerma Calatayud (JNC) speaks for

Resolution is accepted by Congress

303 5G wireless — let's start the future

Kilian Karger (JuLIS) explains. Next step to wireless internet. Fast data transfer.

Sjors van Wickeren (JD) speaks for

Valentin Perkonigg (JUNOS) speaks against

Resolution is accepted by Congress

104 On the Appointment of Martin Selmayr as Secretary General of the European Commission

Only amendments 6 & 17 were not carried

Amendment 15 needs a technical improvement in the text from 'draft motion... European commission'

The rest amendments were carried by the mover

Ben Fievet(IMS) explains

Marten Porte (JD) speaks for

Víctor Solé Ferioli (JNC) speaks for

Johannes Dallheimer (LHG) explains amendment 6

Marten Porte (JD) answers, (speaks against amendment)

Voting on 6

Amendment 6 is rejected by congress

Amendments 7,8,9,10,11, 12 carried

Alistair Spearing (JNC) explains 13

Marten Porte (JD) responds

Congress votes on amendment 13

Amendment 13 is accepted by congress

Amendments 14, 15,16 carried

Bàlint Gyévai (FEL) explains 17

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Point of order Pau Castellví Canet (LYMEC) asks for a pause so that the bureau can discuss.

Point of order is rejected by Congress

Bureau recommends to vote against.

Balint Gyévai (FEL) withdraws amendment 17

Point of Order Noud Dumoulin (JOVD): asks to vote for 17

Vote on Point of Order. Point of Order is rejected by Congress

Text remains without the line.

Noud Dumoulin (JOVD) speaks for resolution

Marten Porte(JD) speaks for

Resolution is accepted by Congress.

307 Academic freedom in a time of populism and political volatility

Eric Lundvall (Centerstuderter) explains

Marten Porte(JD) comments it could have been a stronger resolution

All amendments carried

Resolution is accepted by Congress

403 European Digitalisation Accelerated

Amendment withdrawn

Andre Eduard Gruber (JUNOS) explains. Leverage benefits of it. Be ahead of US and China. New tools make things more democratic. Against free wifi. Call for venture capital.

Resolution is accepted by Congress

602 The future is nuclear

Timo Nikolaisen (VU) explains

Spyros Monastiriotis(IMS) speaks for and makes a comment

Alistair Spearing (JNC) speaks for

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Ian Woods(OFF) speaks against

Amendment carried

Resolution is accepted by Congress

105 The revised Dublin III Regulation

Anders Rehnberg (LUF) explains. Common EU response to the issue. Accept the revise Dublin III although not complete. It is a good step forward.

Ben Fievet(IMS) speaks against

Resolution is accepted by Congress

904 Support student activism internationally

Malthe Rugberg Andersen (RU) presents the resolution and underlines the importance of education

Benjamin Fievet(IMS) speaks against: no need for new schemes, as the current ones serve the purpose

Malthe Rugberg Andersen (RU) points out success of similar program in Norway

John De Coster (FEL): what is activism?

Malthe Rugberg Andersen (RU): opportunity for people to get education in those difficult consequences

Ian Woods(OFF) :Why are only students covered?

Malthe Rugberg Andersen (RU): there can be a different program for others

Amendment is carried

John De Coster (FEL) suggests postponing the resolution till next Congress to work more on it

Resolution is accepted by Congress

305 A liberal way for European education

Marina Sedlo (IMS): to have it in manifesto and to bring it to ALDE

Bàlint Gyévai (FEL) speaks in favour

Benjamin Fievet(IMS) speaks against

Denis van Driel(JD) speaks against

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Svenja Hahn on behalf of Bureau explains that they asked for a resolution summarizing education policies approved in one

Marina Sedlo (IMS) urges the Congress to renew and reapprove the old resolution

Amendment 79

Dennis van Driel (JD) speaks against the amendment: for member states not EU

Marina Sedlo(IMS) clarifies: EU has no competence in education but it should together with member states

Amendment 79 is not carried

Amendment 80 is carried

Dennis van Driel (JD) presents amendment 81

Marina Sedlo (IMS) brings the example of Turkey as part of Erasmus

Johannes Dallheimer (LHG) speaks in favour

Antoianeta Asenova (LYMEC): inclusivity

Svenja Hahn (LYMEC): we are also funded by Erasmus plus so speaks against amendment

Noud Dumoulin(JOVD) speaks for amendment

Alistair Spearing (JNC) speaks against

John De Coster (FEL) speaks against

Ian Woods (OFF) speaks against

Amendment is rejected by congress

Amendment 82

Denis van Driel (JD) presents the amendment

Marina Sedlo(IMS): it is redundant, they have to pay anyway

Not carried

Amendments 83 and 84 carried

Amendment 85

Denis van Driel (JD) presents

Marina Sedlo(IMS): companies should define themselves otherwise they are discouraged

Amendment 85 is rejected

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Amendment 86 is carried

Amendment 87

Dennis van Driel (JD): not only university education should expand to other levels of education

Marina Sedlo (IMS): those programs already exist

John De Coster (FEL) speaks in favour

Amendment 87 is carried

Resolution is accepted by Congress

Resolution 305 A liberal way for European education

Benjamin Fievet (IMS) speaks against

Dennis van Driel(JD) speaks against

Bàlint Gyévai (FEL) speaks in favour

Resolution is accepted by Congress as amended

Resolution 103 On Reducing the European Commission

Noud Dumoulin (JOVD) presents

Bas Steendam (JD) speaks for

Shane Curley (OFF) speaks against

Both amendments carried

John De Coster (FEL) speaks for

Resolution is accepted by Congress

903 Transparency and human rights led approach to EU deals with other countries...

Noora Hammar (FCY) presents

Resolution is accepted by Congress

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306 Facilitating the academic cooperation with the EU in higher education

Marina Sedlo(IMS) presents

Resolution is accepted by Congress

603 Resolution for a common container deposit scheme in the European Union

Sofia Molin (Centerstudenter) presents

All amendments are carried by the mover

Resolution is accepted by Congress

304 Industry 5.0 - A European Initiative

Alex Hampo(Julis) presents

All amendments are carried by the mover

Resolution is accepted by Congress

203 Resolution on the Istanbul Convention

Laura Neijenhuis (JD) presents

Amendment carried by the mover

Resolution is accepted by Congress

106 Urgency Resolution - Shame on you President Juncker!

Anders Rehnberg (LUF) explains

Amendment not carried

Amendment is rejected by congress

Resolution is accepted by Congress

901 Break the Turkish Olive Branch in Afrin

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Cecilia Baggesen Gyllunger (LUF) explains. Call for LYMEC to call EU to condemn the actions by Turkey

Amendment carried

Resolution is accepted by Congress

902 On the inadmissibility of mitigating or cancelling political and economic sanctions against...

Yaroslav Vasyliuk (EY Ukraine) explains.

Pierre Brassine (Jeunes MR) speaks against

John De Coster (FEL) speaks against

Amendment not carried.

Aron Vrieler (JD) explains amendment

Point of Order Chair Timo Roeleveld: sensitive topic. Suggest to move the resolution to the young leaders meeting and help EY Ukraine revise the wording of the resolution.

Ben Fievet (IMS) asks a question

Chair Timo Roeleveld answers

Ian Woods (OFF) speaks against the point of order

Laura Neijenhuis (JD) speaks against point of order and asks Yaroslav Vasyliuk to withdraw and discuss on next congress

Resolution is withdrawn by mover.

#### 24. Announcement of the elected Delegates for ALDE Party Congress

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Name, Votes

**SEDLO, Marina, 169**

**GYÉVAI, Bálint, 169**

**SKYTTE, Ida-Maria, 160**

**SCHULZ, Mitja, 157**

**SPEARING, Alistair, 151**

**HENRY, Keith, 149**

**ENN VAGA, Kristo, 142**

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**SHABAN, Syuleyman,138**

**FIEVET, Benjamin,132**

**GRUBER, Andre Eduard,116**

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PASSAS VARO, Guillermo,106

JAUGA, Bernardas,101

**25. Announcement of the elected LYMEC representative to the IFLRY Bureau**

Sergiu Boghean 168 votes

**26. Reports from Member Organisations, IMS and LYMEC Working Groups**

Olha Tsurkan (IFLRY): greetings from IFLRY. Emphasis for multinational solutions to common problems. Sharing common values and visions, should continue to cooperate. Gratitude to the outgoing bureau. Best of luck to the new bureau.

Danica Vihinen (SG LYMEC) working group report. New Defence and Security WG. Please apply.

**27. Any other business**

Chairs thank the scrutineers and the secretariat.

Referral to Munster, Germany attack. Condolences to all affected.

**28. Closing**

Svenja Hahn: Thanks everybody for participating. Thanks candidates. Looking forward to work with those elected. Applause. Thanks to the chairs, secretariat and SG. Details about afterparty. Congress closes.

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