

MINUTES Bureau Meeting 19 April 2026

The meeting started at 10:00 CEST 19/04/2026 and ended at 12:00 CEST 19/04/2026. It was held in person in Vienna.

Present: Ines Holzegger (IH), Marten Porte (MP), Alexandre Servais (AS), Sean Bennett (SB), Willemijn Krans (WK), Dimitra Papadopoulou (DP), Martina Barres Sabartes (MBS), Anes Hodzic (AH), Tommy Monnahan (TM), Ilija Jerkovic (IJ), Even Diot (ED) and Lily Marie Hornstein (LMH)

1. Opening of the Bureau Meeting

MP opens the meeting and asks IH for a last welcoming remark.

IH congratulates the former Bureau Members for their work during their mandate and the newly elected Bureau Members for the next 2 years of their mandate.

WK informs the Bureau that she will still take part in the Liberal Hack event in Madrid next week, as well as the YFJ GA in Tromso, Norway, as the tickets needed to be bought well in advance.

SNC informs the Bureau about the deadline to submit the ALDE Resolution on May 15th, and will inform Alicja Jakimko that she will become a delegate following the election of IJ.

For the resolutions, 3 co-signatories are needed from Member Parties of ALDE.

AS presents the work done on the LYMEC 50 Publication and the changes that need to be made for a second printing, as well as the follow-up for the Supporter during the campaign.

MP reminds the former Bureau members to remain available in the coming weeks to ensure proper transition with the new Bureau when it comes to their portfolios and regional distribution.

IH, AS, WK, and SNC left the meeting.

MP reminds the new Bureau members of their roles according to the Statutes and Rules of Procedures, as well as the need to ensure compliance with the data they have access to under the GDPR.

SB asks the members to familiarise themselves with the newly adopted Code of Conduct to be fully aware of the direction the organisation will take in terms of management.

MP propose to organise a meeting between the President and Vice-President and each Bureau Member to discuss the possible distribution of tasks and regional distribution.

IJ asks about the regularity of the Bureau Meetings.

MP inform the Bureau that they meet in general once a month, with in-person meetings happening at LYMEC Congresses, ALDE Congress, Digital assemblies and the Young Leaders Meeting.

2. Updates on upcoming events and activities

ED updates the new Bureau regarding the ALDE Congress taking place in Vienna in July to book their flights, as well as other upcoming events.

TM informs the Bureau that he will not be present at the ALDE Congress due to prior commitments.

DP will join the Liberal Communicators Network Event in Tallinn.

The Bureau member for YCA in Budapest has not been decided yet, as was the one for the Women Leadership Accelerator in Bucharest

ED reminds the Bureau member that any invitations to LYMEC to visit MOs need to be addressed to the LYMEC Secretariat.

ED presents the Calendar of Activities for 2026

LMH presents the state of the ELF Projects until July 2026.

ED informs the Bureau of our current discussion with partners, including APPLE and EPICENTER.

IJ wishes to focus more on fundraising activities and will develop a plan for the next 2 years.

MP tells the Bureau Member that once the distribution of the portfolio is done, we will start with drafting the Programme of Action for 2026-2028. This Document will guide the organisation for the next 2 years, with detailed KPIs for each portfolio. Ideally, it would need to be finalised around the Bureau Meeting held at the next Digital Assembly and has to be voted on at the Autumn Congress 2026.

3. AOB

ED proposes to discuss the creation of thematic OpenDesk every 2 weeks to allow the membership to ask questions related to Open calls, activities, but also to organise regular meetings between the Secretary General of the organisations,

the treasurer, and the IOs. The scope and format will be agreed upon at a later date.

SB tells the Bureau members that after regional responsibilities are distributed, contact the IOs, but also contact the Bureau of your MOs to meet and engage.

ED presented the possibility for our MOs to add the LYMEC Logo on their website to increase visibility and knowledge of our organisation.

ED informs the Bureau that we will need to launch a call to renew the Steering Committee of the IMS in the next 2 Months. To open a call for a new ILFRY Representative after the IFLRY General Assembly in Taiwan to replace **MBS**, as she was elected to the LYMEC Bureau. Finally, a new Managing Editor of LIBERTAS needs to be appointed.

The meeting ended at 12:00 CEST