

## MINUTES Bureau Meeting 01 April 2026

The meeting started at 19:00 CEST 01/04/2026 and ended at 21:00 CEST 01/04/2026. It was held via Zoom.

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

**Excused:** Sorcha Ni Chonghaile (SNC)

**IH** opened the Bureau meeting and introduced the first agenda point.

### 1. Finances:

- **Discussions on debt forgiveness:**
  - **Norwegian Liberal Students**

This Associate Member Organisation sent a letter for debt forgiveness and a request for a membership reduction fee for 2026. As the request for a reduced membership fee also involved an impossibility to access their bank account, the treasurer will ask if it is possible to submit the request for the reduced membership fee at the Autumn Congress 2026.

The Debt forgiveness will be discussed and voted on at the Spring Congress 2026.

- **Jeunes Radicaux**

Jeunes Radicaux sent a letter for debt forgiveness as well as a request for a reduced participation fee. Both items will be discussed and voted on at the Spring Congress 2026

### 2. LYMEC Spring Congress:

- **Unsuspension: Jeunes Radicaux - France**

**IH:** as previously announced, following the re-engagement of Jeunes Radicaux, with the appointment of a new International Team and regular contact with the Secretariat and the Bureau of LYMEC, the Bureau will unsuspend the Member Organisation.

**Bureau Decision:** Jeunes Radicaux, France, is unsuspended by unanimity.

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- **Run Down of the Congress**

- **ED** presented to the Bureau the detailed programme of the Congress.
- The technical Report linked to the application of associate member NOVA (Italy) and Democratic Youth of Kosovo (Kosovo) will be uploaded shortly on Openslides.
- The Bureau discussed its recommendations for each applicant for associate membership.
  - **AS** will take the floor for the Bureau Recommendation for NOVA, Italy.
  - **SNC** and **IH** will take the floor for the Bureau recommendation of DYK, Kosovo
- At the Congress Working Groups, the Bureau will be represented by **SNC** and **WK**.
- The Bureau approved the following speaking time during the Elections of the new Bureau:
  - President: 5 mn
  - Vice-President: 3mn
  - Treasurer: 2 mn
  - Bureau members: 2 mn
  - Internal Auditors: 2 mn
  - Answer to Questions: 1mn
- LYMEC 50 updates
  - AS is meeting with the designer this week and will send the publications for printing before the Congress in Vienna.

### 3. YFJ

- **Upcoming GA**

**WK** and **ED** are the 2 LYMEC delegates for the YFJ Spring General Assembly. They have scheduled calls with the 2 Candidates for presidents of the organisation and will meet the other candidates before the GA or at the event itself.

**WK** presented to the Bureau the Motion that LYMEC will present at the GA on *Reclaiming Our Future: Youth at the Heart of Pension Systems*. It was co-signed with the International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY) and the Finnish National Youth Council and Youth Sector (FCYS).

**WK** also informed the Bureau that IFLRY presented a candidate for Vice-President of the organisation: Bram Roodhart. **WK** will communicate with the Bureau regarding his application.

#### **4. Alumni**

- **Alumni Event ALDE Congress**

**MP** presented the idea to host an Alumni lunch on Friday, July 3rd, close to the ALDE Congress. The event will be added and promoted to the LYMEC Website accordingly, closer to the event.

#### **5. MO Invitations**

- **Svensk Ungdom invited a LYMEC Bureau member on 17-18 May**

Due to the change of leadership and the impossibility to book travels in advance, no Bureau member will be present in person, but the Bureau member responsible for Finland will provide a video message ahead of the event.

#### **6. Secretariat Update**

- **EYF Grant for 2027**

**ED** presented to the Bureau the project submitted to the EYF for 2027, which will be a Libertas Bootcamp for 2027 with a budget of around 14 000 EUR.

The EYF will also open a Special call on Ukraine for an event in 2026, where we are encouraged to apply.

- **ELF Health study**

**ED** shared with the Bureau the possibility of someone drafting an article on LYMEC for a new Study on Health. **DP** is a volunteer and will contact the LIBERTAS Editor in Chief to see if some Editors might be interested.

- **PACT Consultation**

**ED** informed the Bureau about the Youth Department from the Council of Europe's current consultation, where we are invited to provide some inputs on the New Democratic Pact for Europe. The new Bureau will take the lead on this file.

- **End of the Communication Assistant's Internship**

**ED** informed the Bureau of LYMEC that Margot Padilla had found another position after the end of her internship on May 15.

Therefore, the Secretariat will open a call for a new Communication Assistant; the call will be open until April 17, and the expected start date is May 19th

- **Serbia Incident**

Following incidents in Serbia during the local elections, our national member reached out to raise awareness of the matter. The bureau member responsible for Serbia will coordinate with the MOs if a statement or social media posts can be planned.

- **ALDE Delegation**

**ED** requested to join the ALDE Delegation group chat to start planning the travel details of the delegations and the accommodation in Vienna, in July, as well as the submission of the Policy Resolutions ahead of the Congress in Vienna.

- **Handover Document**

**ED** reminded the Bureau to fill out the handover document for the next bureau to ensure a smooth transition. The Document will be shared with the newly elected Bureau on Sunday, April 19th in Vienna.

- **Code of Conduct**

**SB** informed the Bureau that the Code of Conduct is currently open for feedback suggestions and will be sent for a Written Bureau Approval before being uploaded to OpenSlides, ahead of Congress.

*The meeting ended at 21:00 CEST*