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Minutes from LYMEC Berlin Congress

Berlin, 24 - 25 October 2014

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1. Opening by LYMEC President

President of LYMEC, Vedrana Gujic, opens the Congress at 4:35 pm. She welcomes all the delegations and guests. She presents the new mobile application of LYMEC and the LYMEC Congress newspapers. Opening speeches continue with Konstantin Kuhle, President of Junge Liberale and Nicola Beer, the Secretary General of FDP.



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2. Roll Call and Voting Rights

Igor Caldeira, Secretary General of LYMEC, calls out all delegations that have voting rights.

JUNOS - 3 Jeunes MR - 9 Jong VLD - 6 FEL – 7 Youth MRF - 10 JNC – 8 MHL - 5 Mladi HNS - 8 Radikal Ungdom – 4 Ventres Ungdom – 6 Estonian Reform Party Youth - 6 Svensk Ungdom – 6 FCY – 10 Josephine Dietzsch IMS - 1 JuLis – 9 ID – 7 IOVD - 6 **NUV - 5** Centerstudenter – 3 LUF - 5Liberal Youth - 6 LHG - 5 Ermanno Martignetti IMS - 1 Joao Duarte IMS – 1

The Bureau proposed Alexander Plahr, Matilda Flemming and Jan Van Run as Congress Chairs and they are elected by the Congress. The elected scrutineers are Benedikt Bente (LHG), Elene Walgenbach (JD) and Ed Sanderson (IMS). The elected secretaries are Mattia Sozio (LYMEC Assistant) and Charlotte Dupon (Jong VLD).

3. Adoption of the Agenda



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Chairs present the Congress Agenda. Adopted by unanimity, with changes introduced to the election of chairs and the confirmation of the Committee of Discipline and Arbitrage.

4. Adoption of minutes from the Congress in Zagreb Adopted.

5. Snap vote on the order of resolutions

Snap vote on the order of resolutions is discussed after the presentation of LYMEC Bureau reports because of technical problems caused by the weak wireless network which urged the organisers to proceed with paper voting on the order of resolutions.

Jan Van Run explains the snap vote rules and procedures.

Resolution name and number of votes Resolution 1. Julis, Germany - EmPOWERing Europe 76 Resolution 2. Jeunes MR and FEL, Belgium – Intervention against the Islamic State 59 Resolution 3. LYMEC Bureau – European Defence 55 Resolution 4. NUV, Norway – Harm Reduction through Heroin Assisted Treatment Programs 53 Resolution 5. JD, Netherlands – Effective Approach Prostitution 48 Resolution 6. RU, Denmark and Svensk Ungdom, Finland – A Coherent and Ambitious EU Development Policv 42 Resolution 7. ERPY, Estonia – Common Foreign Policy towards Russia 36 Resolution 8. JD, Netherlands - Care Sex Workers 34 Resolution 9. JOVD, Netherlands – Elimination of Vignettes within the EU & EFTA 33 Resolution 10. JOVD, Netherlands – Defence and Security of the European Continent 33 Resolution 11. JUNOS, Austria – Levelling up the European Elections 32 Resolution 12. JUNOS, Austria and Julis, Germany – Democratization of Union's Foreign Trade Policy 29 Resolution 13. Jong VLD and Jeunes MR, Belgium and JD, Netherlands – Freedom of Movement 26 Resolution 14. JUNOS, Austria – A Great Idea deserves a New Clean Beginning 24 Resolution 15. JD, Netherlands – Defence and Security of the European Continent 16 Resolution 16. Lynneth Mollis, IMS - On International Arms Trade 6

6. LYMEC Bureau reports – for information

Members of the Bureau present their reports in the following order:



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- Markus Ylimaa, LYMEC Bureau
- Svenja Hahn, LYMEC Bureau
- Timo Roeleveld, LYMEC Bureau
- Jelena Jesajana, LYMEC Bureau
- Sissel Kvist, LYMEC Vice President
- Vedrana Gujic, LYMEC President.

7. Secretary General report – for information

Igor Caldeira, Secretary General of LYMEC, presents the report.

Alexander Plahr closes the first day of the Congress.

8. Finances

Second day of the Congress starts at 09:40 am when the quorum is reached.

a) Interim financial report 2014 - for information

Danica Vihinen, LYMEC Bureau, presents its Bureau report and the interim financial report 2014. People taking the floor for questions

- Ermanno Martignetti IMS
- Benjamin Broekhuizen JOVD

Adopted

b) Interim internal audit 2014 – for information

Marijn de Pagter presents the interim internal audit 2014. Adopted

c) Requests for reduction of Membership Fees

Jelena Jesajana presents the requests for reduction of Membership Fees from Civil Forum, Belarus. Adopted

d) Adoption of the proposal for Membership fees 2015

Danica Vihinen presents the proposal from the LYMEC Bureau for Membership fees 2015.



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Adopted

e) Adoption of revised budget for 2014

Danica Vihinen presents the revised budget 2014. Adopted

f) Adoption of draft budget 2015

Danica Vihinen presents the draft budget for 2015. People taking the floor for questions and comments:

- Benjamin Broekhuizen JOVD
- Ermanno Martignetti IMS

Adopted

9. Adoption of the Program of Action 2015-2016

Sissel Kvist, LYMEC Vice President, presents the Program of Action for 2015-2016. Igor Caldeira, Sissel Kvist and Vedrana Gujic answer to questions and give additional comments.

People taking the floor for questions

- Joao Duarte IMS
- Benjamin Broekhuizen JOVD
- Pauline Kastermans JD
- Milan Assies JD
- Ab Brightman Liberal Youth

Adopted unanimously.

10. Reports from the Fringe Meetings

Sissel Kvist from LYMEC Bureau introduces the reports from the Fringe Meetings.

- i. Jukka Koivula (FCY) and Ivan Nekic (Mladi HNS) report about Fringe A *Energy Politics and Security of Supply in Europe*.
- ii. Ermanno Martignetti (IMS) reports about Fringe B1 An Empty Shell? The Possible Future developments of the Union's Common Foreign and Security Policy.



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- iii. Ab Brightman (Liberal Youth) reports about the Fringe B2 *Exchanging Best Practice*.
- iv. Christa Blomberg and Maisa Lindqvist from Svensk Ungdom report about Fringe C1 *Winning Political Campaigns Inside the EP elections campaign of Svensk Ungdom.*
- v. Bart Vanmarcke (Jong VLD) reports about Fringe C2 Deadlock Elections in a Bipolar Democracy.
- vi. Pauline Kastermans (JD) reports about Fringe D1 How to win open primaries and how to campaign on tinder, Young Candidates and the European Parliament Elections 2014. A tale of two campaigns.
- vii. Jelena Jesajana (LYMEC Bureau) reports about Fringe D2 State of Russian Opposition and the Influence of sanctions on behalf of Alexandra Maxyutova (Youth Yabloko, organizer of the fringe).

11. Confirmation of the Committee of Discipline and Arbitrage

Vedrana Gujic (LYMEC President) answers to questions and remarks on behalf of LYMEC Bureau. Bureau proposes to confirm the proposal for the Committee of Discipline and Arbitrage as a whole. Assembly approves.

The Committee is confirmed

- Ab Brightman (LY, United Kingdom)
- Veselka Hristova (YMRF, Bulgaria)
- Jukka Koivula (KOL, Finland)
- Marit van der Pol (JOVD, The Netherlands)
- Julius Lizunas (LLJ, Lithuania)

People taking the floor for questions and remarks

• Ermanno Martignetti – IMS.

12. Membership issues: Applications for Membership and disaffiliations

i. Christabelle Feeney, Fintan Phelan, Lisa Chambers and Keith Henry present their organisation, Ógra Fianna Fáil, and they express their hope to become a full member of LYMEC.

People taking the floor for questions:

- Pauline Kastermans JD
- Christa Blomberg Svensk Ungdom
- Ermanno Martignetti IMS
- Florent Baudewyns Jeunes MR



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- Emine Gyulestan Youth MRF
- Ivan Bertovic MHL

Ógra Fianna Fáil leaves the Congress Room before the debate and the vote.

Svenja Hahn (LYMEC Bureau) opens the debate about Ógra Fianna Fáil full membership and states LYMEC Bureau support for their application for full membership.

People taking the floor for debate.

- Florent Baudewyns speaks in favor
- Ab Brightman speaks in favor
- Jon Gleeson speaks in favor
- Milan Assies speaks in favor
- Koivula Jukka speaks in favor
- Kristian Brandrup speaks in favor
- Marijn de Pagter speaks in favor
- Hannah Bettsworth speaks in favor

Votes: 125 in favor 7 abstentions No votes against.

Approved

Igor Caldeira gives 8 votes to Ógra Fianna Fáil as a new full member of LYMEC, corresponding to the reported 7023 members of their organization.

ii. Ammar Borancic and Nikola Obradovic present their organisation, Liberal Youth of Montenegro, to become LYMEC Associate Member.

People taking the floor for questions Ermanno Martignetti - IMS

Danica Vihinen states that LYMEC Bureau supports the application of Liberal Youth of Montenegro. Ivan Nekic, Ivan Bertovic, and Ab Brightman declare their support to Liberal Youth of Montenegro.

Vote 137 in favor 0 against



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No abstentions.

iii. Timo Roeleveld introduces and presents JDL (Luxembourg) as New Associate Member organisation.

People taking the floor for questions Florent Baudewyns, Jeunes MR, asks for supporting them.

Vote 139 in favor 0 against No abstentions

iv. Vedrana Gujic explains the reasons behind TNL and CSL (Romania) resignation from LYMEC membership.
Approved

13. **Resolutions**

Resolution 1. Julis, Germany - EmPOWERing Europe

Delegate from JuLis presents the Resolution. People taking the floor Ivan Bertovic – MHL Tobias Bashevkin – NUV Bart Vanmarcke – Jong VLD Benedikt Bente – LHG Andrew Martin – Liberal Youth Joao Duarte – IMS Marian Lupulescu – TLR Julie Tran - Centerstudenter

Point of order: Milan Assies asks to limit the speaking time to 2 minutes. Proposal is carried.

Amendment 1 by IMS is carried by JuLis Amendment 2 by NUV is carried by JuLis Amendment 3 by JD is carried by JuLis Amendment 4 by LYMEC Bureau is carried by JuLis



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Resolution is put on vote 88 in favor 38 against No abstentions

<u>Resolution is carried.</u>

Resolution 2. Jeunes MR and FEL, Belgium – Intervention against the Islamic State

Buen Abad Timothé and Florent Baudeweyns present the resolution and answer to questions and remarks.

People taking the floor Bas Hazenberg - JD Benjamin Broekhuizen – JOVD Hannah Bettsworth – Liberal Youth Ivan Bertovic – MHL Ed Sanderson - IMS Ermanno Martignetti – IMS

Amendment 1 by FEL is carried Amendment 2 by JD is carried by FEL and Jeunes MR

Vote 42 in favor 50 against 33 abstentions <u>Resolution is not adopted</u>.

Resolution 3. LYMEC Bureau – European Defence

Timo Roeleveld presents the Resolution 3 as LYMEC Bureau representative.

People taking the floor Benjamin Broekhuizen - JOVD Ed Sanderson – IMS Umar Ramzan – Liberal Youth Ivan Bertovic – MHL Marc Vidiella Costa - JNC



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Point of Order by Benedikt Yavuz (JuLis). Ivan Bertovic (MHL) speaks against. Assembly does not approve

Point of Order by Friso Bonga. Stefan Windberger speaks against Assembly approves.

Amendment 1 by JOVD. LYMEC Bureau puts all amendments for a vote of the congress. People taking the floor for debate. Friso Bonga – JD Jukka Koivula- FCY Benjamin Broekhuizen – JOVD

Vote 67 in favor 38 against 21 abstentions Approved

Point of Order by Ivan Bertovic (MHL) is to restart discussion about Resolution 3. Benedikt Yavuz (JuLis) speaks against 36 in favor 60 against 20 abstentions Not carried.

 2^{nd} point of Order by Chairs is to follow art 17 of LYMEC Rules of Procedure Approved

Amendment 2 by ERPY, JOVD, Jong VLD, VU People taking the floor for debate Stefan Windberger – JUNOS Benjamin Broekhuizen – JOVD

67 in favor 36 against 20 abstentions



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Amendment 3 by ERPY, JOVD, Jong VLD, VU People taking the floor for debate Benjamin Broekhuizen – JOVD Friso Bonga – JD Marc Vidiella Costa – JNC Victor Rundqvist – Centerstudenter Jukka Koivula – FCY Marit van der POL – JOVD Stefan Windberger – JUNOS Andrew Martin – Liberal Youth

Vote 83 in favor 40 against 14 abstentions Approved

Amendment 4 by JD. People taking the floor for debate Friso Bonga – JD Ivan Bertovic – MHL Benjamin Broekhuizen – JOVD Vote 15 in favor 78 against 29 abstentions Not Approved

Amendment 5 by ERPY, JOVD, Jong VLD, VU People taking the floor for debate Benjamin Broekhuizen – JOVD Wenzel Rohsner – JUNOS Ivan Bertovic – MHL Benedikt Yavuz – JuLis Jon Gleeson – Liberal Youth Max Sjoberg – LUF Sweden Umar Ramzan – Liberal Youth Stefan Windberger - JUNOS



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Andrew Martin – Liberal Youth Ermanno Martignetti – IMS Jukka Koivula – FCY Ummar Ramzam – Liberal Youth

Vote 68 in favor 44 against 29 abstentions Approved

Point of order by Christa Blomberg for limiting the speaking time to 1 minute max. Ed Sanderson speaks against. Vote 57 in favor 49 against 22 abstentions Approved

Amendment 6 by ERPY, Jong VLD, JOVD, VU People taking the floor for debate: Benjamin Broekhuizen, JOVD Andrew Martin, Liberal Youth Jon Gleeson, Liberal Youth Stefan Windberger, JUNOS Vote 84 in favor 34 against 21 abstentions Approved

Amendment 7 by Jong VLD, ERPY, JOVD, VU People taking the floor for debate: Benjamin Broekhuizen, JOVD Ed Sanderson, IMS Ermanno Martignetti, IMS Friso Bonga, JD Vote



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77 in favor 39 against 21 abstentions Approved

Amendment 8 by Jong VLD, ERPY, JOVD, VU People taking the floor for debate: Benjamin Broekhuizen, JOVD Friso Bonga, JD Vote 91 in favor 12 against 34 abstentions Approved

Amendment 9 by JD People taking the floor for debate Friso Bonga, JD Vote 94 in favor No against 34 abstentions approved

Amendment 10 by Jong VLD, ERPY JOVD, VU People taking the floor for debate: Benjamin Broekhuizen, JOVD Vote 84 in favor 6 against 38 abstentions Approved

Amendment 11 by Jong VLD, ERPY JOVD, VU People taking the floor for debate: Benjamin Broekhuizen, JOVD Ed Sanderson, IMS Wenzel Rohsner, JUNOS Stefan Windberger, JUNOS



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Vote 69 in favor 34 against 28 abstentions Approved

Amendment 11 by JD People taking the floor for debate Friso Bonga, JD Vote 31 in favor 53 against 53 abstentions Not approved

Amendment 12 by Jong VLD, ERPY JOVD, VU People taking the floor for debate Benjamin Broekhuizen - JOVD

Point of order by Ed Sanderson not to close the speakers list. Approved (speakers list opened) Jukka Koivula, FCY Wenzel Rohsner, JUNOS Stefan Windberger, JUNOS Jon Gleeson, Liberal Youth Andrew Martin, Liberal Youth Lisa Chambers, Ógra Fianna Fail Hannah Bettsworth, Liberal Youth Vote 27 in favor 99 against 5 abstentions Not approved

Amendment 13 by EPRY, Jong VLD, VU, JOVD People taking the floor for debate



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Benjamin Broekhuizen - JOVD Vote 96 in favor 39 against 2 abstentions Approved

Amendment 13 by EPRY, Jong VLD, VU, JOVD People taking the floor for debate Benjamin Broekhuizen - JOVD Timo Roeleveld, LYMEC Bureau Vote 78 in favor 3 against 54 abstentions Approved

Amendment 14 by EPRY, Jong VLD, VU, JOVD People taking the floor for debate Benjamin Broekhuizen Vote 88 in favor 34 against No abstention Approved

Point of order by Florent Baudewyns, Jeunes MR for printing the resolution 3 Benjamin Broekhuizen – JOVD speaks against Vote 31 in favor 88 against 14 abstentions Not approved

Debate about resolution 3 People taking the floor Friso Bonga, JD Benjamin Broekhuizen, JOVD Benedikt Yavuz, JuLis



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Stefan Windberger, JUNOS Florent Baudewyns, Jeunes MR Benedikt Bente, LHG Wenzel Rohsner, JUNOS Ermanno Martignetti, IMS Joao Duarte, IMS Benjamin Fievet, IMS Patrick Mullner, JUNOS Ivan Bertovic, MHL Koivula Jukka, FCY

Resolution is put on vote 84 in favor 39 against 5 abstentions *The resolution is carried.*

Resolution 4. NUV, Norway – Harm Reduction through Heroin Assisted Treatment Programs

Jorgen As presents the Resolution. Chairs clarify that normal rules procedures are restored except for 1 minute speaking time which is carried. People taking the floor for questions: Marit van der Pol, JOVD Hannah Bettsworth, Liberal Youth Joao Duarte, IMS

Amendment 1 by Lymec Bureau is carried by NUV

Amendment 2 by JD People taking the floor for the debate Marjolein Niewijk, JD Ed Sanderson, IMS Jorgen Aas, NUV

Vote 25 in favor 107 against



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10 abstentions

Not carried JD decides to withdraw amendments 2 and 3.

Amendment 4 by LY is carried by NUV Amendment 5 by NUV is carried by NUV Amendment 6 by LY is carried by NUV

Resolution is put on vote 137 in favor No against No abstention <u>Resolution is CARRIED.</u>

Bureau proposes to continue with resolutions until 6 30pm. Approved

Resolution 5. JD, Netherlands – Effective Approach Prostitution

Samira Rafaela from JD presents Resolution 5. People taking the floor for debate Samira Rafaela, JD Max Sjoberg, LUF Sweden Milan Assies, JD Hannah Bettsworth, Liberal Youth Buen Abad Timothé, FEL Ermanno Martignetti, IMS Antoinette Bakker, JOVD Ayla Schneiders, JD

Amendment 1 by LYMEC Bureau is carried by JD

Amendment 2 by LUF Sweden People taking the floor for debate Max Sjoberg – LUF Sweden Friso Bonga - JD Beret Roots – JuLis Hannah Bettsworth – Liberal Youth Vote



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27 in favor 79 against 16 abstentions NOT CARRIED

Amendment 3 by MHL People taking the floor for debate Ivan Bertovic – MHL Milan Assies – JD Samira Rafaela – JD

MHL withdraws amendment 3

Amendment 4 by JOVD is carried by JD Amendment 5 by JuLis is carried by JD

Amendment 6 by LUF People taking the floor Max Sjoberg, LUF Friso Bonga, JD Hannah Bettsworth, Liberal Youth Simona Mohamsson, LUF Christa Blomberg, SU

Vote 21 in favor 100 against 11 abstentions NOT CARRIED

Resolution is put on vote 110 in favor 9 against 8 abstentions Resolution is CARRIED

At 6h30pm chairs stop the debate about Resolutions.



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14. Reports from Member Organisations

People taking the floor for Member Organisations Reports Joonas Vanto, Estonian Reform Party Youth Sandra Ahtola, SU Stefan Windberger, JUNOS Benedikt Bente, LHG Ilze Grinberga, For Latvia's Development Youth Jukka Koivula, FCY Ab Brightman, Liberal Youth Emine Gyulestan, Youth MRF Sven Hilgers, JuLis Julie Tran, Centerstudenter Benjamin Broekhuizen, JOVD Milan Assies, JD Florent Baudewyns, Jeunes MR Marta Canos i Sole, JNC

15. Any Other Business

LYMEC Office will change to Rue d'Idalie 11, 1050 Brussels, re-joining ALDE Party in their new location, as of the 1st of December.

Igor Caldeira (LYMEC Secretary General) invites Mr. Ulrich Niemann, from the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom to take the floor as special guest of LYMEC Congress.

Jelena Jesajana (LYMEC Bureau) presents LYMEC Political Campaign #trustmeiamaliberal.

Sissel Kvist (LYMEC Vice-President) informs the delegates that next week they will receive an online form to evaluate LYMEC Congress.

16. Closing

Vedrana Gujic (LYMEC President) closes the meeting by congratulating all the participants, the chairs and organisers.

Jelena Jesajana (LYMEC Bureau) invites participants to take a group picture for the press release on the launch of #trustmeiamaliberal and informs that soon MOs will be contacted with further information about the campaign.