



Short Guide for LYMEC delegates at ALDE Party Congress

LYMEC holds ten votes at the ALDE Congress and correspondingly sends a delegation of ten people to represent LYMEC. The delegation is elected at the LYMEC Autumn Congress. To ensure that all potential candidates know what they are signing up for, LYMEC has compiled a brief overview of the tasks, responsibilities and rights associated with being a part of the delegation.

Election Procedure

All members of LYMEC's member organisations and individual members can be nominated or nominate themselves for the delegation up until the end of the first day of the Autumn Congress. However, please note that the deadline for being displayed on the website in advance and to participate in any potential Pre Congress debate will occur 4 weeks before the congress.

Candidates will be given the opportunity to present themselves during a prearranged debate online before the congress. Additionally, candidates will have a short opportunity to introduce themselves at the Congress before the election opens.

Each delegation must vote for nine* persons (no less, no more: if you vote for less than 9 your vote will not be valid), and the 9 candidates with the most votes get elected to the delegation. The candidates who are not elected are substitutes in case someone from the elected delegation cannot attend, in order of the voting results.

**The tenth delegate, and head of delegation, will be the Policy Officer of European Liberal Youth, who is automatically deemed elected. Due to the new regulations adopted at the ALDE Party Congress in Stockholm in May 2023, the LYMEC delegation to the ALDE Party Congress can't have more than 1/3 of its delegation composed by non-EU countries representatives.*

Financial and logistical support

LYMEC will organise and cover accommodation for the delegates during the ALDE Party congress, either in a hostel or shared apartments. Depending upon the financial situation of LYMEC, the delegates might also receive a partial travel reimbursement.



Preparations

The delegation will stay in touch by email and WhatsApp, as well as by online meetings from the LYMEC Autumn congress up until the ALDE Party Congress, the date of which is set by the ALDE Bureau and will be communicated to delegates early on. The delegates are required to participate in the preparations and online meetings and fulfil the tasks they are given. Tasks will be distributed during the online meetings.

The delegation will decide upon the resolutions that LYMEC will present to the ALDE Party Congress. The delegates are also responsible for reading through all the submitted resolutions to the ALDE Party Congress and suggesting amendments. The amendments must be in line with LYMEC policy. Usually, the resolutions will be distributed within the delegation so that each delegate will concentrate on amending some, but not all, resolutions.

When all the submitted amendments are available, the delegates, with the assistance of the Policy Officer, will go through these and make up voting lists for the delegation, so that everyone knows which amendments to vote in favour of and which to vote against. Preferably, there should also be a short explanation of the suggested vote.

During the ALDE Party Congress

The delegation will meet with all candidates for the ALDE Bureau during the congress, and the delegates are expected to attend these interviews. The delegates may also be asked to come up with or ask questions to the candidates.

The delegates are expected to attend the LYMEC fringe at the Congress, if LYMEC is organising one. It is also advisable to attend other fringe meetings during the congress.

The delegates are expected to attend the Congress sessions and the working group on the resolutions. The delegates should be prepared to present and defend LYMECs' resolutions and amendments both in the working groups and in the plenary.

Delegates are encouraged to help promote LYMEC's work and positions through social media during the ALDE Party Congress.

During the congress, the delegates should keep in mind that they are not representing themselves, their MOs or mother parties but are attending the ALDE Party Congress as LYMEC delegates representing LYMEC. This means that the LYMEC policy sets the guidelines for the voting. The delegation should also sit together during the congress.

After the Congress

The delegation should report back to the following LYMEC congress on its activities.

