

Minutes Bureau Meeting

Zagreb, 7 June 2014

Present : Vedrana Gujic, Sissel Kvist, Danica Vihinen, Timo Roeleveld, Svenja Hahn, Jelena Jesajana, Markus Ylimaa

Also present : Igor Caldeira, SG

VG opens the meeting by congratulating on the results and congress work. Order of meeting : immediate tasks, and then division of tasks in the bureau.

URGENT MATTERS

- 1 - ALDE Council : VG is coming as board member, IC will be LYMEC delegate.
- 2 - ELF event, 14 of June: we need to come as partner organisation. Either SH or IMS Josephine Dietzsch will represent LYMEC.
- 3 - CUF annual congress, 17 of July: until the end of June the Bureau will decide if someone can attend.
- 4 - ELF Ralf Dahrendorf Taskforce: IC secures our participation until September but a Bureau Member will take the work onwards.

DISTRIBUTION OF TASKS

VG proposes a change in the organisation of the Bureau, focused on internal coordination, external visibility and policy work. Sharing tasks among Bureau members could also be feasible. JJ agrees that we do not need strict division of tasks. We should keep online campaigns, but also have physical visibility.

SH thinks we have to coordinate online and offline. TR thinks the division is more between Mos and Ims.

TR wants to work more on policy and stress the common liberal ideological heritage, attracting more members by stressing our similarities.

MY wants to work on policy issues, with bigger focus on education.

SH wants to be Press Officer, because we need to work on our external and internal information. We should also think in cooperating with MOs in press relations.

VG wants to improve three things: publishing of papers, background information, etc., including a yearbook; improve education and training; improve the branding of LYMEC.

JJ proposes that we try to publish articles onpress. SH proposes we re-build a database of European media.

TR proposes to create a database of ALDE MEPs to improve our communication to the parliamentary group.

BUDGET

For this year we are in a good situation and especially after receiving the Commission grant, but next year, and having in mind the elections, we might need to downgrade our budget.

We are having moving into ALDEParty headquarters in October in principle.

We will have an intern in the second half of 2014.

Other changes needed include our website and eventually a new voting system. SH will investigate on it.

EVENTS

We have YLM September 19-21 in Tessaloniki, in cooperation with FNF.

Autumn congress will be in Berlin. IC, SH will be in close contact with Nicolas Hellmuth, to try having the congress in 23-26 October. Some possibilities are being researched.

VG will think about a team building event, possibly in combination with presentation in Brussels to our partners of the new Bureau.

For 2015 we have fixed the congresses and YLM, plus eventually a seminar with ELF.

VG proposes Igor researching on deadlines for ELF and ALDE Party programmes application.

VG says that we might organise a seminar in Macedonia in cooperation with FNF during the Spring.

We can also see which MEPs could cooperate with us. VG, TR, proposed some names. JOVD might be interested in organising a LYMEC congress next year.

DV and MY inform that they will have national elections in April, so Finland cannot be in Spring.

DECISIONS

1 – Romania: VG explained the political context. Suggested for us to write a letter to our members supporting them and staying in the Liberal family. Bureau agrees

2 – Catalonia: LYMEC approved a resolution against extremist organisations joining in.

3 – IFLRY: VG asks IC to send to the bureau the wording of the agreement that we had and IFLRY bureau broke. Bureau will try to find a new arrangement. We will prepare letters of welcome and kit for new MEPs; DV proposes that IC mentions in the letter our availability to co-organise seminars. SK also proposes a small public initiative in the same sense. TR proposes a press breakfast. VG will investigate the possibility of organising it.

4 – Bureau will receive their own email addresses, shared calendar, business cards.

5 – IC asks for passports and signatures from every board member.