



MINUTES

Online Bureau Meeting

26 February 2025

The meeting started at 19h CET and was held online.

Present: Ines Holzegger (IH), Alexandre Servais (AS), Marten Porte (MP), Dimitra Papadopoulou (DP), Sean Bennett (SB), and Even Diot (ED)

Invited: Chiara Liguori (CL)

Excused: Sorcha Ni Chonghaile (SNC) Willemijn Krans (WK)

IH opened the Bureau meeting and started with the first agenda point.

1. Lymec Spring Congress 2025

a. Deadlines (Bureau reports etc.)

ED presented the Bureau on the current status of the LYMEC Spring Congress set to take place April 4 to 6 2025 in Zagreb, Croatia. AS reminded the Bureau Members of the deadline to submit the Bureau Report by the 4-week deadline on March 7.

b. Freedom fund selection

MP presented the dossier of the different organisations that applied for the Freedom Fund for the LYMEC Spring Congress 2025. After discussions, the following decisions were taken:

Organisation	Country	Total Amount as per Bureau decision	Delegates
Four Youth!	Latvia	300	3
LiDem	North-Macedonia	300	3
Nasa Stranka	BiH	200	3
LLY	Lithuania	200	2

c. Reduce Congress fees

MP presented the different delegations which requested a reduced Congress Fee for the LYMEC Spring Congress 2025. After discussions, the following decisions were taken:



Organisation	Country	Bureau decision	Amount of delegates in persons
JeunesMR	Belgium	0	3
Youth Forum of Naša stranka	Bosnia and Herzegovina	3	3
IDS Youth Club	Croatia	0	3
Venstres Ungdom	Denmark	0	3
Momentum TizenX	Hungary	3	3
For Youth!	Latvia	2	3
Lithuanian Liberal Youth	Lithuania	2	2
Liberal Youth of Montenegro	Montenegro	0	1
Liberal Democratic Youth	North Macedonia	3	3
Youth Movement of Free Citizens	Serbia	2	2
Young Progressive Slovakia	Slovakia	1	3
European Youth of Ukraine (EYU)	Ukraine	2	2
ZeMolodizhka	Ukraine	2	3
LYMEC IMS		0	1

d. 4th delegates

ED presented the current situation with regard to the accommodation and the number of registered delegates from full-member organisations to the LYMEC Spring Congress 2025.

Following the principle that the number of delegates shall not exceed the number of votes of a full-member organisation, and following the principle that full member organisations may be granted an additional delegate based on their membership size (according to data from the 2025 Membership survey), 3 spots were allocated to the *Youth Movement for Rights and Freedoms (YMRF)*, *Junge Liberale (JuLis)* and *Jeunes MR (JMR)*.

If additional spots become available, they will be offered to full member organisations according to the same principles.

e. Press conference



ED informed the Bureau that thanks to the support of our Members Organisations in Croatia the Press will be invited to the Opening of the LYMEC Spring Congress 2025. DP will be in charge of drafting a memorandum to be shared with our partners and disseminated to invite the press to the event.

2. Upcoming activities

a. Microsoft event (postponed)

ED informed the bureau that the event in cooperation with Microsoft, set to take place March 4th will be postponed later in April. This event set to take place at the Microsoft venue will be shared within our network for participants to attend on behalf of LYMEC. The secretariat is in contact to secure speakers from the RENEW Europe Group.

b. OpenSlides Training March 4

AS and ED will lead the Openslides Training on March 4 for the delegates of the LYMEC Spring Congress 2025.

c. Young voices in the European Parliament -. March 19

ED presented this event to the Bureau. The second edition of this event will take place on March 19th with the support of the ALDE Party. All the MEPs from RENEW Europe below the age of 40 have been invited to discuss their and LYMEC's priorities.

d. YCA I March 14-16

SB thanks CL for the support in the organisation of the first Young Changemakers Academy event set to take place March 14-16 in London. The speakers and logistical aspects are approved and the initiation meeting will take place on February 27th. The preparations for the second event in Stockholm are underway.

e. Working Group Congress March 29

ED reminded the bureau members of the division of tasks ahead of the Working groups on March 29. SNC and SB will be responsible for taking notes. CL and the Communications Assistant (AD) will be responsible for OpenSlides.

3. Invitations

a. YDE Winter Academy 7-09/03

Due to the short notice no Bureau member will be available to join this event.

b. IH event in Ukraine. postponed

The invitation to join a delegation of liberal politicians to Ukraine was postponed to later this year.

c. Jeunes MR visit to ALDE to coordinate

The secretariat will be in touch with Jeunes MR ahead of their visit to the ALDE party to provide insights into the work of the organisation.



d. YFJ General Assembly

AS will coordinate with WK and SNC ahead of the YFJ General Assembly to ensure proper representation of the European Liberal Youth LYMEC.

e. YFJ Elections Youth Advisory Council

AS will coordinate with WK to ensure we submit a candidate in coordination with IFLRY for the upcoming elections of the Youth Advisory Council.

CL left the meeting for the duration of the following point on the agenda

4. **Secretariat**

a. HR matters

The Bureau approved the Staff Reward Scheme of CL for her third year of employment within the European Liberal Youth LYMEC.

CL re-entered the meeting

b. Erasmus + updates

CL gave an update on the current status of the Erasmus+ reporting for 2024 and the application for 2025.

ED and CL will follow an infosession on March 7 from DG EACEA on the Framework Partnership Agreement 2026-2027 concerning Erasmus+.

5. **Tour de Table Bureau Members**

SB stated that the YCA in London is ongoing, and the work on the second YCA in Stockholm is underway. The International Officers Guide will be shared by the next bureau meeting along with the database for IOs to give them the possibility to contact each other.

DP set up weekly meetings with the new communication assistant AD and ED to distribute the tasks. The Spring Campaign will be launched in March. By the next bureau meeting the TikTok strategy will be ready and the spring campaign launched. DP will attend a statutory event of PSG (Serbia) in March.

MP animated the Working Group on the revamp of the rules of procedures and will deliver the annual financial report for 2024 and the annual budget for 2025. A reminder will be sent to all the bureau members for missing membership fees for 2025. The External Auditor delivered their report with a surplus of 24,000 EUR for the organisation in 2024. MP and ED also attended a meeting with FNF Europe to discuss the financial support in 2025 for LYMEC.

AS organised the HR meeting with the Secretariat, and will work on the LYMEC Hub by the next bureau meeting. He will also attend the Congress of the Young Green Liberals of Switzerland.

6. **AOB**



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DP informed the bureau of an influencer programme launched by the European Democrats and will contact them to seek collaborations.

The next Bureau Meeting is set for April 1st after the Working Group.

End of the meeting: 20h30

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