



# MINUTES

## LYMEC Autumn Congress

### 14th - 15th November 2025

### Bratislava, Slovakia and Online



#### Legend to minutes correction:

1. *Color system:* **Bureau members and candidates**, **Chairs of the Congress**, **LYMEC Secretariat and Internal Auditors**, delegates and important matters.
2. *Intervention transcription:* discourses and candidates introductions are written in first person whereas the rest of interventions, including the debates, will use the third person.
3. *Name writing format:* **Name Surname (LYMEC)**.



4. All the text must be justified.

## Day 1 - Friday, 14th November 2025

**Congress starts at 16 h 30 pm CET (Bratislava time).**

**Participants are attending in-person in Bratislava but also online.**

### 1. Opening speech by LYMEC President

**Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President)** opens the Congress with her speech from the Congress room in Bratislava, Slovakia.

**Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President):** "Dear friends, welcome to the LYMEC Congress! It's amazing that all of you can be here to debate and connect with each other. What can I say that hasn't already been said in the news? We all know the crises of our time, they dominate our headlines and shape our societies. Wars, disinformation, violence: these are the stories we hear every day. So today, I want to talk about something different, something that barely ever makes the news. As a young woman in politics, I see how political diversity is in retreat, not only in representation but also in the diversity of opinion, the space for nuance and reasoning. Too often, every conversation is framed as a battle, with one winner and one loser. There always has to be a right side and a wrong side. And of course, on certain issues this is true. But what about the issues where our goals are the same, yet our paths differ? Where is the room for compromise, and the understanding that diversity is not a weakness but a strength? As liberals, and especially as young liberals, we must be the bridge-builders. LYMEC proves every day that our diversity is one of our greatest strengths. It allows us to find solutions that others might overlook. But we are not perfect, and there is still more we can do to increase our diversity. This requires effort from each and every one of us. I am convinced that if we truly commit to this mindset, diversity will continue to be our biggest asset. The vote in the European Parliament to allow proxy voting for young mothers is a clear example of progress, giving young women the chance to stay represented rather than being pushed out of politics simply because they want a family. So I encourage all of you to carry this mindset with pride in everything you do. Be the ones who listen before judging, who seek solutions instead of scapegoats. In the end, it is not about who is right, it is about what is right."

### 2. Guest speeches



**Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President)** gave the floor to the following speakers:

**Valerie Hayer (MEP and RENEW Europe President)** *Video Message*: “Dear friends from LYMEC, it is a pleasure to address you, and many thanks for organising this Congress. I want to share a few words to remind us of the importance of your European commitment. You, the youth of Europe, are defending a future that nationalists and populists are putting at risk. LYMEC has been a long-standing champion of our European values, and I want to thank you for everything you have done for our shared project. This Congress is a strong reminder of your commitment to democratic principles. You are supporting our Slovak allies, who are fighting tirelessly against those who seek to undermine the rule of law and democratic norms. The youth in Slovakia, especially in Progressive Slovakia, is strong and mobilised, and they will continue this fight alongside you. In these troubled times, your commitment is needed more than ever to stand against autocratic leaders and bring our liberal values and our European vision to life.”

**Lucia Plaváková (MP and ALDE Vice President)**: “It is a true pleasure to be with you today among passionate young liberals who remind us what the future should look like. As Vice President of ALDE, I see that the liberal movement is alive and full of energy thanks to you. We meet at a moment when liberal rights and democracy are under pressure, with human rights facing daily attacks. We are witnessing attempts to push through dangerous constitutional changes that would deprive people of their freedoms. Defending our values now requires courage and determination. And here in this room, I see these qualities clearly, whether in your support for Ukraine, your advocacy for sexual and reproductive rights, your work on Europe’s energy strategy, among others. These are the issues that make our liberal values strong: the courage to confront difficult questions and the vision to look ahead. As we approach LYMEC’s 50th anniversary, I want to thank you for your dedication. Let us continue working together, LYMEC and ALDE, to ensure that the next generation grows up in a Europe that is not only liberal but also prosperous. The future is liberal because of you.”

**Zora Jaurová (MP, National Council of Slovakia)**: “Good afternoon, young colleagues and friends. I would like to welcome you on behalf of Progressive Slovakia as its Vice President and as one of its founders. I mention this because our story is an interesting one. We founded the party in 2018. In 2019, our Vice President won both the presidential and the European elections. In 2020, we missed entering Parliament by just 926 votes. In the 2023 parliamentary elections, we won almost 18% but found ourselves in opposition to a party pulling Slovakia away from Europe. Yet we won the most recent European elections and are now polling at around 25%. What is even more interesting is that Progressive Slovakia was born out of a radically different political culture. It is the only political party in Slovakia since the 1990s that did not emerge as a spin-off from another party or as a project financed



by local oligarchs. It is an exceptional phenomenon because it was founded on idealism, not pragmatism. Those of us who created this movement believe deeply that human rights and an open society can flourish in Slovakia through fair competition. We try to maintain this idealism even in the cynical political battleground we are now facing. We aim to keep a different kind of courage, the courage to take risks, to use new language, and to transcend traditional political categories. It may seem counterintuitive, but it works. Progressive Slovakia was created by my generation as a generational project. It was born from the belief that a better world is possible. In November 1989, as a teenager, I witnessed how quickly the world can change. Truth can triumph over hatred, though most of the time real change requires patience, hard work, and millions of small steps. A better world is possible, and we can be the ones who bring change. Today, just days before the anniversary of November 17, students are leaving lectures jingling their keys in protest against politics of hatred and destruction. They are writing chalk messages mocking a prime minister who is losing his legitimacy. The ideals of November 17, freedom, democracy, and an open society, are the foundations of modern Slovakia, and they will not fade, even in a post-factual era. Our young people want a free and democratic future, and we will stand with them. My message to you is simple: hold on to your ideas in a world that pretends none exist. Do not let cynical power brokers destroy your faith. Let us work together for a future we do not have to fear. Progress is possible, and it is in the hands of us liberals to make it happen.”

**Veronika Cifrová Ostrihoňová (MEP RENEW Europe)** *Video Message:* “Dear Congress, it is my great pleasure to address you from my hometown, Bratislava. At this Congress, you will debate key issues, from Ukraine to digitalisation to defending freedom and liberal values beyond our borders, all of which will shape the future of our European family. In a world marked by conflict and disinformation, we Europeans must remain strong and united, open to debate, and ready to provide bold European solutions to the challenges we face. I hope that together we will help shape that future. Slovakia is more than its current government. In my political party, we have an important mission ahead of us in the 2027 elections, where we aim to win the heart of the EU and NATO community. We are determined to ensure these voices are heard clearly. I also want to congratulate LYMEC on its approaching 50th anniversary in 2026, bringing together young liberals from across Europe. I encourage you never to give up on your efforts, despite the obstacles or threats you may face. Continue your work to bring more liberalism into society. Let the results of the recent elections in the Netherlands inspire us all. Here is to another 50 years.”

### 3. Roll call and voting rights

**Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President)** invites **Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General)** to perform the first roll call for this Congress.



**Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General)** states that if delegates have any technical problems they should contact **Sean Bennett (LYMEC Bureau Member)**. Should they encounter any non-technical issue, they can also reach out to our ombudspersons for this Congress: **Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President)** or **Petrine Johannesen (Internal Auditor)**. **Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General)** reminds all the participants to check the communications received about the Congress technicalities, registrations and hotel check-in/check-out. He reminds participants that only the head of delegation has voting rights for each Full Member Organisation. Associate Member Organisations have no votes according to the LYMEC Statutes. He reminds delegates that everything is happening through OpenSlides.

## Roll call

**Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General)** performs the roll call with **Lily Marie Hornstein (LYMEC Project Manager)** and **Aoife Devereux (LYMEC Communication Assistant)**. **Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General)** takes the floor to explain the procedure. Organisations will be called one by one, when they hear the name of their organisation, delegation leaders will let their presence be known in the room or unmute themselves online and say "PRESENT". Only organisations present at roll calls can vote until the following roll call takes place. No organisation will get a second chance if they miss the calling of their name, they will have to wait until the next roll call. The goal is to be more efficient to allow more time for discussions.





**The following Member Organisations were not present:**

- **NEO.DEPA**
- **Unge Moderater/Young Moderates**
- **Gibraltar Liberal Party**
- **YMRF Youth Movement for Rights and Freedom**
- **FEL Fédération des Étudiants Libéraux**

## **4. Election of Congress chairs, secretaries and scrutineers**

### **Election of Chairs**

**Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President)** proposes **Doris Lisett, Chiara Liguori and Tim Robinson** as Congress Chairs.

**The Congress accepted the Chairs.**

### **Election of Secretaries**

**Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President)** proposes **Lily Marie Hornstein (LYMEC Project Manager), Aoife Devereux (LYMEC Communication Assistant)** and **Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General)** as Congress Secretaries.

**The Congress accepted the Secretaries.**

### **Election of Scrutineers**

**Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President)** proposes **Petrine Johannesen (Internal Auditor)** and **Alex Nilsson (Internal Auditor)** as Congress Scrutineers.

**The Congress accepted the Scrutineers.**

## **5. Adoption of the agenda**

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** expressed her happiness to see all participants present. She noted that **Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General)** had already highlighted several important points. She reminded



delegates that those wishing to be on the speakers' list should use OpenSlides, and that points of order should also be submitted through the platform, accompanied by a brief justification. She requested that when taking the floor, delegates state their full name and Member Organisation for the purposes of the minutes. She emphasised that the Congress aims to be a safe space for everyone. Participants encountering any issues were informed that a QR code linking to an anonymous inclusion form was available, and that the two ombudspersons were also at their disposal.

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** then moved to the adoption of the Congress agenda. She noted that the agenda had been circulated in advance within the required deadline. She stated that, if there were no objections, the Congress agenda would be considered adopted.

**No one is against. The Congress accepts the agenda as proposed.**

## 6. Adoption of the minutes from the Spring Congress 2025 in Zagreb

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** asks if there are any comments about the minutes from the Spring Congress 2025 in Zagreb, Croatia. No one expressed any points or disapproval.

**The minutes from the Spring Congress 2025 in Zagreb are therefore adopted by the Congress without changes.**

## 7. Urgency of resolutions

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** informed the Congress that two Urgency Resolutions had been submitted. She announced that the Congress would proceed with Urgency Resolution 1.

**Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President)** reminded delegates that the discussion at this stage concerns only the urgency of the resolutions, not their content. He emphasised that the Congress is sovereign in deciding whether a resolution is urgent. He noted that, in the view of the Bureau, both resolutions qualify as urgent.

### ❖ **Urgency Resolution 1 - Condemning Türkiye's Judicial Reform Package Targeting LGBT+ People**

**TM (Alliance Youth)**, as mover of the resolution, explained that on 19 October Türkiye proposed a legislative package targeting LGBTQ+ individuals and criminalising LGBTQ+ identity. He urged delegates to vote in favour of declaring the resolution urgent.



**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** stated that a two-thirds majority was required for the resolution to be deemed urgent. She opened the vote and invited anyone experiencing technical difficulties to raise their hand. She then closed the vote.

#### **Results vote on Urgency Resolution 1:**

**In Favor - 91.195%**

Against - 0%

Abstain - 8.805%

**Urgency Resolution 1 is carried by the Congress.**

**Chaira Liguori (Chair)** invited the movers of the second Urgency Resolution to take the floor.

#### **❖ Urgency Resolution 2 - Standing with Liberal Universal Values: Self-Determination For Western Sahara**

**AP (JNC)** as mover of the resolution, explained that the urgency of the resolution stemmed from the fact that on 31 October the UN Security Council discussed the autonomy component of the Moroccan plan. Considering that the LYMEC resolution cycle had closed on 17 October, the mover stated that the matter should therefore be considered urgent.

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** reminded delegates that a two-thirds majority was required for the resolution to be deemed urgent. She opened the vote and invited anyone experiencing technical difficulties to raise their hand.

#### **Results vote on the Urgency of Urgency Resolution 2**

**In Favor- 80.46%**

Against - 4.598%

Abstain - 14.943%

**Urgency Resolution 2 is carried by the Congress.**

## **8. Snap vote on the order of resolutions**

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** announced that the Congress would proceed with a snap vote on the order in which resolutions would be discussed. Each delegation had five votes and could therefore select five resolutions. The vote would remain open until the end of the next agenda point. She informed delegates that the results would be displayed before the Secretary General's Report and could also be



viewed through their individual OpenSlides accounts. As explained, Heads of Delegations would determine the order of discussion for the resolutions scheduled for the following day. She recalled that Working Groups had already taken place one week earlier, giving delegates the opportunity to discuss the submitted resolutions and the amendments in detail, and therefore most should already be familiar with the content.

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** declared the vote open for all delegates and would remain open for forty-five minutes. The results would be presented later, once voting had closed.

## 9. Bureau (and IFLRY Representative) Reports and debate about the reports

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** invites **Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President)** and **Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President)** to take the floor. She informed delegates that the remaining Bureau Members and the IFLRY Representative would speak afterwards, followed by time for questions.

**Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President):** “You’ve already heard that there is a lot going on. It is sometimes really stressful to juggle everything, and I can say for myself that without this Bureau nothing would get done. Each and every one of you always steps in when someone else is having a hard time. From my side as President, I wanted to focus a lot on getting policy through. We had several campaigns, but what is especially dear to my heart is the Digital Assembly we held in Serbia. We wanted to showcase what is happening there. We also nominated activists from one of our member organisations, who were under house arrest for standing up for what they believe in, becoming ‘Liberal of the Year’ at the ALDE Congress. This makes me very proud, because it puts an important spotlight on issues where we, as young liberals, can make a difference. Another topic I want to highlight is chat control. We need to let it die completely, not just stop it temporarily. Thank you again to the Bureau and to our great Secretary General, who is working on all the issues we have mentioned. I’m very happy to hear your questions about our work.”

**Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President):** “Hello everyone. I want to highlight two obvious changes within the Secretariat. Aoife has moved on to greener pastures. It is always good to see that the interns we host stay within the European and liberal ‘bubble.’ This also means that we had to hire a new intern, who will start next Monday. You’ll have the chance to meet her soon and at the next Congress. Chiara has also left us after her loyal service. And lastly, I want to officially welcome Lily, our new Project Officer. Tomorrow we will have a presentation on the 50-year anniversary of LYMEC, and we will discuss this together.”



**Willemijn Krans (LYMEC Advocacy & Outreach Officer):** “I hope that despite the technical issues, we can still have a meaningful discussion. Last weekend I attended the YFJ General Assembly, which can best be described as eventful. The Vice-President was dismissed through a vote, which LYMEC did not support. I also want to mention the Liberal Hack on Enlargement, where our winning team travelled to Brussels to present their project on a ‘Circular Union.’ I would also like to congratulate Ines Holzegger, who was recognised as a Rising Star at this year’s ALDE Congress Liberal Awards.”

**Sean Bennett (LYMEC Events and Engagement Officer):** “I’ll keep mine brief as well. My main focus over the past months has been the Young Changemakers Academy, which has now come to an end. I strongly encourage you to apply for the next call. I’ve also been working on selling our merchandise and starting the process of drafting a new Code of Conduct, which we hope to present to you in Vienna.”

**Marten Porte (Treasurer):** “Thank you. As at every Congress, we conducted an internal audit. Thank you to everyone involved for your work and preparation. We have presented the budget and the internal report to you. In addition to this, I attended the European Youth Event in Strasbourg and represented LYMEC at the European Liberal Forum General Assembly.”

**Dimitra Papadopoulou (LYMEC Communications Officer):** “One of the great things this year is that Ines, Aoife, and I were in daily contact. I’m happy to update you on several exciting projects and travels, including our work with the Liberal Communicators Network and the development of LYMEC’s youth-focused editorial work. This year, we were especially active in online events and activities. I’m very proud to see so many alumni here this weekend. We have been working hard to make LYMEC’s internal processes more visible and more useful for you. It has been a great pleasure working with Aoife over the past year.”

**Martina (IFLRY Representative):** “It has only been a couple of months, but I’ve already had the opportunity to represent LYMEC at the IFLRY General Assembly in Lima, Peru. We had very strong European representation, even in Latin America. I’ve participated in three of the recent meetings, and we are in constant communication.”

**Sorcha Ní Chonghaile (LYMEC Policy Officer):** ABSENT

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** opened the floor for questions from the delegates.

**ML (JD)** thanked the Bureau and asked two questions. First, he requested more details on the EUR 75,000 Erasmus+ grant and how LYMEC was proceeding with it. Second, he noted that LYMEC’s social



media channels were growing steadily and asked for more information and tips on how the Communications Officer was managing this.

**SJ (JUNOS)** explained that, after reading the report, they noticed there had been a meeting on a potential cooperation with Apple. He asked for more information on what such a cooperation would look like and the outcome of the meeting.

**Marten Porte (Treasurer)** responded that the Erasmus+ funding aspect would be discussed the following day during the financial report. Regarding the cooperation with Apple, he explained that most meetings had been handled by the Secretary General, and suggested directing the question to him.

**Dimitra Papadopoulou (LYMEC Communications Officer)** thanked the delegate for the question and explained that she prepares a monthly report on LYMEC's social media results. She noted that LYMEC is one of the few youth political organisations in Europe that achieves its reach entirely organically. Due to recent changes on Meta, it is no longer possible to promote political content through paid advertising. LYMEC is currently working with an Italian political communicators' network, which ranked LYMEC as the number one youth organisation in Europe for best communication practices. She added that many organisations have reached out since this recognition.

**RF (Young Liberals)** raised concerns about the difficulty of communicating positive engagement and shared liberal values within civil society amid rising authoritarianism. He asked for guidance on promoting a more positive approach in external communication.

**MT (JD)** asked whether an estimate had been made regarding the best-case scenario for increasing revenue. He also asked what LYMEC has received from companies with which it has long-standing partnerships, in terms of financial assistance. Additionally, he asked whether it would be possible in the future to submit questions to the Bureau in written form.

**Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President)** responded that Bureau questions are traditionally taken only during Congress. She expressed hope that future Digital Assemblies would encourage the same level of engagement with the Bureau and did not currently see the need to switch to written questions. She also noted that she recently met with the President of the young EPP, as part of broader efforts for youth political organisations to cooperate and lobby together on important issues. She emphasised that maintaining dialogue with other youth political organisations remains a priority.

**Willemijn Krans (LYMEC Advocacy & Outreach Officer)** explained that IFLRY is more focused on democracy-related topics, whereas LYMEC's communication tends to be more policy-oriented. She stressed that the two organisations complement each other well. She highlighted Vote16 and other policy initiatives as her priorities. She added that LYMEC recently achieved a significant win through a



wording shift in policy discussions, from “social housing” to “affordable housing”, to ensure inclusivity for both social rent and home ownership. She argued that LYMEC should maintain its policy-driven priorities, while IFLRY focuses more on social and democratic matters.

**Sean Bennett (LYMEC Events and Engagement Officer)** clarified that the merchandise initiative is not a crowdfunding stream. Instead, the aim is to establish a print-on-demand, drop-shipping system that keeps costs for LYMEC minimal while ensuring profit from sales.

He also reiterated that LYMEC is in a unique legal position under Belgian law regarding what the organisation can and cannot do. Concerning the Code of Conduct, he explained that the intention is to create a new, in-depth document providing clear guidance on expected behaviours and procedures.

**Marten Porte (Treasurer)** added that cooperation with corporate partners has not yet resulted in direct financial assistance. However, there is one company that may be interested in exploring this possibility, depending on the relationship LYMEC continues to build with them.

**CN (JuLis)** raised a question regarding the enlargement of LYMEC. He noted that, for the first time, no new Member Organisation applications had been submitted. He asked whether there was a strategy for further expanding LYMEC’s membership and in which countries the organisation intended to focus.

**SS (JUNOS)** asked a question related to policy work. He emphasised that one of the most important stages for LYMEC is turning ideas into action and asked whether the LYMEC delegation had submitted amendments to other resolutions.

**Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President)** responded that the organisation needs to reflect on the assumption that “more is always better.” She noted that new organisations may join Congress, but others leave, either due to political shifts or because they cease to exist. She stressed that even before joining the Bureau, the current policy had been to prioritise sustainable organisations, to foster closer collaboration, and not to rush. Growing too quickly had caused issues in the past. She added that the current disaffiliation on the agenda was, of course, regrettable. The broader European context also plays a role, as there are fewer liberal and new liberal parties emerging across Europe. Although the Bureau has discussed where it would be beneficial to have new liberal partners, these dialogues take time. The focus, she concluded, is on impactful membership rather than growing membership simply for the sake of numbers.

**Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President)** confirmed that LYMEC does have a strategy, but noted that time management is also an important factor. The Bureau is working to invest time strategically and build relationships that are likely to last. He stated that discussions with potential new organisations



are ongoing. Regarding the ALDE Congress, he thanked the members of the LYMEC delegation for their excellent work. He explained that LYMEC had submitted new amendments and that the delegation deliberately chose to focus on a smaller number of resolutions in order to build support from the ALDE Party on the most relevant issues. Increasing LYMEC's impact at the ALDE Congress remains a key objective.

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** reminded delegates that voting on the snap vote for the order of resolutions was still open. She then invited the final questions from the floor.

**DS (JuLis)** asked how LYMEC could ensure that members do not get lost during the Working Groups and how the organisation can guarantee that people are able to participate fully in them.

**Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President)** replied that the purpose of the Working Groups is to mobilise the membership. He acknowledged the concerns raised and stated that the Bureau would work on solutions to make the Working Groups more effective. He reminded delegates that they can always contact the Bureau via email.

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** thanked the Bureau for their work and reminded delegates that all documents can be checked on OpenSlides.

**The results of the snap vote on the order of the resolutions are announced and shown to Congress.**



#### Snap vote on the order of resolutions

Candidates	Votes
1 16 Privacy	Yes: 75 (41.209 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
2 23 Is It a Bird, is It a Plane? It's a Russian Drone – Protecting European Airspace from Drone Attacks	Yes: 60 (32.967 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)



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Candidates	Votes
3 31. Connecting Europe: Completing the High-Speed Rail Union	Yes: 57 (31.319 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
4 26. Recognition of the Rights to Sexual Reproductive Health and Abortion	Yes: 52 (28.571 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
5 20 No Freedom Without Equality: Tackling Transphobia and Discrimination Across Europe	Yes: 45 (24.725 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
6 9 A Call for a Lasting Ceasefire in Gaza, Accountability Under International Law, and a Durable Two-State Solution for the People of Israel and Palestine	Yes: 44 (24.176 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
7 35. Preserving Democracy and Protecting European Values through the new EU Budget	Yes: 39 (21.429 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)



8	6 Crime and Punishment - Make Russia Pay For Its War	Yes: 38 (20.879 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
9	32. Towards a fairer and more efficient European asylum system	Yes: 38 (20.879 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
10	18 Cold front: A new era of security in the Arctic	Yes: 30 (16.484 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
11	2 Strengthening European Energy Interconnection to Safeguard Security of Supply and Prevent Blackouts	Yes: 28 (15.385 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
12	10 Europe's Collective Defence	Yes: 28 (15.385 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
13	11 Utilising the Full Potential of Foreign Aid for Freedom and Development	Yes: 26 (14.286 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
14	34. The Missing Pillar of Integration: Advancing a Common European Public Sphere	Yes: 26 (14.286 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
15	27. Defending academic freedom and student rights against authoritarian interference	Yes: 25 (13.736 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
16	URG Condemning Türkiye's Judicial Reform Package Targeting LGBT+ People	Yes: 25 (13.736 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
17	8 A system of substitutes fit for a modern european parliament	Yes: 23 (12.637 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
18	36. Building Resilience: Countering Disinformation Through Education (Education Policy Working Group)	Yes: 23 (12.637 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
19	30. A Continent of Opportunities: A Liberal Strategy for Development Cooperation with Africa	Yes: 19 (10.44 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
20	7 Lung Cancer? Never heard of her	Yes: 18 (9.89 %)



		No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
21	15 Signal Clear, Europe Near - Kaliningrad Can't Interfere!	Yes: 17 (9.341 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
22	21 Prohibition of Denial of Crimes Against Humanity Perpetrated by Communist Regimes	Yes: 17 (9.341 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
23	37. Flying is Freedom: Affordable Air Mobility for a Competitive Europe	Yes: 16 (8.791 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
24	25. Housing is a Human Right	Yes: 15 (8.242 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
25	19 Condemning political violence in defence of liberal democracy	Yes: 12 (6.593 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
26	5 Protecting minority rights in Austria and combating the rise of the far right in Europe	Yes: 11 (6.044 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
27	24 Europe's Future is Handmade: A Liberal Call for Ethical and Local Production	Yes: 11 (6.044 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
28	28. European Pharmaceutical Sector Support for a Strong Europe	Yes: 11 (6.044 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
29	29. Strengthening Police and Judicial Cooperation Between Member States in the Fight Against Drug Trafficking	Yes: 11 (6.044 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
30	4 Suspending Pillar Two Amid US Tariffs	Yes: 10 (5.495 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
31	URG Standing with Liberal Universal Values: Self-Determination for Western Sahara	Yes: 10 (5.495 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
32	38. A Canadian approach to the EU's (not so) novel food legislation	Yes: 9 (4.945 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
33	12 Combatting violence against women within the European Union	Yes: 8 (4.396 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)



34	14 No mother left behind	Yes: 8 (4.396 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
35	22 Representation Is Not Optional: Women at the Table	Yes: 8 (4.396 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
36	33. Europe takes a last puff	Yes: 8 (4.396 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
37	3 On the Full Integration of Ceuta, Melilla, and the Spanish Sovereign Territories in North Africa into the Schengen Area	Yes: 6 (3.297 %) No: 0 (0 %)



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Candidates	Votes
	Abstain: 0 (0 %)
38 13 AI For All: Artificial Intelligence that is Helpful, not Harmful to Minority Groups	Yes: 3 (1.648 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
39 1 Resolution for the Full and Final Settlement of the Cyprus Problem	Yes: 0 (0 %) No: 0 (0 %) Abstain: 0 (0 %)
Valid votes	182 (100 %)

## 10. Secretary General report and debate about the report

**Chiara Liguori (Chair):** Moves on with the agenda and asks **Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General)** to take the floor and tell more about his report.

**Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General):** "Dear Delegates, Thank you for joining us here in Bratislava. Let me briefly present the activities and progress LYMEC has achieved over the past seven months. First, I would like to thank the staff of the Secretariat, who have seen significant changes since we last met. Chiara, our former Project Manager, after working with LYMEC for almost four years, joined another organisation in Brussels, and we now have the pleasure of having her as Chair for this Congress. Aoife, our former Communications Assistant, joined the ALDE Party last month and did tremendous work with us; she continues to contribute greatly to our partner organisations. And finally, Lily, our new Project Officer since October, whom you will get to know, is already doing a fantastic job managing our projects. With this, I want to highlight the HR transition the organisation is currently experiencing and the learning curve it has brought. Next week, we will also welcome a new Communication Assistant to further strengthen our team. Since April, we have achieved a lot. In addition to our long-standing projects and training for activists, communicators, and presidents across Europe with ELF, we have delivered: The Young Changemakers Academy, The Liberal Communicators Network, The Liberal Hack, The Young Leaders Meeting. We have also worked extensively to propose new partnerships and



diversify both our funding streams and collaborations. With Microsoft in April, where we organised an event with MEP Ana Sturgkh for the “100 Days of the New Commission.” With Students for Liberty in Prague for LibertyCon, where we co-hosted panel discussions and promoted the organisation to over 600 participants. With FNF Western Balkans in August, organising our digital assembly with PSG on student protests. With Renew Europe COR in September, where we organised the Summit of Young Elected Local Leaders. With Renew Europe, who is supporting this Congress and organising a youth summit next week in Brussels, which some of you will attend. With FNF Europe, supporting us at this Congress, for training hosted earlier today, and with whom we opened the Liberal House in Brussels earlier this month. And with VVD International, IFLRY, the European Youth Forum, and Young Democrats for Europe. All of these events and partnerships strengthen our presence across Europe and extend our reach. I also want to be honest about our setbacks. Despite some successful outreach, we experienced a few disappointments. Our applications to join the Atlas Network were rejected, and similarly, our proposal for a training programme in Ukraine, financed by the Council of Europe through the European Youth Foundation, was not accepted. Nevertheless, we have applied for the 2026 call for international activities, where we hope to organise a training for Libertas editors and anyone looking to strengthen their writing skills. LYMEC was also proudly represented at Budapest Pride, standing for freedom and against Orbán’s regime. On advocacy, we sent a letter to the President of the European Commission requesting that Political Youth Organisations be included in her newly established Youth Advisory Board. At the ALDE Congress, in addition to having our resolution on tech sovereignty adopted, we ran a campaign on Chat Control and will continue advocating on this issue. Regarding Chat Control, we also had a meeting with Apple to explore partnerships for the year ahead. Looking ahead, we are working to secure our funding for 2026 through Erasmus+ and are collaborating with ELF, NEOS, and JUNOS for the 2026 Spring Congress in Vienna, where we will celebrate LYMEC’s 50th anniversary. LYMEC is a reliable partner within the liberal family, and I am proud to represent this organisation every day, standing for our values and the policies you are helping to develop and shape. As our reach grows, so does our impact. Even though liberals may face challenges across Europe, we have successes to be proud of and milestones to motivate us. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Bureau for leading the organisation, the Secretariat—Lily, Aoife, and Chiara—and all of you for your engagement and commitment in making LYMEC a strong voice for liberal policies in Europe. I look forward to continuing our work together over the next year, supporting you to the best of our capacity, and strengthening our networks and commitment for a more liberal Europe. Have a good Congress”

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** stated that the floor is now open for questions about the Secretary-General report.

**CN (JuLis)** asked about the application to ATLAS and why it had been deemed not eligible.

**Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General)** explained that ATLAS is a US-based organisation with strict rules regarding cooperation with bodies that receive state funding. Since LYMEC receives substantial



funding from the European Commission, this is considered state funding and therefore makes the organisation ineligible under ATLAS' rules.

**DG (LHG)** congratulated the Secretariat for one year of successful work with LYMEC. He asked about the types of tasks that are sometimes transferred from the Bureau to the Secretariat.

**Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General)** thanked him and clarified that he was not entirely certain what type of work the question referred to. He explained that the Secretariat sets internal deadlines to ensure that all components and deliverables are met, but he did not have a content-specific example of work being handed over.

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** noted that there were no further questions. She thanked **Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General)** and proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

## 11. Finances

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** stated that the Congress would now move on to the discussion of financial matters and invited **Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer)** to present the state of LYMEC's finances.

### a. Requests for reduced membership fee, debt reductions and payment plans (for decision)

**Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer)** informed the Congress that two organisations had requested a reduced membership fee: **Youth Bloc (Belarus)** and the **3H Movement (Turkey)**. He then gave the floor to the representative of Youth Bloc.

**AM (Youth Bloc):** "Hello everyone, we are an associate member of LYMEC. We applied for this status because we are in an exceptional situation. Since 2013, our organisation has been designated as extremist, and involvement with it can be punished with up to seven years in jail. Most of our members are in exile, and because of this we also do not receive any support. Many people refrain from being politically active due to the risks. Around 80 percent of our revenue comes only from specific project funding; we do not receive any institutional financial support. This is why we are asking for your support today. We do not have a mother party with whom we work. We ask you to support Belarusian citizens in exile for the work they are doing. Thank you."

**Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer)** stated that the Bureau supported the request, but a vote of the Congress was required.

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** opened the vote for the reduced membership fee request from **Youth Bloc**.

**Results vote for reduced membership fee for Youth Bloc:**

**In Favor - 95.954%**



Against - 4.046%

**The request for reduced membership fee for Youth Bloc is carried by the Congress. Their membership fee will be reduced.**

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** stated that the Congress would now move to the second organisation requesting a reduced membership fee, the 3H Movement from Turkey. As there was no representative present to defend the request, she invited **Dimitra Papadopoulou (LYMEC Communications Officer)** to present the case on their behalf. She also noted that the organisation had not yet paid the reduced fee.

**Dimitra Papadopoulou (LYMEC Communications Officer):** "3H Movement and Turkey fall within my regional focus. It is incredibly hard to operate a youth political organisation in Turkey, and many of their members are threatened on a daily basis. The situation for them is extremely difficult and dire, and I want to emphasise just how challenging their circumstances are."

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** noted that no one was on the speakers' list and proceeded to open the vote.

**Result vote for reduced membership fee for 3H Movement:**

**In Favor - 89.617%**

Against - 10.383%

**The request for reduced membership fee for Turkey 3H Movement is carried by the Congress. Their membership fee will be reduced.**

**b. Interim Financial Report 2025 (for information)**

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** invites **Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer)** to present the Interim Financial report for 2025.

**Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer):** "Please find the final financial report. For the first nine months of the year, we recorded a deficit of €900, but this may shift into a surplus once the costs from this Congress are refunded. Overall, our financial situation for the year looks strong. Nothing has fallen through, and the support we receive from our partners remains solid, including our Erasmus+ funding. Regarding Erasmus+, our framework has been approved for the next two years. However, this does not automatically grant us funding, we must still apply each year, together with other organisations, to secure the actual funds. That application process is already underway. In addition, we receive support from Renew Europe and ELF for events such as YLM and YCA. It is important to note that many of these income streams do not appear directly in our budget, as the costs are paid for directly by the partners themselves."

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** invited the delegates to take the floor for questions.



**MT (JD)** asked about individual donations and the funds raised from them. He inquired how much effort the Bureau invests in comparison to the financial return and whether LYMEC should abandon this initiative or significantly scale it up to make it more relevant.

**Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer)** explained that these donations are part of LYMEC's alumni network. He noted that, so far, it has not developed into a substantial revenue stream, as the income generated is relatively low. However, he emphasised that the alumni network has value beyond funding opportunities. He advised against abandoning the initiative but acknowledged that turning it into a meaningful revenue stream would require considerable time and effort. He added that they would try to give it additional attention during the LYMEC 50-year anniversary.

**c. Internal audit report 2025 (for information)**

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** invited **Petrine Johannesen (Internal Auditor)** and **Alex Nilsson (Internal Auditor)** to take the floor.

**Alex Nilsson (Internal Auditor):** "Since this is our Autumn Congress, the calendar year isn't finished yet, we are only reviewing the first eight months. Based on our bookkeeping and risk-based sampling, we can say that everything is in order. As usual, we want to thank the Treasurer and Secretary-General for making everything run as smoothly as possible."

**Petrine Johannesen (Internal Auditor):** "We also think there are some great ideas for a workload status report that is currently pending. This would help the Secretariat get a better understanding of ongoing tasks and future priorities. With such a report, internal deadlines can be set so that when the Bureau requests something by a certain date, the Secretariat doesn't have to deliver at the last minute, work overtime, or produce subpar work."

**Alex Nilsson (Internal Auditor):** "We don't want to put additional pressure on the staff beyond what they already have, but having more structured steps towards deadlines would be helpful. Often, the Secretariat ends up having to take over tasks when work isn't properly scheduled. Bureau reporting should be improved so the Secretariat isn't expected to handle more than they can realistically manage. This will give everyone a clearer understanding of what can be achieved. One new recommendation we have is to look at the compensation and reward scheme for our staff. We want LYMEC to be a great place for talented liberals across Europe, a place where we can attract and retain the best people while maintaining a good working environment. We need a cost-effective reward scheme, and perhaps the Bureau can consider this as a next step."

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** invites the delegates to take the floor for questions.

**Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President):** "We take the Internal Auditors' report and recommendations presented at the Congress very seriously. Of course, theory and practice are two different things, but we have already implemented some measures to improve task management. It is



true that other Bureau members have multiple responsibilities, but that is not an excuse, measures have been taken to address this. We introduced a “tour de table,” where each Bureau member explains what they have been working on and what they plan to do before the next meeting. We have also scheduled more regular Bureau meetings to keep track of deadlines. There are still additional measures to implement, and internal deadlines have already been introduced. With recent changes in staff and the context highlighted in the Internal Auditors’ report, I plan to meet with the Secretariat to review which measures can be better implemented and how we can effectively test them for the future.”

**DG (LHG)** asked what kinds of tasks are handed down to the Secretariat and staff, depending on the nature of the task.

**Petrine Johannesen (Internal Auditor)** and **Alex Nilsson (Internal Auditor)** explained that they do not have specifics from the staff, but noted that last-minute tasks are a recurring issue and it would be better if they were communicated in advance. They acknowledged that while many of the ideas for improvement are good, not all may be feasible. Often, the tasks are small, but someone must handle them if a Bureau member does not deliver. They emphasised that staff already have a heavy workload, so adding extra tasks puts additional pressure on them.

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** thanks **Petrine Johannesen (Internal Auditor)** and **Alex Nilsson (Internal Auditor)** and gives the floor back to Even.

**Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General)** mentions that a technical issue regarding the snap vote has occurred. The voting weight of one organisation had not been correctly applied, so it was necessary to readjust the voting weight for this organisation. This adjustment impacted the overall calculation of the order of resolutions. The revised order of resolutions was subsequently approved by the Internal Auditors. The correct results will be added later.

**Correct results of the snap vote on the order of the resolutions are announced and shown to Congress.**



- 16: 1. Privacy
- 23: 2. Is It a Bird, is It a Plane? It's a Russian Drone – Protecting European Airspace from D...
- 31: 3. Connecting Europe: Completing the High-Speed Rail Union
- 26: 4. Recognition of the Rights to Sexual Reproductive Health and Abortion
- 32: 5. Towards a fairer and more efficient European asylum system
- 20: 6. No Freedom Without Equality: Tackling Transphobia and Discrimination Across Euro...
- 9: 7. A Call for a Lasting Ceasefire in Gaza, Accountability Under International Law, and a D...
- 18: 8. Cold front: A new era of security in the Arctic
- 35: 9. Preserving Democracy and Protecting European Values through the new EU Budget
- 6: 10. Crime and Punishment - Make Russia Pay For Its War
- 2: 11. Strengthening European Energy Interconnection to Safeguard Security of Supply an...
- 10: 12. Europe's Collective Defence
- 30: 13. A Continent of Opportunities: A Liberal Strategy for Development Cooperation with...
- 11: 14. Utilising the Full Potential of Foreign Aid for Freedom and Development
- 34: 15. The Missing Pillar of Integration: Advancing a Common European Public Sphere
- 27: 16. Defending academic freedom and student rights against authoritarian interference
- 17: 17. Condemning Türkiye's Judicial Reform Package Targeting LGBT+ People



- 8: 18. A system of substitutes fit for a modern european parliament
- 36: 19. Building Resilience: Countering Disinformation Through Education (Education Poli...
- 7: 20. Lung Cancer? Never heard of her
- 15: 21. Signal Clear, Europe Near - Kaliningrad Can't Interfere!
- 21: 22. Prohibition of Denial of Crimes Against Humanity Perpetrated by Communist Regi...
- 37: 23. Flying is Freedom: Affordable Air Mobility for a Competitive Europe
- 25: 24. Housing is a Human Right
- 19: 25. Condemning political violence in defence of liberal democracy
- 5: 26. Protecting minority rights in Austria and combating the rise of the far right in Europe
- 24: 27. Europe's Future is Handmade: A Liberal Call for Ethical and Local Production
- 28: 28. European Pharmaceutical Sector Support for a Strong Europe
- 29: 29. Strengthening Police and Judicial Cooperation Between Member States in the Fight...
- 4: 30. Suspending Pillar Two Amid US Tariffs
- 39: 31. Standing with Liberal Universal Values: Self-Determination for Western Sahara
- 38: 32. A Canadian approach to the EU's (not so) novel food legislation
- 12: 33. Combatting violence against women within the European Union
- 14: 34. No mother left behind



- 22: 35. Representation Is Not Optional: Women at the Table
- 33: 36. Europe takes a last puff
- 3: 37. On the Full Integration of Ceuta, Melilla, and the Spanish Sovereign Territories in No.
- 13: 38. AI For All: Artificial Intelligence that is Helpful, not Harmful to Minority Groups
- 1: 39. Resolution for the Full and Final Settlement of the Cyprus Problem

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** thanked everyone for their contributions on the first day of Congress and officially closed the Congress for day one.

**END OF DAY ONE.**

## **Day 2: Saturday, 15th November 2025**

**Day 2 starts at 09 h 00 am CET (Bratislava time).**

### **Roll call**

**Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General)** performs the roll call with **Lily Marie Hornstein (LYMEC Project Manager)** and **Aoife Devereux (LYMEC Communication Assistant)**. He then takes the floor to explain the procedure. Organisations will be called one by one, when they hear the name of their organisation, delegation leaders will let their presence know in the room or unmute themselves online and say "PRESENT". Only organisations present at roll calls can vote until the following roll call takes place. No organisation will get a second chance if they miss the calling of their name, they will have to wait until the next roll call. The goal is to be more efficient to allow more time for discussions.





**The following Member Organisations were not present:**

- **NEO.DEPA**
- **Unge Moderater / Young Moderates**
- **Gibraltar Liberal Party**
- **Gibanje Svoboda Mladi - SVB**
- **Jovenes Ciudadanos - JCs**
- **Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine - LDLU**

**Chiara Liguori (Chair):** stated that the Congress would now move on to the next point on the agenda, the proposed membership fees for 2026, and gave the floor to **Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer)**.

**a. Proposed membership fees 2026 (for decision)**

**Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer):** “This year, we decided to make a slight change to the membership fees. We chose to increase the gap between full and associate members: associate members will pay a little less, and full members will pay a little more, which I believe is fair given the powers and responsibilities of each. The IMS fee has remained the same.”

**Chiara Liguori (Chair):** opened the floor to the delegates for questions; no questions were raised.

**Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer):** The fee is not changing this time.

**Result vote on the proposed membership fees:**

**In Favor - 93.122 %**

**Against - 6.878%**

**The proposed membership fees for 2026 were therefore adopted by the Congress.**

**b. Draft Budget 2026 (for decision)**

**Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer):** “Regarding the draft budget for 2026, assuming everyone is in agreement, it is largely comparable to this year’s budget, provided we receive the funding we are anticipating. As I mentioned earlier, this includes support from Renew Europe and Erasmus+. Based on these assumptions, we have prepared the budget and also allocated some funds to celebrate LYMEC’s 50-year anniversary.”

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** opened the floor for delegates to ask questions.



**PH (JOVD)** thanked the Treasurer for the budget and noted that the membership organisation (MO) fees appeared to be decreasing. He asked how membership fee reductions could result in a positive number.

**SJ (JUNOS)** stated that the overall budget was largely in line with expectations but raised several points: individual membership fees are an income stream, auditor expenses are up by 40% compared to last year, salary expenses remain flat with no increases for staff, and the total income was labelled as “gross profit” rather than “revenue” or “income.”

**Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer)** explained that the membership fee reductions should indeed appear as a negative, not a positive. He clarified that although the total number of fees went down slightly, fees for some large organisations with high membership were reduced, which influences the overall figures. He also noted that individual member fees are decreasing due to declining IMS membership and that including the realised numbers from 2024–2025 would have clarified this. Regarding audit fees, he stated that the external auditor had maintained a flat rate for many years, but costs have risen with inflation. Salary increases were also highlighted by the auditors; while Belgium has a legally mandated salary increase, two relatively new employees currently receive less than longer-standing staff, whose salaries have gradually increased over the years.

**MT (JD)** asked whether the €5,000 difference had materialised.

**Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer)** responded that this was only an estimate.

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** closed the speakers' list and proceeded to vote on the draft budget for 2026.

#### **Result vote on Revised Budget 2026:**

**In Favor - 100%**

Against - 0%

**The 2026 Revised Budget is therefore approved by the Congress.**

**Chiara Liguori (Chair)** closed the agenda point on finances and gave the floor to **Doris Lisett (Chair)**

## **12. Membership Issues**



## d. Disaffiliations

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** explained that there were three proposed disaffiliations. She outlined the process by which these disaffiliations would be debated and voted on, and then gave the floor to **Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer)** to provide further explanation regarding suspensions and disaffiliations.

**Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer):** "Disaffiliation can happen for two reasons. If we suspend a membership, the organisation won't be invoiced, but they also cannot take part in LYMEC events, it's essentially a temporary measure, like putting their membership on pause. Disaffiliation, on the other hand, means they are completely removed and would have to reapply as any new member. For example, with the **Civil Forum Youth (Belarus)**, we hadn't been in contact for many years. There was a conflict about six years ago, which escalated and eventually affected LYMEC. A ruling was made that was not in their favour, and since then they have completely disengaged from our organisation. Until recently, they had very limited capabilities and activities."

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited the Congress to proceed to the vote on the proposed disaffiliation. She reminded delegates that the disaffiliation of a member organisation or individual member can only be decided by the Congress in accordance with the quorum and majority requirements for amending the statutes. Therefore, a two-thirds majority is required for this vote.

### **Results Vote on the disaffiliation of Civil Forum Youth - Belarus (Full Member):**

**In Favor - 98.37%**

Against - 1.63%

**The disaffiliation of Civil Forum Youth - Belarus (Full Member) is carried by the Congress.**

**Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer):** "Moving on to the **Jeunes Radicaux (JR)** in France, this case is a bit more complex. The organisation still exists, and we are technically in contact, although there has been a lack of meaningful communication for many years. They often make promises to attend events or pay their fees and debts, but these commitments are rarely fulfilled. They have no clear plan, and their debts date back to 2023, including participation fees, membership fees, and no-show fees. At some point, it's important to send a clear signal that if a member wants to be part of LYMEC, they need to be active in some way. Since this has largely been a one-way street, I believe disaffiliation is the appropriate course of action."

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited delegates to take the floor for questions.

**TJ (YL)** noted that while he agreed organisations must be active and fulfill their responsibilities, he questioned why disaffiliation was proposed rather than suspension if the organisation might seek to pay their dues in the future.



**MT (JD)** asked whether disaffiliation would effectively forgive their debts, as he had been informed that the organisation intended to reapply after disaffiliation.

**Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer)** explained that the organisation had already been suspended for many years. While he understood the reasoning behind considering a suspension, the bureau proposed disaffiliation to prompt action, which had not occurred. The organisation had talked about plans but had yet to take clear responsibility or engage effectively with LYMEC, so it was ultimately up to Congress to decide. Regarding the debts, in practice, the money would likely not be recovered because the organisation was not in a stable financial position. They had not applied for any debt reduction, so the bureau felt that disaffiliation was necessary.

**HH (JL)** expressed that, given the organisation's desire to remain a member and the inevitability of debt forgiveness, he saw no reason to proceed with disaffiliation.

**MM (JuLis)** raised further questions regarding the process of disaffiliation and specific cases.

**DS (USRT)** raised further questions regarding the process of disaffiliation and specific cases.

**Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President)** clarified the bureau's approach: suspended members are reviewed periodically, and if they do not provide added value, the bureau may propose disaffiliation. He acknowledged that the organisation in question had some financial difficulties and had reached out to LYMEC, and delegates had access to the full context via a letter. However, he emphasized that the discussion at Congress was necessary and fair, and it was not appropriate to remove the item from the agenda.

**Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer)** added that certain conditions would have allowed for retracting the disaffiliation proposal, but these were not met. The organisation's only contact person was not sustainable, and the Congress needed to decide whether to maintain the suspended status or allow the organisation to reapply if they wished.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited the Congress to move on to the vote. She reminded delegates that the disaffiliation of a member organisation or individual member can only be decided by Congress in accordance with the quorum and majority requirements for amending the statutes, meaning a two-thirds majority was required for the vote.

**Results vote on the disaffiliation of Jeunes Radicaux (JR)- France (Full Member):**

In Favor - 60.87%

Against - 39.13%

**The disaffiliation of Jeunes Radicaux (JR)- France (Full Member) is not carried by the Congress as we did not reach a 2/3 majority.**



**Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer):** “We move on to the **Jeunes Union**, France. We have not been in contact with them for many years, outstanding debt going back to 2021. They have been suspended for 3 years and did not reach out given their disaffiliation proposal. We have not been able to get any contact as they are completely disengaged.”

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** Invites to move on and vote on this disaffiliation. Reminds delegates that disaffiliation of a member organisation or individual member can only be decided by the Congress in accordance with the quorum and majority conditions required for amending the statutes. Therefore a 2/3 majority is needed for this vote.

**Results vote on the disaffiliation of Jeunes Union des Démocrates et Indépendants (UDI) – France (Associate Member:**

**In Favor - 100%**

Against - 0

**The disaffiliation of Jeunes Union des Démocrates et Indépendants (UDI) – France is carried by the Congress.**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** introduced the next agenda point, the 50th anniversary celebration of LYMEC, and invited **Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President)** to give the presentation.

**Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President):** “Hello everyone, I’d like to give a short presentation on what the bureau is planning for LYMEC’s 50th anniversary. The first question is: what are we celebrating? We are celebrating the achievements of the past 50 years. LYMEC has grown tremendously, both in terms of our activities and training programs, and in our membership, which now includes around 55–60 member organisations across roughly 40 countries. It’s a great opportunity to take stock and celebrate this achievement. Most importantly, we are celebrating 50 years of policies, some of which have made a real impact in the European political sphere and within European institutions. The second question is: why are we celebrating? LYMEC is at a crossroads. Over these 50 years, we’ve faced numerous challenges, including European elections and other political developments. It is important to reflect on what we want LYMEC to look like in the future and how we want liberalism to evolve. The EU itself is also at a crossroads, facing pressures from around the world. This is a moment for us to think critically about how we can improve and adapt. The third question is: how are we celebrating? As a political youth organisation, our main goal is impact. Organising a large party doesn’t align with our objectives. Instead, we’ve focused on three main initiatives: 1. A publication reflecting on the past 50 years, highlighting our achievements and the evolution of our membership. 2. A proposed memorandum to be presented at the next congress, giving all members the opportunity to contribute their vision for LYMEC over the next 50 years. 3.



Some celebratory events, starting with the Vienna Congress, where we will come together to celebrate the organisation. We don't expect LYMEC to shoulder the financial burden of these celebrations alone. We are reaching out to member organisations to contribute to the publication and have launched a fundraising campaign on our website. Our alumni, who have supported us for years, have also been engaged. On the website, you can find the full story, explanations, and details on the different fundraising tiers. That is the update I wanted to share with you. ALDE is also considering ways to celebrate LYMEC's 50-year anniversary, which adds to the momentum."

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited delegates to take the floor for questions.

**MT (JD)** asked about the communication strategy for the 50th anniversary, specifically whether there is a plan for a campaign or a canvas template that member parties can use to reach wider audiences.

**TJ (YL)** asked if there are any plans to celebrate domestically with mother parties or to engage domestic media with images and other materials.

**Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President)** responded that there is indeed a communication plan in place, and that Dimitra Papadopoulou can provide further details. He explained that, as a youth organisation, they are not limited to paper-based communication. While delegates might not have seen much content yet, this is due to the timing, as it is still November 2025. He noted that a lot of work is already being done behind the scenes. The plan involves engaging members through LYMEC social media, reaching out to alumni, and coordinating with different teams within the organisation.

**Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President)** added that members can sign up for the newsletter to receive regular updates on communications. She emphasised that, although it might not appear extensive at this stage, a significant amount of work is being done in the background.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** reminded delegates to be respectful towards the speakers and then invited the Congress to move on to the next point on the agenda.

### 13. Election of IFLRY Representative

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited **Martina Barrés Sabartés (IFLRY Representative)** to take the floor.

**Martina Barrés Sabartés (IFLRY Representative):** "Good morning everyone, I would like to thank you all for this opportunity; it is truly a pleasure. For those who don't know me, I have been involved in international politics since 2021, beginning with the Young Change-makers Academy (YCA), which was a turning point for me. Together with my colleagues, I have had the opportunity to represent IFLRY at the last LYMEC congresses. I am very happy to continue representing IFLRY and to cooperate closely with both organisations. Thank you all for your time, and I sincerely hope to have your support."



**Doris Lisett (Chair)** thanked Martina and then opened the floor for questions. As there were no questions, she invited the delegates to proceed with the vote.

#### **Vote on IFLRY Representative:**

**In Favor - 100%**

Against - 0

**The new IFLRY representative is therefore approved by the Congress.**

### **13. Election of the LYMEC Delegation to the ALDE Party Congress 2026**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited the ALDE Delegation candidates to take the floor. There were 10 candidates in total. She explained that each candidate would have one minute to present themselves, and delegates with questions could add themselves to the speakers' list. Each candidate would then have 30 seconds to answer questions during each round.

**IJ (PSG Youth):** "I want to bring youth ambition to the LYMEC delegation and make liberal policies more appealing to young people across Europe. Two topics I am particularly passionate about are preserving fundamental rights in the next EU budget and addressing what EU enlargement means for that budget. I also want to work for a stronger EU focus in the changing geopolitical landscape."

**EJ (Young Greenliberals):** "I come from Switzerland and currently live in France. I am studying European law and governance, which equips me to represent European legal perspectives in LYMEC. I want to give youth a voice in ALDE and promote liberal ideas, while also emphasizing the importance of gender representation. My focus will be on combating disinformation and addressing the far-right."

**MT (JD):** "Hi, I'm Maarten. I have a background in European law and was part of this year's ALDE delegation. I believe it's important to have some continuity, so we can ensure everything runs smoothly. I want to make sure that more of LYMEC's policies on trade and foreign relations are reflected in the ALDE policy book. For me, everything we do should consider ALDE and LYMEC as integral parts of the broader European political landscape."

**AT (AY):** "I am passionate about advocating for minorities and refugees. In my role as an international officer, I work to expand cooperation between our organisation and other European and international partners. I want to bring fresh ideas and visions to the ALDE Party Congress. The EU faces internal challenges, including disaffiliations and growing distrust, but I also see opportunities in strengthening border security. I have personally witnessed the situation in Ukraine and want to bring that perspective to ALDE."



**AJ (NY):** "I am currently a master's student in law, focusing on civil law. My mission is to represent LYMEC and our members, while advocating for issues related to defense and security. I also want to ensure that we communicate effectively, through social media and cooperation, so that our voice as young liberals is heard by policymakers."

**JK (LMR):** "I am representing JR Belgium, though today I am representing LYMEC as a whole. I want to focus on the broader liberal movement and ensure that our policies reflect our shared values. I was part of this year's delegation, which gave me valuable perspective. With an earlier congress this year, we need to improve onboarding so new delegates can contribute effectively from the start."

**SO (JOVD):** "LYMEC has incredible expertise and talent, and I want to make sure we use it effectively. My goal is to ensure our delegation is creative, cohesive, and well-prepared for ALDE, by leveraging the strengths of each member. I want to combine these strengths to maximize our impact and make sure every delegate can contribute fully."

**DG (LHG):** "I was part of this year's delegation and gained a lot of experience that I can bring to the next congress. Since this year's congress will be in May or June, we have less preparation time, so I want to help new delegates hit the ground running. Together, with a mix of new ideas and my experience, we can make sure LYMEC's policies are heard at ALDE."

**EL (LHG):** "I am from Estonia and currently studying communications. I have previously worked in the European Parliament and participated in two ALDE congresses. I know many of the ALDE members and staff, which gives me insight into how to best promote LYMEC. My focus will be on representing ourselves effectively and building strong cooperation with ALDE members."

**HH (JL):** "I want to focus on developing a strategy for ALDE that maximizes our impact in passing resolutions. I have attended a congress with my mother party before, but now I want to dedicate my efforts to representing LYMEC and ensuring our resolutions make a real difference."

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** opened the floor for questions from the delegates, noting that two questions would be taken at a time.

**Sorcha Ní Chonghaile (LYMEC Policy Officer)** asked the candidates to reflect on their weaknesses and how these might impact their role.

**HH (JL)** responded that his greatest strength is also his greatest weakness: he is a perfectionist and very detail-oriented.

**EL (LHG)** admitted that he can be a bit chaotic, but believes a strong team helps mitigate this.

**DG (LHG)** noted that he sometimes tends to leave things to the last minute.



**SO (JOVD)** described himself as occasionally obsessive in his work.

**JK (LMR)** explained that as a perfectionist, she can become stressed if a resolution does not meet her high standards.

**AJ (NY)** acknowledged that she can be too idealistic at times, aiming for perfect liberal solutions even when they may not be fully realistic.

**AT (AY)** stated that he has boundless energy and ideas and is not afraid to approach high-level politicians.

**MT (JD)** admitted that he can be too blunt.

**EJ (Young Greenliberals)** described herself as having a dreamy mind, which sometimes makes her forgetful, but she has learned to manage her time effectively.

**IJ (PSG Youth)** highlighted that he is highly target-oriented and skilled at finding compromises.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited the candidates to move to the left and opened the floor to the audience for questions, reminding delegates to remove their question from the list if it had already been asked.

**TJ (YL)** asked how candidates would manage a situation in which their personal views conflicted with LYMEC's official position.

**JC (NY)** asked candidates about their favorite film and European director.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited the candidates to answer the questions one by one, reminding them that they had 30 seconds each.

Candidates shared reflections on compromise, representation, strategic thinking, and their experience within their respective organisations. The informal nature of the exchange provided delegates with additional insight into the candidates' personalities and approaches to leadership.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** gave the floor for the next set of questions.

**TM (Alliance Youth)** asked the candidates for their favourite LYMEC policy.

**DS (USRT)** asked how the candidates plan to involve Member Organisations more actively in the next ALDE delegation, and how they envision the hypothetical scenario of holding an ALDE Congress in Yalta.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited the candidates to respond.



**IJ (PSG Youth)** cited urgency resolutions proposed by MOs.

**EJ (Young Greenliberals)** named the fast-fashion resolution adopted at the previous Congress as her favourite and emphasised the potential for creative ideas to involve more MOs.

**EL (LHG)** highlighted the defence and Ukraine resolution as his favourite, stressing its continued relevance.

**DG (LHG)** supported involving MOs through scheduled calls with International Officers once draft resolutions are prepared. His favourite policy concerns a liberal approach to education.

**SO (JOVD)** stressed the importance of continuing idea-sharing among MOs. His favourite policy relates to increasing strategic autonomy.

**JK (LMR)** emphasised the importance of defence and women's rights. She suggested organising a meeting with International Officers even before resolutions are drafted.

**HH (JL)** noted that the delegates are well connected among themselves. He highlighted privacy and defence policies, as well as broader fundamental rights, as priorities.

**MT (JD)** distinguished between favourite policies and those he wishes to prioritise. He emphasised LYMEC's strong policy line on EU capacity and trade agreements and proposed holding calls during Digital Assemblies, time permitting.

**AT (AY)** noted that the Hamas conflict will be a key concern for future resolutions. He added jokingly that everyone, not only he, would like to host the ALDE Congress in Crimea.

**AJ (NY)** encouraged MOs to contact her directly and agreed that online meetings with International Officers are important.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** announced that three further questions would be taken.

**RF (YL)** asked how candidates would ensure geographical diversity and represent MOs outside the EU.

**MPD (JNC)** asked which soft skills the candidates would bring to the ALDE delegation.

**RS (JFS)** asked whether the candidates had ideas for resolutions not necessarily related to the EU.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited the candidates to answer.

**IJ (PSG Youth)** stressed the importance of representation and the need to think beyond the EU alone, particularly regarding enlargement.



**EJ (Young Greenliberals)** noted that she can represent Switzerland.

**EL (LHG)** affirmed diversity as a core value and listed communication and lobbying as his main soft skills. He noted the need to promote LYMEC more visibly at ALDE Congresses.

**DG (LHG)** stated that delegates represent LYMEC as a whole. He emphasised critical thinking as a soft skill and noted that LYMEC often addresses “European countries” broadly, not only EU member states.

**SO (JOVD)** acknowledged that LYMEC’s current internal diversity is not ideal, but expressed confidence that ongoing conversations will improve representation. He stressed the importance of knowledge transfer.

**JK (LMR)** highlighted the importance of internal discussion and encouraged MOs to reach out. She listed diplomacy and efficiency as her key soft skills.

**HH (JL)** underlined the need for geographical diversity and cited strategic thinking as his soft skill. He called for more engagement on Council of Europe issues, noting that ALDE’s PACE delegation is not doing enough.

**MT (JD)** named compromise as his main soft skill and agreed on the under-addressed role of the Council of Europe. He stressed the importance of viewing themselves as Europeans, not only national representatives.

**AT (AY)** noted that there has never been a representative from Latvia in the delegation. His soft skills include creativity and teamwork.

**AJ (NY)** underscored the importance of communication and encouraged members to contact her to ensure representation. Her soft skills include written and oral advocacy and lobbying.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** asked delegates to respect speakers and introduced the final two questions.

**AZ (LDLU)** asked candidates to share their personal motivations for running.

**CN (JuLis)** asked what reforms ALDE should undertake to remain relevant for young people and what concrete ideas the candidates propose.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited the candidates to answer.

**IJ (PSG Youth)** expressed his wish to contribute meaningfully to the process, noting the importance of initiatives like Erasmus+.



**EJ (Young Greenliberals)** saw the delegation as an opportunity for personal growth, defending her ideas, and collaborating with committed colleagues.

**EL (LHG)** stated that he wanted to experience the role directly, noting that ALDE lacks systematic organisation.

**DG (LHG)** said that he was running to ensure LYMEC's policy positions have real impact at the ALDE Congress.

**SO (JOVD)** stated that the delegation could play a larger role in contributing to ALDE's structural reforms.

**JK (LMR)** highlighted her motivation to represent youth voices and her enjoyment of representing ideas. She suggested that ALDE should be more vocal.

**HH (JL)** cited personal motivations including personal development and enjoyment. He proposed reforms such as promoting transnational EU elections and encouraging ALDE to act more cohesively as one bloc.

**MT (JD)** said his motivation stems from wanting to "fight for his family," referring to LYMEC. He stated that ALDE must better communicate the benefits of youth representation.

**AT (AY)** explained that he believes strongly in democracy and individual ideas. He called for greater youth representation and support for voting rights from age 16.

**AJ (NY)** said she was motivated to run again after being a candidate last year and emphasised that young people are often taken for granted by ALDE, a trend she believes must change.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** thanked all candidates and invited them to take their seats. She then opened the voting procedure, reminding delegates that there were nine votes available and that nine candidates needed to be elected out of the ten standing. Delegates experiencing technical issues were asked to inform the Bureau. The vote would remain open until the roll call after the coffee break.

----- **COFFEE BREAK** -----

**Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General)** asked for the vote on the LYMEC Delegation to the ALDE Party Congress 2026 to be closed.



## Roll call

**Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General)** performs the roll call with **Lily Marie Hornstein (LYMEC Project Manager)** and **Aoife Devereux (LYMEC Communication Assistant)**. He then takes the floor to explain the procedure. Organisations will be called one by one, when they hear the name of their organisation, delegation leaders will let their presence know in the room or unmute themselves online and say "PRESENT". Only organisations present at roll calls can vote until the following roll call takes place. No organisation will get a second chance if they miss the calling of their name, they will have to wait until the next roll call. The goal is to be more efficient to allow more time for discussions.

**The roll call was executed as follows:**





**The following Member Organisations were not present:**

- **ZeMolodizhka (Ukraine)**
- **Gibraltar Liberal Party (Gibraltar)**

## **Guest Speech**

**Jules Maaten (Regional Director for Europe of FNF):** “Thank you so much, Even. This is a neighbourly visit. Eleven days ago, as you know, we opened the Liberal House in Brussels, with among others an impressive speech by Ines. During the opening of the Liberal House, an elderly woman suddenly walked in: Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, a former President of ALDE and Liberal International, a former MEP, and an author. She was active in the predecessor of IFLRY, called the World Federation of Liberal and Radical Youth. A few years ago, she wrote a book titled *Annemie in Wonderland*, subtitled *A Plea for Clear Thinking in a Changing World*. The title was inspired by *Alice in Wonderland*, which, before it became known as a children’s book, was actually a political satire. Standing there in Brussels, in this new Liberal House, I couldn’t help but think that all this EU work sometimes feels a bit like Alice in Wonderland. And for many people outside our political bubble, who don’t understand how the EU process works, it really does seem that way. That is a problem, because the EU has stopped being an inspiration for ordinary people. We, as liberals, face a similar challenge. Overall, we are not doing well. As a Dutchman, I am proud of D66 and the VVD for their recent electoral results. We are also doing well in Portugal, Slovakia, the United Kingdom, Romania, and Bulgaria. But in general, across Europe, we are struggling. Why is that? People are moving toward the political extremes, not because of their policies, I believe, but because they feel the political centre has become uninspiring. That is exactly why we need organisations like LYMEC and our liberal youth movements. The renewal of liberalism will not come from the established liberal parties themselves. If renewal is going to happen, it must come from the youth. For the extreme parties on the left and right, we are the target. We are their worst enemy. It is liberal democracy that they want to undermine. Leaders like Wilders in the Netherlands or Farage in the UK, this is the model. And globally, the Putins and Orbáns of the world are working to weaken the values we stand for. Take Slovakia as an example. Many of you might not remember 1989, when part of the revolution here involved people shaking their keyrings in protest. Now, the new prime minister wants to abolish the national day of remembrance for resistance against the Soviet Union. There is a clear reason for this. And this is an opportunity for us to show solidarity with our Slovak friends. A symbolic act, shaking keys, writing messages of support in chalk, reminds people that we are still here, still fighting. Let’s play our part. It is not easy to be a liberal right now. The Liberal House is a spectacular space that brings us closer together, but we liberals tend to fight amongst ourselves before we fight anyone else, trying to prove who is the “best liberal.” We no longer have the luxury of doing that. The real enemies are outside, not within. What we are missing in our discussions is a vision of how to make liberalism inspiring again, how to show that things *can* be different through bold initiatives and creative ideas. I often think of a quote from Steve Jobs in 1997: “Here’s to the crazy



ones, the misfits, the rebels, the troublemakers, the ones who see things differently. They're not fond of rules, and they have no respect for the status quo. You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them, but the one thing you can't do is ignore them, because they change things. They push the human race forward. The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do." This should apply to you. You should be willing to say things that are different, things that challenge the status quo. You should rock the boat. The Liberal House is meant to be a living laboratory for these new ideas. That is why we are launching the "Europe 2050" project: to imagine what the next decades could look like, to dream about where we are going, to produce original, bold, even "crazy" ideas. That brings me back to *Alice in Wonderland*. And I'll end with this: "I know you, you know me, one thing I can tell you is that we've got to be free." Thank you."

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** thanked the guests and proceeded to present the results of the newly elected LYMEC Delegation to the next ALDE Party Congress 2026, reminding the delegates that only nine people would be elected.

## Vote - LYMEC Delegation ALDE Congress 2026

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	Yes	No	Abstain
1. Joy Kamel JMR · No. Bratislava	(95.385 %) 186	(0 %) 0	(4.615 %) 9
2. Maarten Tollenaar JD · No. Bratislava	(94.359 %) 184	(5.641 %) 11	(0 %) 0
3. Sebas Overbeek JOVD · No. Bratislava	(93.846 %) 183	(0 %) 0	(1.538 %) 3
4. Ilija Jerković PSG · No. Bratislava	(92.821 %) 181	(0 %) 0	(5.641 %) 11
5. Huub Hoven JL · No. Bratislava	(92.821 %) 181	(0 %) 0	(0 %) 0
6. David Grasveld LHG · No. Bratislava	(90.769 %) 177	(0 %) 0	(0 %) 0
7. Estelle Marie Wayan Jaggi YGL · No. Bratislava	(77.949 %) 152	(0 %) 0	(1.538 %) 3
8. Andrei Tatur AY · No. Bratislava	(75.897 %) 148	(5.128 %) 10	(4.103 %) 8
9. Emil Laanemets ERPYP · No. Bratislava	(75.897 %) 148	(0 %) 0	(5.641 %) 11
10. Alicja Jakimko NY · No. Bratislava	(68.205 %) 133	(5.128 %) 10	(3.077 %) 6
Valid votes	(100 %) 195		



Congratulations to the 9 elected delegates! The results are displayed on the screen and available on OpenSlides for all delegates. The non-elected candidate is a *substitute* in case any of the elected delegates resign.

## 14. Statutory Matters

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited **Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer)** for a brief presentation of the proposed change.

**Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer):** "Congratulations to everyone. Regarding the statutory matters, we have a statute change to address. At the last Congress, we created new Rules of Procedure, including one on disaffiliating individual members. By accident, this was not removed from the statute, which meant that for the past year we have had two contradictory procedures. We are not proposing a new procedure, just removing the duplicate one."

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** thanked Maarten and invited the delegates to proceed with the vote. The majority required for this vote to pass is two-thirds.

### Results vote on Statutory Matters:

In Favor - 91.803%

Against - 1.639%

Abstention - 6.557%

**The Statutory Matters are carried by the Congress.**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited the Congress to move forward with the next point on the agenda.

## 15. Motions

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** stated that there are no motions submitted for this Congress.

## 16. Resolutions

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** explained that the delegates voted in yesterday's snap vote on the resolutions. She outlines the procedure: there will be three readings. First, the movers will present the resolutions. Second, the Congress will address amendments and any amendments to amendments. Finally, the



discussion will move to the resolution as amended, taken as a whole. She announced that the Congress will now proceed to the discussion of the resolutions.

**Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General)** informed the delegates of one change regarding minute taking: if a speaker wishes their full speech to be recorded in the minutes, they must state this before taking the floor. Otherwise, only their position, whether in favour or against, will be noted.

### ➤ **Resolution N16: Privacy**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited the mover to present the resolution.

**HH (JL):** "Leading up to the Congress, chat control is back on the agenda. Most of us know what this is: it's an EU proposal for scanning and flagging content under the pretext of combating child sexual abuse. Frankly, I think it's a load of nonsense. Privacy has always been a priority for us, and we place special significance on protecting it. It is important that we create one solid resolution on privacy and how it should be safeguarded. I kindly ask for your support for this resolution. I also want to thank Junge Venstre for their collaboration on this. The amendments focus on other methods to fight child abuse, but they do not necessarily address the scope of privacy, which we believe should remain our main focus. Additionally, these amendments risk framing this as a genuine first proposal on child abuse, which I don't think it was intended to be. Thank you."

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited to move on with the amendments, noting that no one had requested the floor. She explained that there would be two speakers in favor and two against, and asked delegates to indicate their position on OpenSlides. A quick overview of the amendments was given before proceeding.

#### ❖ **RES N.16 Amendment N1**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

#### ❖ **RES N.16 Amendment N6**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

#### ❖ **RES N.16 Amendment N2**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** explained that this amendment had received no recommendation from the working group. She opened the floor for debate.

**MW (NUV)** proposed the amendment, explaining that it did not change the substance of the resolution but aimed to include additional considerations.

#### ❖ **Amendment to RES N.16 Amendment N2**



**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited **HH (JL)** to take the floor and present the amendment proposed to to this amendment. resented an amendment to this amendment proposed by **HH (JL)**. And invites him to take the floor.

**HH (JL)** clarified that it was a friendly amendment.

**MW (NUV)** accepted Amendment to RES N.16 Amendment N2.

**HH (JL)** accepted RES N.16 Amendment N2 as amended.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **Amendment to Amendment 16N7**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** noted that the amendment fell as a result of the previous amendment being accepted.

❖ **RES N.16 Amendment N4**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.16 Amendment N3**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** noted that RES N.16 Amendment N3 had received a split recommendation from the working group, and therefore a debate would take place.

**MW (NUV)** explained that the amendment was solution-oriented: although the Congress rejects the chat control regulation, they support other regulations and laws targeting the same issue.

No further comments were made, and **Doris Lisett (Chair)** opened the vote.

**Results vote on RES N.16 Amendment N3**

In Favor - 69.767%

Against - 30.233%

Abstain - 0%

**RES N.16 Amendment N3 is carried out by the Congress.**

❖ **RES N.16 Amendment N5**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** noted that RES N.16 Amendment N5 had received a negative recommendation from the working group, and therefore the amendment would be rejected.



## Point of Order

One delegate asked to rediscuss the amendment.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** explained that if during working groups an amendment received a negative recommendation, it will not be discussed during Congress.

### ❖ Amendment to Amendment 16N7

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited to rediscuss the Amendment to Amendment 16N7 proposed by **HH (JL)** and invited him to take the floor and present.

**HH (JL)** clarified that it is a friendly amendment, intended to homogenise the text.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** opened the vote on RES N.16 as amended in its entirety.

### Results vote on Resolution N16:

In Favor - 98.256%

Against - 0

Abstain - 1.744%

### Resolution N16 is carried by the Congress

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited to move on with the next resolution.

### ➤ Resolution N23: Is It a Bird, is It a Plane? It's a Russian Drone – Protecting European Airspace from Drone Attacks

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited the mover to present the resolution.

**SD (Lithuanian Liberal Youth):** “We believe this resolution is essential to ensure the protection of European airspace from Russian air attacks, not only in relation to the eastern countries but for the whole of Europe. Recognising the eastern borders as European borders is vital. We must protect against Russian aggression, enhance the security of European citizens, and adopt this resolution.”

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** thanked the mover and invited the Congress to move to the amendments. Explained that the resolution presented four amendments, all received a positive recommendation during the working groups and were accepted by the mover.

### ❖ RES N.23 Amendment N1



**Doris Lisett (Chair)** noted that RES N.23 Amendment N1 had received a positive recommendation during the working groups. It has been accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.23 Amendment N2**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.23 Amendment N3**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.23 Amendment N4**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** noted that RES N.23 Amendment N4 had received a positive recommendation during the working groups. It has been accepted by the mover and carried.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** opened the vote on RES N.23 as amended in its entirety.

**Results vote on Resolution N23:**

**In Favor - 95.32%**

Against - 0%

Abstain - 4.67%

**Resolution N23 is carried by the Congress.**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited to move on with the next resolution.

➤ **Resolution N31: Connecting Europe: Completing the High-Speed Rail Union**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited the mover to present the resolution.

**SVF (JNC):** "As many of you know, rail connectivity among major European cities is still very limited. In my case, I live in Barcelona, and if I want to travel to Paris it is easy, but travelling to Berlin or Warsaw is a total mess. The main reasons for this are different national regulations, different technical standards, and no single European rail ticket."

**EMM (JNC):** "This resolution is about making Europe more connected through our railways. A modern and interconnected railway system will make our continent more united and stronger as a whole."

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** opened the floor for interventions from the delegates and noted that all amendments to this resolution had been accepted by the mover. Therefore, the Congress would proceed to vote on the resolution as a whole following the interventions.



**JS (CS):** "I would like to share a thought on this motion. We need a better train system in Europe, but ultimately this comes down to money. We could, for example, redirect some of the CAP subsidies to fund better rail infrastructure across Europe. We also need a European standards agency and proper oversight. If we take this approach, we must acknowledge that making these changes is expensive. Take Ukraine, for instance. The railway gauge there is wider than in most of Europe, meaning you cannot simply run a European train on Ukrainian tracks, you need to change the entire system the train operates on. Are we really going to say to Ukraine that it cannot enter the EU until it changes its entire railway network? I do not believe that is how we should conduct politics. And actually, I do not think we need to impose these new standards, because Ukraine is already developing new tracks that match those in the rest of Europe. They already have an incentive to do so. And since we share that common incentive, I believe this general approach is not necessary."

**MG (YGL):** "If accepted, this resolution will retire a previous resolution we co-wrote on the subject. We welcome the inclusive and strategic approach, which has not only economic and societal implications, but also presents a security dimension."

**PC (OFF):** "I worked on this project a couple of years ago in the Young Changemakers Academy. This is where Europe needs to be. When Ireland joined the EEC, these types of projects formed the social fabric and backbone of the European Union, helping to counter Euroscepticism in Ireland and across the world."

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** noted that no further speakers were asking for the floor and opened the vote on the full resolution.

#### **Results vote on Resolution N31:**

**In Favor - 84.94%**

Against - 9.036%

Abstain - 6.024%

**Resolution N31 is carried by the Congress.**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited to move on with the next resolution.

- **Resolution N26: Recognition of the Rights to Sexual Reproductive Health and Abortion**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** gave the floor to the mover of the resolution to present it.



**MG (YGL):** "This resolution merges two existing resolutions that are set to expire next year. With the support of the earlier movers of those resolutions, we collaborated on this text because we believe that a liberal Europe is one in which individual freedoms are guaranteed. When it comes to bodily autonomy, we believe this is crucial. I encourage you to vote in favour."

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** thanked the mover and invited the Congress to proceed with the discussions on the amendments.

❖ **RES N.26 Amendment N12**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.26 Amendment N1**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** noted that RES N.26 Amendment N1 had received a negative recommendation from the working group, and therefore the amendment would be rejected.

❖ **RES N.26 Amendment N3**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** noted that RES N.26 Amendment N3 was withdrawn.

❖ **RES N.26 Amendment N10**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.26 Amendment N10**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

## Point of Order

**SJ (JUNOS):** "I request that this amendment not be included in the resolution."

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** opened the vote on the point of order to reopen the discussion on this amendment.

## Point of Order

**RF (YL):** "Why, if it was already accepted by the mover of the resolution?"

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** clarified that delegates still have the right to reopen discussions on amendments during Congress. She then opened the vote on the point of order to re-discuss the amendment.

## Results vote on Point of Order:

In Favor - 49.444%

Against - 47.222%



Abstain - 3.333%

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** stated that not enough votes were cast to reopen the discussion on this amendment. At least 50% was required to do so. Since the amendment had already been accepted by the mover, it was carried, and the Congress proceeded to the next amendment.

❖ **RES N.26 Amendment N15**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.26 Amendment N16**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.26 Amendment N7**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.26 Amendment N17**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.26 Amendment N18**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.26 Amendment N2**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** noted that RES N.26 Amendment N2 had received a negative recommendation from the working group, and therefore the amendment would be rejected.

❖ **Amendment on RES N.26 Amendment N4**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried. The amendment to RES N.26 Amendment N4 consisted in merging amendment N4 with amendment N11.

## Point of Order

Some delegates reported technical difficulties with OpenSlides. **Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General)** explained the reason for the issue and advised participants to refresh the page. He also specified that anyone experiencing problems with voting should contact **Sean Bennett (LYMEC Events and Engagement Officer)**. Other delegates noted difficulties adding themselves to the speakers list on OpenSlides. **Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited them to approach the Chair directly so they could be added manually.

## Point of Order on RES N.26 Amendment N2



**SJ (JUNOS):** "It is not the purpose of states and governments to provide affordable contraceptives, as there are already enough initiatives in place. Governments should stay out of this matter. So please support our point of order to reopen the discussion on Amendment 2."

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** thanked the speaker and stated that the Congress would proceed to a vote on the point of order to reopen the discussion.

### **Point of Order**

**MT (JD):** "Point of orders are not voted on. A point of order is raised by the floor, and then the Chair either accepts it or rejects it."

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** stated that the decision of the Chairs was not to reopen the vote and to continue based on the discussions held within the working groups.

**MT (JD):** "I would like to overrule the Chair on this decision."

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** announced that the Congress would proceed with a vote on the point of order.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** intervened to clarify the rules, reading aloud the Rules of Procedure so that everyone had the same understanding. He cited Article 13, point 3: "A point of order can be raised by any participant and must be dealt with immediately. The chairing panel should state whether it accepts it, rejects it, or puts it to a vote."

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** then opened the vote on the point of order concerning Amendment 2 of Resolution 26. She clarified: "If you vote in favour, we will reopen the discussion; otherwise, we will maintain the decision taken in the working group."

### **Results vote on Point of Order:**

In Favor - 50%

**Against - 46.429%**

Abstain - 3.571%

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** stated that more than 50% was needed to reopen the amendment.

### **Point of Order**

**SC (YL):** "There is more than 50% in favour when considering abstentions."

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** explained that the required majority was based on the number of delegates present in the roll call and noted that more than 20 votes were still missing.



**SC (YL):** "Article 2 states that the number of votes in favour must be greater than the number against. It does not mention abstentions."

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** stated that the discussion on RES N.26 Amendment N2 would therefore be reopened and opened the floor for speakers.

**TJ (YL)** spoke against the Amendment.

**SJ (JUNOS)** spoke in favor of the Amendment.

**LF (JFS)** spoke in favor of the Amendment.

### **Point of Order**

**RF (YL)** asked for a bit more of respect by some delegates and asked the chair to remake that clear.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** reminded delegates to maintain respect and invited them to continue with the discussion.

**ASL (RU)** spoke against the Amd.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** opened the vote on RES N.26 Amendment N2.

#### **Results vote on RES N.26 Amendment N2:**

In Favor - 36.158%

**Against - 57.627%**

Abstain - 6.215%

**RES N.26 Amendment N2 is not carried by the Congress.**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** noted that RES N.26 Amendment N2 was not accepted and gave the floor to **Sorcha Ní Chonghaile (LYMEC Policy Officer)**.

**Sorcha Ní Chonghaile (LYMEC Policy Officer)** reminded the Congress to remain respectful and silent while someone is speaking. She also emphasised the significant and thorough work carried out during the working groups, noting that when an amendment receives either a positive or negative recommendation, it is the result of extensive discussion and a clear majority vote within the group. She asked delegates to carefully consider whether it is genuinely necessary to reopen discussion on an amendment, taking into account both the need and the limited time available during the Congress.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** thanked Sorcha and invited the Congress to move on with the next amendment.

#### **❖ RES N.26 Amendment N5**



**Doris Lisett (Chair)** stated that there had been no recommendation from the Working Groups and opened the floor to discuss the amendment.

### **Point of Order**

**LK (JOVD):** "I spoke with the mover of the amendment to the amendment, and we realised that the two are actually not conflicting."

After a brief closed discussion between the Chairs and the speaker, **Doris Lisett (Chair)** clarified that the intervention referred to subsequent amendments that would be discussed later. She restated that RES N.26 Amendment N5 would now be put to a vote. She opened the floor for discussion.

**LK (JOVD)** explained the intention of the amendment and clarified why the proposed changes were necessary.

With no further speakers, **Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited the Congress to vote.

### **Results vote on RES N.26 Amendment N5:**

**In Favor - 68.235%**

Against - 10.588%

Abstain - 21.176%

**RES N.26 Amendment N5 is carried by the Congress.**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited to move on with the next Amendment.

#### **❖ RES N.26 Amendment N13**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

#### **❖ RES N.26 Amendment N14**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited the mover to present the amendment.

**MT (JD)** presented the amendment.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** noted that there were no further speakers and announced that she would open the vote on RES N.26 Amendment N14. She added that, since the content was very similar to the previously discussed amendment, the Chairs suggested accepting it unless there was opposition.

### **Point of Order**

Several delegates requested that the amendment still be put to a vote, despite its similarity to the previous one.



**Robinson (Chair)** clarified that Amendment 5 had already been accepted and that the only element now being voted on was the date. He explained that, if approved, this amendment would be merged with the previous one and that, technically, a vote was not required.

As some delegates appeared to oppose the amendment, **Doris Lisett (Chair)** proceeded to open the vote.

**Results vote on RES N.26 Amendment N14:**

**In favor - 60.355%**

Against - 15.385%

Abstain - 24.26%

**RES N.26 Amendment N14 is carried by the Congress.**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited to move on with the next Amendment.

❖ **RES N.26 Amendment N19**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** stated that there had been no recommendation from the Working Groups and opened the floor to discuss the amendment.

**SF (IMS):** "The point of this amendment is to reflect the full reality of abortion and the challenging situation, which has medical, psychological, and emotional dimensions. We need policies that reflect all of this"

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** noted that there were no other speakers and opened the vote on RES N.26 Amendment N14.

**Results vote RES N.26 Amendment N19:**

**In Favor - 84.118%**

Against - 5.882%

Abstain - 10%

**RES N.26 Amendment N19 is carried by the Congress.**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** invited to move on with the next Amendment.

❖ **Amendment to RES N.26 Amendment N6**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.26 Amendment N9**



**Doris Lisett (Chair)** noted that RES N.26 Amendment N9 was withdrawn.

❖ **RES N.26 Amendment N20**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** opened the vote on RES N.26 as amended in its entirety.

**Results vote on RES N.26:**

**In Favor - 76.506%**

Against - 10.843%

Abstain - 12.651%

**Resolution N26 is carried by the Congress**

**Doris Lisett (Chair)** thanked the Congress for its cooperation and announced the lunch break. She informed delegates that the Congress would reconvene at 14:00.

----- **LUNCH** -----

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** welcomed everyone back and stated that, before continuing with the roll call and the points of the agenda, **Petrine Johannesen (Internal Auditor)** and **Alex Nilsson (Internal Auditor)** had an announcement to make.

**Petrine Johannesen (Internal Auditor)** and **Alex Nilsson (Internal Auditor)** announced that there were technical issues with the voting in the ALDE Delegation and that a new vote would need to be conducted.

**Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President)**: explained that the vote weights from the previous roll call would be taken into consideration for the upcoming vote. He noted that, for those familiar with the Rules of Procedure, the Bureau and the scrutineers had analysed the matter in depth and concluded that repeating the vote was the fairest and most efficient way to proceed. He apologised for the inconvenience, particularly to the candidates.

**Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General)** stated that he would open the vote, perform the roll call, and then close the vote.

**Roll call**



**Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General)** performs the roll call with **Lily Marie Hornstein (LYMEC Project Manager)** and **Aoife Devereux (LYMEC Communication Assistant)**. He then takes the floor to explain the procedure. Organisations will be called one by one, when they hear the name of their organisation, delegation leaders will let their presence know in the room or unmute themselves online and say "PRESENT". Only organisations present at roll calls can vote until the following roll call takes place. No organisation will get a second chance if they miss the calling of their name, they will have to wait until the next roll call. The goal is to be more efficient to allow more time for discussions.

**The roll call was executed as follows:**





- **Gibraltar Liberal Party (Gibraltar)**
- **Youth Movement for Rights and Freedoms (Bulgaria)**
- **ZeMolodizhka (Ukraine)**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited the congress to move on with discussing the resolutions.

➤ **Resolution N32: Towards a fairer and more efficient European asylum system**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited the mover of the resolution to present it.

**SS (JUNOS):** “We believe that this issue should also be addressed centrally. The refugee crisis began in 2015, and so far we have not developed a long-term strategy. We need clarity and a concrete plan for handling this situation. We have a humanitarian responsibility to respond effectively, but we also face practical limitations. The number of people seeking asylum may even exceed our current estimates. With limited resources, we must be clear about how we can support those who come to us. To ensure asylum as a right and uphold our humanitarian responsibility, we must accommodate these individuals in a strategic and sustainable way.”

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** thanked the mover and invited the Congress to proceed with the amendments.

❖ **RES N.32 Amendment N18**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.32 Amendment N1**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that the amendment had received a positive recommendation from the Working Groups.

❖ **RES N.32 Amendment N9**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.32 Amendment N7**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.32 Amendment N10**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.32 Amendment N17**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.



❖ **RES N.32 Amendment N11**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.32 Amendment N8**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.32 Amendment N2**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that the amendment had received a negative recommendation from the Working Groups and would not be reopened.

❖ **RES N.32 Amendment N5**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.32 Amendment N4**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that the amendment was withdrawn.

❖ **RES N.32 Amendment N12**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.32 Amendment N15**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that there had been no recommendation on the amendment during the working groups and opened the floor for discussion. The Chair invited the mover of the amendment to present and reminded delegates that, if they wished to contribute, they needed to add themselves to the speakers list on OpenSlides. In accordance with the statutes, the Chairs would take two speakers in favor and two speakers against the amendment.

**GR (YGL):** "Asylum seekers have often witnessed terrible situations. You mention at the beginning of the resolution that integration of refugees into the labor market is often very difficult due to their conditions. I just do not see the point of providing different healthcare access to asylum seekers; this could only make integration more difficult and reinforce the problem you mentioned at the beginning. Thank you."

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited speakers on the speakers list to take the floor.

**VW (JUNOS)** spoke against the amendment.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** opened the vote on the amendment.

**Results vote on RES N.32 Amendment N15:**



**In Favour - 51.913%**

Against - 28.415%

Abstain - 19.672%

**RES N.32 Amendment N15 is carried by congress.**

❖ **RES N.32 Amendment N13**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **Amendment on RES N.32 Amendment N6**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amended amendment, RES N.32 Amendment N6, was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.32 Amendment N14**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that there was no recommendation and invited the mover to present the amendment.

**GR (YGL):** "With this amendment we just wanted to ensure that non-EU states involved in this matter are taken into account."

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited speakers on the speakers list to take the floor.

**SS (JUNOS)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that the amendment is carried and invites to move on with the next one.

❖ **RES N.32 Amendment N3**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover and carried.

❖ **RES N.32 Amendment N16**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that there was no recommendation during the Working Groups and invited the mover of the amendment to present.

**GR (YGL):** "With this amendment, we want to add the following sentence. We believe this resolution is very focused on what happens in Europe and does not sufficiently consider the reasons asylum seekers are leaving their countries of origin. We believe these reasons should be taken more into account in migration policies."

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited speakers on the speakers list to take the floor.

**VW (JUNOS)** spoke against the amendment.



**TJ (YL)** spoke in favor of the amendment.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** opened the vote on the amendment.

**Results vote on RES N.32 Amendment N16:**

**In Favour - 67.742%**

Against - 24.194%

Abstain - 8.065%

**RES N.32 Amendment N16 is carried by the Congress.**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** opened the discussion on RES N.32 as amended in its entirety.

**MM (PS)** spoke against the resolution.

**PC (OFF)** spoke in favor of the resolution.

**RF (YL)** spoke against the resolution.

**SS (JUNOS)** spoke in favor of the resolution.

**JS (CS)** spoke against the resolution.

**CN (JuLis)** spoke in favor of the resolution.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** opened the vote on RES N.32 as amended in its entirety.

**Results Vote on Resolution N.32:**

**In Favour - 45.128%**

Against - 44.615%

Abstain - 10.256%

**Resolution N32 is carried by the Congress**

➤ **Resolution N20: No Freedom Without Equality: Tackling Transphobia and Discrimination Across Europe**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited the mover to present the resolution.

**AM (JD):** "There is a rise in discrimination against transgender people, and an increase in transphobic rhetoric and hate. It is important for LYMEC to implement more transgender inclusion and promote access to accessible healthcare measures. We therefore ask you to support this resolution. Thank



you.”

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that the resolution contained three amendments, all accepted by the movers, and invited the Congress to discuss the resolution as amended.

**CN (YL):** “As a transgender woman at Congress, I would like to highlight the importance of addressing LGB groups constructed to oppose transgender rights. This measure is an important step forward.”

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** opened the vote on the resolution as a whole.

#### **Results vote on Resolution N.20:**

**In Favour - 87.047%**

Against - 9.845%

Abstain - 3.109%

#### **Resolution N20 is carried by the Congress**

- **Resolution N9: A Call for a Lasting Ceasefire in Gaza, Accountability Under International Law, and a Durable Two-State Solution for the People of Israel and Palestine**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited the mover to present the resolution and reminded the Congress to remain respectful towards the speakers.

**RF (YL):** “This is an issue that has either been avoided or tackled in interesting ways previously. The approach we took is a skeleton resolution, backed up with facts, details, and core principles, and we invited amendments on the more controversial parts. To get the wording right for everybody, we thank Julis, and we have come away from this in a very positive manner. The conversation on this topic was happening at the ALDE Congress with our mother parties, and as young people, we were not able to have a voice. We must speak on this matter to reflect the priorities of young people across Europe. Therefore I highly encourage you to vote in favor of this resolution.”

**MM (Gibanje Svoboda Mladi)** “This resolution is about recognising the reality on the ground and to take action in addressing this terrible humanitarian catastrophe. With endless material that we receive every day, we need to address this. It is about being consistent with our values and preserving our credibility. It is about international law, liberal democracy, and human rights, the cornerstone of the international liberal order. We must stand for that as Israel is greatly undermining this order.”

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** thanked the mover and reminded the Congress that there will be a discussion on the resolution as a whole after having debated the amendments.



❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N1**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N7**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that the amendment had received a negative recommendation from the Working Group and was therefore rejected.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N8**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that the amendment had received a negative recommendation from the Working Group and was therefore rejected.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N9**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that the amendment had received a negative recommendation from the Working Group and was therefore rejected.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N10**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that the amendment had received a negative recommendation from the Working Group and was therefore rejected.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N11**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that the amendment had received a negative recommendation from the Working Group and was therefore rejected.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N12**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N13**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N14**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that the amendment had received a negative recommendation from the Working Group and was therefore rejected.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N4**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that no recommendation had been given during the Working Groups and opened the floor for discussion. The Chair invited the mover of the amendment to present and reminded delegates that, if they wished to contribute, they needed to add themselves to the speakers



list on OpenSlides. In accordance with the statutes, the Chairs would take two speakers in favor and two speakers against the amendment.

**RF (YL):** "This is a controversial point in our resolution, and we want to highlight it given the recent developments it refers to. As the war in Gaza continues and the humanitarian situation deteriorates, there is increasing evidence that actions are being taken to undermine what we expect from a state participating in the international liberal order. The actions of Netanyahu pose a direct threat to our understanding of decency in politics and international relations. What we hope to do is ensure that these recent developments are noted in the resolution. We worked with JuLis on a complementary text to this, which we will discuss later. We broadly recognise the hard work and investigations conducted by organisations both within the UN and outside of it. We also acknowledge the legal implications of these recent developments. I encourage you to vote in favor of this amendment."

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited speakers on the speakers list to take the floor.

**CN (JuLis)** spoke against the amendment.

**MM (PS)** spoke in favor of the amendment.

**VS (JMR)** spoke against the amendment.

**RC (GSM)** spoke in favor of the amendment.

**Tim Robinson (Chair):** opened the vote on RES N.9 Amendment N4.

**Results vote on RES N.9 Amendment N4:**

In favor - 46.392%

Against - 37.113%

Abstain -16.495%

**RES N.9 Amendment N4 is carried by the Congress.**

❖ **Amendment to RES N.9 Amendment N15**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment to RES N.9 Amendment N15 was accepted by the mover.

❖ **Amendment to RES N.9 Amendment N17**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.

❖ **Amendment to RES N.9 Amendment N18**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.



❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N19**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N20**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that the amendment had received a negative recommendation from the Working Group, was not reopened, and was therefore rejected.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N16**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N35**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.

❖ **Amendment to RES N.9 Amendment N21**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N6**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N22**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that the amendment fell because it conflicted with Amendment N24 which was accepted by the movers.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N23**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that the amendment had received a negative recommendation from the Working Group, was not reopened, and was therefore rejected.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N24**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N2**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that the amendment had received a positive recommendation from the Working Group and was therefore accepted.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N36**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that no recommendation had been given and invited the mover of the amendment to present.



**MOM (JuLis):** "I think that if we want a realistic picture of this situation, we need to acknowledge the full reality. And the reality is that it is not only Netanyahu's government that is responsible for this ongoing conflict, but also Hamas, which continues to threaten Israel day after day. I believe that, as liberals, we should all agree that this should be recognised in the resolution. Thank you."

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited speakers on the speakers list to take the floor.

**RF (YL)** spoke against the amendment.

**RS (JFS)** spoke in favor of the amendment.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** opened the vote on Amendment N36.

**Results vote on RES N.9 Amendment N36:**

**In Favor - 55.155%**

Against - 20.103%

Abstain - 24.742%

**RES N.9 Amendment N36 is carried by the Congress.**

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N25**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N26**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N27**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that the amendment had received a negative recommendation, was not reopened, and was therefore rejected.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N28**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.

❖ **Amendment RES N.9 Amendment N29**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.

❖ **Amendment RES N.9 Amendment N30**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N3**



**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that the amendment was withdrawn.

❖ **Amendment RES N.9 Amendment N31**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.

❖ **Amendment RES N.9 Amendment N32**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.

❖ **Amendment to RES N.5**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that no recommendation had been given and invited the mover of the amendment to present.

### **Point Of Order**

After a closed discussion between **RF (YL)**, **CN (JuLis)**, and **Tim Robinson (Chair)**, **Tim Robinson (Chair)** clarified that an amendment to Amendment 5 had been submitted and accepted by the mover. Therefore, no debate was required.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N33**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.

❖ **RES N.9 Amendment N34**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that the amendment was accepted by the mover.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** stated that the debate on all amendments had concluded and invited the Congress to proceed with the debate on RES N.9 as amended in its entirety.

**PC (OFF)** spoke in favour of the resolution.

**AH (YFNS)** spoke in favour of the resolution.

**JJ (NY)** spoke in favour of the resolution.

**JC (NY)** spoke in favour of the resolution.

**RC (GSM)** spoke in favour of the resolution.

**VM (LHG)** spoke against the resolution.

**TJ (YL)** spoke in favour of the resolution.

**CN (JuLis)** spoke against the resolution.

**DG (LHG)** spoke against the resolution.



**LF (JFS)** spoke against the resolution.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** thanked the speakers and the audience for maintaining a respectful tone and opened the vote on RES N.9 as amended in its entirety.

#### **Results vote on Resolution N.9:**

**In Favor - 61.421%**

Against - 27.411%

Abstain - 11.168%

#### **Resolution N9 is carried by the Congress**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** informed the delegates that a coffee break would follow before moving on to the next point on the agenda.

----- **COFFEE BREAK** -----

#### **Roll call**

**Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General)** performs the roll call with **Lily Marie Hornstein (LYMEC Project Manager)** and **Aoife Devereux (LYMEC Communication Assistant)**. He then takes the floor to explain the procedure. Organisations will be called one by one, when they hear the name of their organisation, delegation leaders will let their presence know in the room or unmute themselves online and say "PRESENT". Only organisations present at roll calls can vote until the following roll call takes place. No organisation will get a second chance if they miss the calling of their name, they will have to wait until the next roll call. The goal is to be more efficient to allow more time for discussions.

#### **The roll call was executed as follows:**





**The following Member Organisations were not present:**

- **Gibraltar Liberal Party (Gibraltar)**
- **Istrian Democratic Youth (Croatia)**
- **Youth movement for rights and freedoms (Bulgaria)**
- **Alliance Youth (Northern Ireland)**
- **ZeMolodizhka (Ukraine)**

**Point of Order**

**SF (IMS)** raised a point of order, stating that her vote on the asylum resolution, Resolution N.32, had not been registered. However, as voting at that moment would require applying the vote weight based on the current roll call, she withdrew the point of order.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that the point of order had been withdrawn.

**AT (AY)** raised a point of order, requesting a re-vote on Resolution N32 on the grounds that the vote had not been properly counted.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** explained that the Congress would first vote on the point of order; if adopted, a re-vote on the resolution would follow.

**LK (JOVD)** expressed that neither he nor several other organisations understood the necessity of reopening the vote, noting that an election result had already been achieved. He stated that he was strongly against the point of order.

**SF (IMS)** requested a new roll call.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** declined the request to conduct a new roll call.

**BK (JOVD)** noted that a vote can only be challenged immediately after it is taken, arguing that the discussion should therefore not proceed.

**SF (IMS)** stated that she had raised the point of order immediately after the vote but first wanted to check with the Chairs to determine whether it was a technical issue; for this reason, she was raising the point of order again at that moment.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** confirmed that she had approached the Chairs earlier to raise the point of order, and that they had asked her to wait in order to keep the procedure organised. To avoid spending further time on the matter, he invited the Congress to vote on the point of order, which concerned holding a re-vote on Resolution N.32.

**Results Vote on the Point of Order:**

**In Favour- 65.882%**



Against- 34.118%

**The point of order is passed by the Congress.**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** announced that a re-vote on Resolution N32 was now open.

**Results Vote on Resolution N.32:**

**In favour - 47.778%**

Against - 44.444%

Abstains - 7.778%

**The Resolution N32 is passed by the Congress.**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited the Congress to move on to the next resolution, reminding delegates that approximately one hour remained to discuss further resolutions. He noted that the ability to cover them successfully would depend on the cooperation of everyone.

➤ **Resolution N18: Cold Front: A new era of security in the Arctic**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited the mover to present the resolution, noting that there was one amendment which had been accepted by the mover. Therefore, after the presentation, the discussion would be held on the resolution in its entirety.

**MW (NUV):** "I am thankful for the good cooperation we have had with other delegates on this resolution. We, in Unge Venstre, have already submitted a resolution on this matter in the past, and I am happy that, through the initiative of JuLis, we decided to submit a new and improved version. Coming from the Nordic regions, security in the Arctic is a crucial topic for us. I will now give the floor to my colleague."

**AW (JuLis):** "Thank you. We shouldn't let Russia be the decisive actor in this region. That is why this resolution is so important to us. Please don't let Russia win in this region."

**JS (Svensk Ungdom):** "Over the last year, with Trump being elected and the US becoming a less reliable partner—especially in the Arctic, for example with threats concerning Greenland—it has become very important for Europe to strengthen its cooperation in the Arctic region."

**SC (YL)** (online) spoke in favor of the resolution.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** closed the speakers' list and opened the vote on the resolution.

**Results vote on Resolution N.18:**



**In Favour - 93.605%**

Against - 0%

Abstain - 6.395%

**Resolution N18 is carried by the Congress.**

➤ **Resolution N35: Preserving Democracy and Protecting European Values through the new EU Budget**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited the mover to present the resolution.

**JK (JMR):** "This resolution was co-written by PSG and JMR. In Western Europe, and more broadly across the European continent, we often take our rights and freedoms for granted. We forget that the liberties we enjoy today were once fought for, defended, and paid for in blood. The rise of extremism in Europe shows us that these freedoms are not guaranteed. We must protect funding for democracy is a necessity. When civil society is under attack, the rule of law is weakened, and media freedom collapses, democracy is in danger."

**IJ (PSG):** "We need to act now. The EU is drafting its budget, which means that young Europeans today will be the ones affected by it. We do not want blurry lines or a lack of clarity on how money is spent. We want more funding for civil society organisations that empower communities and protect human rights activists who defend European freedom."

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** opened the discussion on the amendments, noting that there was only one amendment (Amendment N1), which had received no recommendation from the Working Groups.

❖ **RES N.35 Amendment N1**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited the mover of the amendment to present.

**MNA (JNC):** "We are in favour of this resolution, and that is why I believe we should not depend on what third countries do with their budget allocations."

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited speakers on the speakers list to take the floor.

**JK (JMR)** spoke against the amendment.

**RF (YL)** spoke against the amendment.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** opened the vote on RES N.35 Amendment N1.

**Results Vote on RES N.35 Amendment N1:**



In Favour - 32.164%

**Against - 62.573%**

**Abstain - 5.263%**

**RES N.35 Amendment N1 is not carried by the Congress.**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited the Congress to proceed with the debate on the resolution as a whole.

**ML (JD)** spoke in favour of the resolution.

**PC (OFF)** spoke in favour of the resolution.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** opened the vote on Resolution N35 as amended in its entirety.

**Results vote on Resolution N.35:**

**In Favour - 91.525%**

Against - 2.825%

Abstains - 5.65%

**Resolution N.35 is carried by the Congress.**

➤ **Resolution N6: Crime and Punishment - make Russia pay for its war:**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited the movers of the resolution to present. He informed the Congress that there were three amendments: two accepted by the movers and one withdrawn. Therefore, following the presentations, the Congress would proceed directly to discussion of the resolution as a whole.

**JJ (NY):** "The situation is critical. Russia is interfering in Poland, Lithuania, and Latvia. The biggest reason for this resolution is Donald Trump—he has shown clear hesitancy in helping Ukraine and providing aid. There is no financing industry available for Ukraine, so we need to find alternatives. There is one, and it is in Europe. It is within our power to take Russia's money and give it as aid to Ukraine. We must give Belgium the financial and legal support it needs. I will now give the floor to my colleague Julia."

**JC (NY):** "These are the key reasons why we decided to put forward this resolution. Putin is a war criminal who does not honour commitments and is an unreliable business partner. We must act decisively to deter authoritarian regimes; failing to do so erodes the values that bind us as Europeans. We must build up Ukraine's military capabilities to reaffirm our unity and sustain peace and prosperity in the region. Belgium should not be left alone, the EU should ensure Belgium's legal protection in this



matter. We must establish a unified procedure to demonstrate Europe's determination to hold Russia accountable and to prevent future instances of authoritarian claims."

**AJ (NY):** "Many important politicians and foreign policy experts have stated that countries will provide financial aid to Belgium. This is something new. Why do they want to obey international law now, but not when Putin has already been accused of being a war criminal? Do they get to choose when they abide by the law and when they don't? Thinking about this, I want to strongly urge you to vote in favour of this resolution."

**JJ (NY):** "And just to clarify what we are standing for in this resolution: we want to take the 140 billion euros and hand them to Ukraine, allowing them to use these funds in any way they see fit. It was first discussed as a reparation fund, then as a military fund, and now we have heard something about buying Swedish fighter jets, so it will be entirely at Ukraine's discretion. We also want to provide Belgium with absolute legal and financial protection against any Russian retaliation. Some might call this a desperate move, but we see it as a continuation of our support to Ukraine, because these 140 billion euros equal what Europe has given over the past two years, and they are a way to keep defending Ukraine, and Europe with it."

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited the speakers on the speakers list to take the floor. He specified that, since the movers had already given a very comprehensive presentation, speakers should limit themselves to adding new points that had not yet been raised.

**SC (YL)** (online) spoke in favour of the resolution.

**PC (OFF)** spoke in favour of the resolution.

**MS (YDM)** spoke against the resolution.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** thanked the speakers for their contributions and opened the vote on the resolution as a whole.

#### **Results vote on Resolution N.6:**

**In Favour - 80.814%**

Against - 16.279%

Abstain - 2.907%

**Resolution N6 is carried by the Congress.**

- **Resolution N2: Strengthening European Energy Interconnection to Safeguard Security of Supply and Prevent Blackouts**



**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited the mover to present the resolution. He noted that five amendments had been submitted and all had been accepted by the mover. Therefore, after the presentation, the Congress would proceed directly to discussion of the resolution as a whole.

**EEB (JCS):** “We want to connect all countries with new infrastructures and objectives. There are targets from the European Union that must be met, and we aim to enhance cooperation between countries to harmonise relations and prepare for potential future blackouts. The blackout that occurred in April in Portugal and Spain showed that we need innovative solutions and stronger grid structures to avoid similar problems and prevent a continent-wide blackout.”

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that no delegates had requested to speak against the resolution. He opened the vote on Resolution N.2.

#### **Results vote on Resolution N.2:**

**In Favour - 83.626%**

Against - 8.772%

Abstains -7.602%

**Resolution N.2 is carried by the Congress.**

#### ➤ **Resolution N10: Europe’s Collective Defence**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited the mover to present the resolution. He noted that eight amendments had been submitted, of which seven had been accepted by the mover. The remaining amendment is Amendment N.2, which carries a negative recommendation by the working groups. Therefore, he suggested that the resolution be debated as a whole once the presentation was finished.

#### **Point of Order**

**PC (OFF)** stated that there had been a change in the delegation during the working groups due to circumstances outside of their control. As a result, they were unfortunately unable to contribute to Amendment N1 on this motion, which concerns Ireland joining NATO. Therefore, they would like to speak against this amendment or request that the word *Ireland* be removed from the text.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** asked the Congress to allow the mover to first present the resolution before continuing with the discussion.

**DS (USRT):** “If this policy was relevant in 2019, I think we can all agree it is relevant now. It is very important to remain united in 2025. European collaboration in defence is essential, and we must be capable of acting independently, regardless of what happens elsewhere in the world.”



**Tim Robinson (Chair)** accepted the point of order and reopened discussion on Amendment 1. He invited the mover of the amendment to present it.

**PC (OFF)** took the floor, requesting the removal of the statement regarding Ireland joining NATO and speaking against Resolution 10 Amendment 1. He noted: *"Ireland will never join NATO."*

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited speakers to contribute, reminding the Congress that two speakers would be heard in favour and two against.

**MS (ALLIANCE)** spoke against the amendment.

**SS (JUNOS)** spoke in favour of the amendment.

**AT (AY)** spoke against the amendment.

### **Point of Order**

**RF (YL)** proposed removing the word "Ireland" from the amendment.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** asked whether the mover of the resolution accepted the amended wording. The movers accepted the amendment with the removal of the reference to Ireland.

**AT (AY)** asked for clarification.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** clarified that, with this acceptance, the decision process on the amendment was concluded. He then opened the vote on the resolution as a whole.

### **Results vote on Resolution N.10:**

**In Favour - 85.093%**

Against - 11.18%

Abstains - 3.727%

**Resolution N.10 is carried by the Congress.**

- **Resolution N30: A Continent for opportunities: A liberal strategy for development cooperation with Africa**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited the mover of the resolution to present.

**CN (JuLis):** "This resolution fills a gap in LYMEC's policy book on EU–Africa relations. Authoritarian powers are creating long-term dependencies on the African continent. Europe has done a lot in the



past, but our strategic clarity should be better. We must shape the future, or else someone else will. This resolution intends to offer a liberal European strategy based on cooperation.”

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that Amendments 1 to 6 had all been accepted by the mover. He opened the discussion on Amendments 7, 8, and 9, and for the sake of time requested that the mover discuss these amendments together. The mover agreed, and the Chair opened the discussion.

#### ❖ **RES N.30 Amendment N7-9**

**ML (JD):** “There are two main reasons why we propose this amendment. The first is that there is an unnecessary dichotomy between loans on the one hand and financial aid on the other. It leaves out a very important form of financial assistance, which is guarantees. Guarantees are a major tool the EU uses for development assistance, so it is important that this resolution takes this into account. The second reason is that it creates too thin a line between structural and non-structural forms of aid, where it seems to suggest that structural aid can receive financial grants while non-structural aid would be funded only by loans. This would imply, for example, that if you want to build a school, that could only be done through loans. We believe it is unnecessary to bind our hands in this way. We should instead look at these situations on a case-by-case basis.”

**RF (YL)** spoke in favour of the amendments.

**CN (JuLis)** spoke against the amendments.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** asked JD again whether they agreed to vote on Amendments 7, 8, and 9 as a block. JD agreed.

#### **Point of Order**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** noted that a point of order was raised requesting that all three amendments be voted on separately.

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** accepted and opened the vote on Amendment N7.

#### **Results Vote RES N.30 Amendment N7:**

In Favour - 39.189%

**Against - 41.216%**

Abstain - 19.595%

**RES N.30 Amendment N7 is rejected by the Congress.**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** then opened the vote on Amendment 8.



#### **Results Vote RES N.30 Amendment N8:**

In Favour - 34.969%

**Against - 39.877%**

Abstain - 25.153%

**RES N.30 Amendment N8 is rejected by the Congress.**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** opened the vote on Amendment 9.

#### **Results Vote RES N.30 Amendment N9:**

In Favour - 32.68%

**Against - 44.444%**

Abstain - 22.876%

**RES N.30 Amendment N9 is rejected by the Congress.**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** opened the vote on Resolution N.30 as amended in its entirety.

**In Favour - 68.75%**

Against - 14.375%

Abtains - 16.875%

**Resolution N30 is adopted by the congress**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** invited the Congress to proceed with the next point on the agenda.

### **17. Reports from Member Organisations, IMS, the Committee of Discipline and Arbitrage and LYMEC Working Groups**

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** asked delegates to put themselves on the speakers' list if they wanted to make a contribution and gave the floor to the Member Organisations.

**AH (NEO.DEPA):** "It's an honour to address you on behalf of NEO.DEPA. We gather here united by shared European values, which are not just ideals. In Cyprus, they are principles that guide our quest for reunification and justice. We remain divided and under illegal military occupation from Turkey since the 1974 invasion. It is not just a Cypriot issue but a European one. We welcome the new momentum. Hope must be matched with action. We call on Turkey to finally engage with international law and



negotiation. We want a Cyprus where all can live together, a Cyprus without foreign troops, fear, or walls.”

**DGC (USRT):** “Regarding the Romanian presidential elections, we now have the first reformist president in our country’s history. Ever since, USRT has entered government with four ministers who will help us in these tough times, especially with the far-right gaining in the polls. We are also preparing for the upcoming elections in Bucharest for mayor.”

**LK (JOVD):** “As many of you saw in the Dutch election results, it was very exciting. I am thrilled to share that one of our former presidents was elected to our legislation, and also that many young people from JOVD are running now for the upcoming municipality elections.”

**VR (PAR):** “I want to update you on recent developments in Latvia regarding the Istanbul Convention. At the end of October our parliament voted to withdraw from the Convention, which was rushed by the foreign affairs committee voting to prohibit experts from speaking out that this move humiliates Latvia on the international stage. We have now decided not to withdraw, but the issue remains open for the next parliament. This is not what Latvia actually thinks. There have been huge protests across Latvia regarding this matter.”

**MOM (JuLis):** “A quick internal update: I have decided not to run again for the next election as IO and I welcome Calvin Nixon as the next IO for JuLis. I want to thank you for the time here at LYMEC and I will still be around.”

**CN(JuLis):** “I have already been active in the organisation for three years, and I have had a very good time here in LYMEC over the years. I am very happy to continue participating in the great debates we are having and to keep collaborating with fellow European young liberals.”

**MM (PS):** “I want to thank LYMEC for the Congress and Even for making everything run smoothly. Please get in touch if you would like to host a Congress in your country, we are very happy to share our experience with you. On 24 January, we will hold an electoral Congress here in Slovakia, and everyone is welcome to join. The war in Ukraine is still ongoing, please speak to your mother parties about this.”

**RF (YL):** “Our local elections in the UK went well, and since then we have continued performing strongly. Another party, Reform, is also doing well, but they often get the headlines. My request to you is that when people ask about what is happening in the UK, do tell them that Reform is doing well, but also let them know who is in second place, us. Tell them who won almost as many ballots as they did, it is us. The electoral fight in the UK is between us, the Liberal Party, and the far right. We are consistently in second place, and we are confident that we will win. This will be my last term serving as Head of Delegation, and the new head will be Tom Jordan. Thank you, LYMEC, for everything, see you around”



**Tim Robinson (Chair)** stated that there were no other points under Any Other Business (AOB). He invited the congress to move on to the next point on the agenda and shared some practical information regarding dinner arrangements. .

## 19. Closing Speech from LYMEC President

**Tim Robinson (Chair)** gave the floor to the LYMEC President for concluding remarks.

**Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President):** "I would like to thank Renew Europe, FNF, our local partners Progressive Slovakia, and of course the Progressive Slovakia Youth for making this Congress happen. I would also like to thank the Trustees and the Ombudsperson, could you please stand up so everyone knows who you are again, also for tonight? This is really important. We are all from different places and have different habits. Not everything always runs smoothly, but with a system in place, which hopefully you don't need to rely on, the Congress has been running smoothly. I would also like to mention the QR codes that are around. If there is anything you need, please scan them. We had quite a ride during this Congress, and I want to thank our scrutineers, who had a bit more to do this time than usual. You managed very well, so thank you, Katrine and Alex. Thank you also to the minutes takers for your work, we have a small present for you. And thank you to our three amazing chairs, who led the Congress in an excellent way; we also have a little gift for you. As you can see, I am the person standing in front, but there are many people, including Even and the Bureau, who have been deeply involved in the background, so a big thank you to all of you. With this, I would also like to thank all of you, the delegates. We have seen policy debates today that were not easy, especially when coming from different positions and needing to make compromises. I really want to thank you for the respect you showed toward each other, I think this is something we can all take with us. As you leave this room, I am sure you will continue to connect with each other, find commonalities, and I hope that tonight and in the future you will continue developing plans to strengthen the future of Liberalism in Europe, one small step at a time. With that, I want to thank each and every one of you, and I hope you have safe travels back home. I hereby officially close the Congress. See you at the next one in Vienna!"

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