

MINUTES LYMEC Autumn Congress 8th - 10th November 2024 Warsaw, Poland 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: Clara Puig (LYMEC).





4. All the text must be justified.

Day 1 - Friday, 8th November 2024

Congress starts at 16 h 30 CET (Warsaw time).

Participants are attending in-person in Warsaw but also online.

1. Opening speech by LYMEC President

Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President) opens the Congress with her speech from the Congress room in Warsaw, Poland.

Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President): Dear friends, politics is not always an easy passion to follow. This week, in particular, has shown us how tough it can be. One difficult piece of news after another can feel like we are facing defeat from all sides. There are moments when it seems like the best choice is to give up.

I have been there myself. I have faced situations where I gave everything I had, but in the end I didn't seem to make a difference. But it is exactly in these moments that we must ask ourselves: why are we doing this? At the core of why we are doin this, stand our values, which encompass the belief in individual freedom and liberty. As liberals, we have the duty to ensure that these values are not only upheld, but also defended.

Our commitment to liberal values must not be limited to the status quo. I am convinced: the future is ours to shape. We must innovate, adapt, and be bold. The energy, creativity, and passion I see you bring to the congresses and events leaves no doubt that all of you can be the driver for change.

2. Guest speeches

Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President): I give the floor to Valérie Hayer (President and MEP, Renew Europe Group - VIDEO MESSAGE).

Valérie Hayer (President and MEP, Renew Europe Group - VIDEO MESSAGE): It is a pleasure to speak at the LYMEC Autumn Congress in Warsaw. I want to take the opportunity to congratulate the LYMEC Bureau for being elected at the last Congress and I wish all the best to the future Secretary General.





Last year's election has been difficult for us liberals, but you can count on Renew Europe to carry your voice. Count on us, together we will ensure that Europe is a place where democracy prospers.

Katarzyna Lubnauer (Secretary of State in the Ministry of National Education of Poland): It is for me a pleasure and honour to welcome you to Warsaw for the LYMEC Autumn Congress. I am inspired by the courage and honoured to welcome young liberals to this Congress, which represents young people believing in an open and united Europe. You have travelled from different countries, come from different backgrounds, but share the same values of freedom and democracy. Just yesterday, the world watched US elections, and their results that will impact the future of Europe. This causes us to reflect on transatlantic relations and on the fact that populists today use fear to threaten Europe. My role as a Secretary of State reminds me daily of challenges of shaping the next generation, and the importance of critical thinking and openness. Education is one of the most important tools we have to build a resilient Europe. Europe must be the leader of the world.

Michał Kobosko (Polska 2050, Renew Europe Group MEP): Welcome to Warsaw! What occurred this week in the USA and Germany is another dangerous step for centrists. I am the only Polish MEP in the Renew Europe Group. There are 77 of us, but we lost one fourth of Renew Europe MEPs in the EU Parliament and that amount now has moved to the far right. LYMEC, as the future of liberalism, has to address this issue. I wish you all a great Congress!

Jules Maaten (Regional Director - Friedrich Naumann Foundation European Dialogue): The illegal war against Ukraine has made Putin strengthen European Unity and consciousness of the threats around us. I find that an hopeful sign, along with enlargement, which has lately become a political process again, rather than bureaucratic.

Milosz Hodun (Treasurer, European Liberal Forum): It is really great to have you here. LYMEC played a really crucial role in this country: there was a time when no party in Poland was liberal, but we had two isles that helped us survive: the liberal youth movement part of LYMEC, Nowoczesna Youth, and the ELF polish Member Organisation, Projekt:Polska Foundation. I believe these two organisations kept the link between Poland and liberal values. You, young people, contributed to the political change in Poland and you can be the beacon of hope for Europe. I am sure this Congress will contribute to that!

3. Roll call and voting rights





Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President invites Balint Gyevai (LYMEC Secretary General) to perform the first roll call.

Balint Gyevai (LYMEC Secretary General) states that if delegates have any technical problems they should contact Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President). 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). Balint Gyevai (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

Balint Gyevai (LYMEC Secretary General) performs the roll call with Chiara Liguori (LYMEC Project Manager) and Julia Cieślikowska (Secretary). Balint Gyevai (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 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:





	Full Members	Votes Ro	Il Call 1 - Friday Opening
Austria	JUNOS - Junge Liberale NEOS	5	5
Belgium	Jongliberalen (Jong VLD)	5	5
Belgium	Jeunes MR	8	8
Belgium	Fédération des étudiants libéraux (FEL)	3	3
Bosnia/Herzegovina	Youth Forum of Naša stranka	3	0
Bulgaria	YMRF	10	10
Catalonia	Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya (JNC)	6	6
Croatia	HNS youth - Croatian Peoples Party - HNS	3	3
Cyprus	NEODEPA	3	3
Denmark	Radikal Ungdom	4	4
Denmark	Venstres Ungdom	5	5
Estonia	Estonian Reform Party Youth	6	6
Estonia	Estonian Center Party Youth	5	0
Finland	Svensk Ungdom / RKP-nuoret	6	6
Finland	Suomen Keskustanuoret ry (Finnish Centre Youth)	5	5
Finland	Keskustaopiskelijat (Finnish Centre Students) KOL	3	3
Germany	Junge Liberale (JuLis)	10	10
Germany	Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen (LHG)	 5	5
Hungary	TizenX	3	3
Iceland	Uppreisn	4	4
Ireland	Ógra Fianna Fáil	8	8
Latvia	Attīstībai Youth	3	3
Latvia	For! Youth	3	3
Lithuania	Lithuanian liberal youth (LLJ)	- 6	6
Luxembourg	JDL - Jonk Demokraten Luxembourg	3	3
The Netherlands	Jonge Democraten NL	- 6	6
The Netherlands	JOVD - Jongerenorganisatie Vrijheid en Democratie	6	6
Northern Ireland	Alliance Youth (AY)	3	3
Norway	Unge Venstre	4	4
Poland	Nowoczesna Youth	3	3
Republic of North Macedonia	Liberal Democratic Youth (Lidem)	3	3
Romania	USR Tineret	5	5
Russia	Vesna Democratic Youth Movement	3	3
Slovakia	Mladé Progresívne Slovensko - Young Progressive	3	3
Slovenia	Gibanje Svoboda Mladi	3	3
Sweden	Centerstudenter	4	4
Sweden	Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund- Centre Party Youth (CUF)	5	5
Sweden	Liberal Youth of Sweden (LUF)	- 5	5
Switzerland	Jungfreisinnige Schweiz (JFS)	7	7
Switzerland	Young Green Liberals Switzerland	6	6
Ukraine	ZeMolodizhka (ZM)	7	0
Ukraine	European Youth of Ukraine (EYU)	3	3
Ukraine	Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine	3	3
United Kingdom	Young Liberals UK	6	6
IMS	Adam Volf	1	1
IMS	Silvia Fernandez	2	2
	on the continues	-	2

	TOTAL 213	198
Simple majority of those present	106.5	99
Two thirds of present	142	132

Simple majority of those present without abstentions

1/3 = 75





There were 198 votes present at the Congress.

The following Member Organisations were not present:

- Youth Forum of Naša stranka
- Estonian Centre Party Youth
- ZeMolodizhka

4. Election of Congress chairs, secretaries and scrutineers

Election of Chairs

Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President) proposes Ellinor Juth, Mateusz Gwóźdź and Yevheniia Fedotova as Congress Chairs.

The Congress accepted the Chairs.

Election of Secretaries

Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President) proposes Chiara Liguori (LYMEC Project Manager) and Julia Cieślikowska (Secretary), together with Balint Gyevai (LYMEC Secretary General) 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 the Congress Scrutineers.

The Congress accepted the Scrutineers.

5. Adoption of the agenda

Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair): I am very happy to see you all. Balint Gyevai (LYMEC Secretary General) already pointed out some important things. If you want to be on the speakers' list, please use Openslides. You can address a point of order through Openslides too. Make sure you give a brief explanation to justify it. When you take the floor, please state your full name and Member Organisation for the minutes. We want to make this Congress a safe space. Should you encounter any issue, you





can find a QR code to an anonymous inclusion form. We also have 3 trustees at this Congress and of course, as already announced, the two ombudspersons are available to you.

Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair): We are now going to move to the adoption of the Congress agenda. It has been sent to you already ahead of the Congress by the relevant deadline. If no one is against, we can adopt the Congress agenda.

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

6. Adoption of the minutes from the Spring Congress 2024 in Brussels

Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair) asks if there are any comments about the minutes from the Spring Congress 2024 in Brussels, Belgium. No one expressed any points or disapproval.

The minutes from the Spring Congress 2024 in Brussels are therefore adopted by the Congress without changes.

7. Urgency of resolutions (in case of urgency resolutions handed in)

Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair): There are 3 Urgency Resolutions submitted at this Congress. We move on to Urgency Resolution 1.

Urgency Resolution 1 - Backing Georgia's Democratic Opposition

Martina Barres (JNC): This comes as a result of the Georgian Parliamentary Election. The Georgian Dream Party won, however international observers stated there are irregularities in the voting process. This is why we decided to submit this resolution, to uphold transparency and accountability in the country.

Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President): I want to remind you that you will not vote here about the content of the resolution, only about the urgency of the resolution. The 3 urgency resolutions were submitted in time and are, in our view, tackling matters that couldn't have been tackled by the deadline for submission of resolutions. However, the Congress remains sovereign and can decide about their urgency





Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair): the required majority is 2/3 to deem the resolution urgent. The vote is open. If there are any technical issues, please raise your hand.

Vote on the Urgency of Urgency Resolution 1

Yes - 189

No - 0

Abstain - 3

Urgency Resolution 1 is carried by the Congress.

Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair): I invite the movers of the next Urgency Resolution.

Urgency Resolution 2 - The case Moldova: Russian meddling in European democracies, time to act

Fabian Grepper (JFS): Since elections in Moldova, we have seen Russian fear growing in democratic elections. We should fight Russian interference and support Moldova's path towards Europe.

Huub Hoven (JL): The election results in the US showed we should be stronger together. We have a real risk of Russian Interference and it's important we take a stance against what happened in Moldova. We need to stand by Moldovan people and their will.

Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair): I invite Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President) to give a recommendation on the urgency of this resolution. After that, the vote will be open.

Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President): All 3 urgency resolutions are in our eyes urgent. Deadline for amendments to urgency resolutions is at 21h00 today.

Vote on the Urgency of Urgency Resolution 2 🔽

Yes - 178

No - 9

Abstain - 0





Urgency Resolution 2 is carried by the Congress.

Urgency Resolution 3 - Preparing for a Trump Presidency: liberal, rules based order under threat

Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair): I invite the movers of the next Urgency resolution.

Maarten Tollenaar (JD): I think we were all disappointed by the results of the US elections. It will be too late to submit such a resolution for the next Congress in Spring 2025.

Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President): I would like to remind you that the deadline for amendments to urgency resolutions is at 21h00 tonight.

Vote on the Urgency of Urgency Resolution 3 🔽

Yes - 161

No - 21

Abstain - 16

Urgency Resolution 3 is carried by the Congress.

8. Snap vote on the order of resolutions

Balint Gyevai (LYMEC Secretary General): We are moving onto a snap vote on the order of resolutions. You have 5 votes for each delegation, and therefore 5 resolutions to select. The vote is open now until the end of the next agenda point. We will show the results of the snap vote before the Secretary General report point. You will be able to check the results directly on your Openslides account.

Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair): As explained, the Head of Delegations will vote on the order in which the resolutions will be discussed in this Congress tomorrow. We already had the Working Groups one week ago where you could discuss the submitted resolutions and their content together with the amendments, so you probably had the chance to check them already.





The vote is now open for the delegates. The vote will stay open for 45 minutes. The results will be shown at a later stage when voting will be closed.

Results of the snap vote on the order of resolutions:

Candidates		Votes
1.	Cutting the Clutter to Bust Bureaucracy: Removing Bureaucratic Hurdles from ERASMUS+	(43.077 %) 84
2.	Cutting the Red Tape: Unleashing Europe's Economic Engine	(36.410 %) 71
3.	A silent Tsunami - Battling multiresistant bacteria	(31.282 %) 61
4.	Preparing for a Trump Presidency: liberal, rules based order under threat	(31.282 %) 61
5.	Houses for the Future: Addressing the EU Housing Crisis	(30.256 %) 59





6.	Catching Up the Productivity Gap: Make the European Economy Great Again	(29.744 %) 58
7.	A Pulse for progress: Fishing for the future	(27.692 %) 54
8.	When women are forced to silence, liberals speak up	(21.538 %) 42
9.	Accelerated pathway for Ukrainian EU membership	(21.026 %) 41
10.	Keep your hands off our Schengen Area	(20 %) 39
11.	The case Moldova: Russian meddling in European democracies, time to act	(18.974 %) 37
12.	Resetting the EU-UK Relationship	(17.949 %) 35
13.	Stop teaching hate: End of genocide denial in European classrooms	(17.436 %) 34





14.	Advocating for Democracy and Human Rights in Venezuela	(16.923 %) 33
15.	Hands off the Black Sea Region, Russia	(15.897 %) 31
16.	Russia's Hybrid Warfare Against Europe	(15.385 %) 30
17.	Democracy and Transparency: A More Trustworthy European Parliament	(13.846 %) 27
18.	In solidarity with LGBTQIA+ people of Georgia	(13.846 %) 27
19.	Backing Georgia's Democratic Opposition	(13.846 %) 27
20.	For a free Tibet	(13.333 %) 26
21.	An European Contingency Plan	(11.795 %) 23
22.	Degrees Beyond Borders: Reducing Barriers for European High-School Graduates	(10.769 %) 21





23.	Leveraging Balanced Fuel Taxation to Increase Climatic Resilience	(8.205 %) 16
24.	Resolution on a Europe-wide implementation of a third legal gender and the subsequent abolition of the legal gender	(8.205 %) 16
25.	Eradicate the Threat of Ostrovets Nuclear Power Plant	(6.154 %) 12
26.	Self-Determination and Human Rights in Jammu and Kashmir	(2.051 %) 4
27.	Enhancing the Implementation of Technologies Developed under the PESCO Framework	(1.538 %) 3
28.	For the international protection of Russian conscientious objectors and deserters	(1.538 %) 3

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





Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair): Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President) and Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President), please take the floor. After that, we will have the other Bureau Members and the IFLRY Representative take the floor, and then you can ask your questions.

Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President): It has been a while since the last Electoral Congress, which took place quite early due to the EU Elections. We have had some events and training since then. Another important priority was to get a good start with the newly elected MEPs in the Renew Europe Group, so that in the future we can have an impact and bring our policies forward. For example, we have had a very well received meeting with young elected MEPs in cooperation with the ALDE Party. We hope we can strengthen the bond with them in the months to come.

Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President): The first months of this mandate were useful for Bureau Members to get comfortable with their tasks and build team spirit. We finished the process of replacing Balint Gyevai (LYMEC Secretary General). We are not a big organisation in terms of staff, we are in terms of members, therefore Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President), me and the Bureau put a lot of hours into the application process to select a new Secretary General for the organisation. There has been a long process to build a new strong secretariat to support Bureau Members and the membership as a whole.

Sorcha Ni Chonghaile (LYMEC Policy Officer - ONLINE): It has been a very busy half a year, a lot of work has been done to make our policies relevant, such as policy debates, digital assemblies and much more. We have more of these events coming up to make policy more accessible to our members.

Willemijn Krans (LYMEC Advocacy & Outreach Officer): I have been involved in YFJ to make it more liberal. I have also been busy with the liberal hack and how to advocate our liberal ideas to policymakers.

Marten Porte (Treasurer): The last few months have been quite eventful. I have been doing the usual treasurer stuff, but also the change of Secretary General meant rethinking some of our financial procedures. It is going very well so far. On top of financial matters, I have also represented LYMEC at the ELF General Assembly and ALDE Party Council.

Sean Bennett (LYMEC Events and Engagement Officer): I don't have much to add to my report. In addition to my responsibilities, I have taken over the Young Changemakers' Academy. That has gone





very well and we are already planning the 2025 edition. Other than that, I am focusing on organisational development to revamp the onboarding process for IOs to make it easier for them to navigate through the complexities of LYMEC.

Dimitra Papadopoulou (LYMEC Communications Officer): I have been in touch with so many of you through the Communications team and the Liberal Communicators' Network (LCN). I love getting in touch with you and the fact that you reach out to me to share what is happening in your countries.

loana Abaseaca (IFLRY Representative): I would like to highlight two things: the IFLRY General Assembly in Abidjan and the weekend in Sweden with elected and regional bureau members of IFLRY. I am looking forward to your questions.

Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President): To the whole Bureau, I want to thank you for all the work you have done already and for all the motivation you are showing. It is sometimes not easy for us to handle this, but I am excited to keep working with all of you.

Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair) opens the floor for questions from the delegates.

Sebas Overbeek (JOVD): I have a question for Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President). Since the last Congress, we could see that the different portfolios for the current Bureau have been structured in a different way compared to the past. Could you elaborate on why you decided to structure the roles this way? I have a question for Sorcha Ni Chonghaile (LYMEC Policy Officer - ONLINE) or anyone else who would like to respond: what are your plans for the Digital Assembly? Are you planning to make it more related to Bureau matters? What's the status now? Question to Marten Porte (Treasurer): how is corporate funding going? Which results have you achieved so far? Question for Willemijn Krans (LYMEC Advocacy & Outreach Officer): can you please share with us more updates on your work within the YFJ?

Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President): As regards the distributions of portfolios, we had discussions with each and every Bureau Member. Afterwards, we chose portfolios based on the skills and expertise of each member of the Bureau, as well as on the priorities we set for this mandate. As I was already saying, we really want to advocate our policies to the decision-makers. Therefore, advocacy is a key pillar and we wanted to have it reflected in the Bureau Portfolios. Regarding the Digital Assembly, we made a lot of space to question Bureau Members, we kept answering all of them until there were no more. We are revamping the Digital Assembly, but this is still a work in progress.





Willemijn Krans (LYMEC Advocacy & Outreach Officer): Regarding YFJ, we have submitted 41 amendments out of the overall 52. We really tried to counter their socialist policies through our liberal proposals.

Sorcha Ni Chonghaile (LYMEC Policy Officer - ONLINE): We want to create more panel discussions during the Digital Assembly and try to raise more engagement among MOs. For more details, don't hesitate to contact us regarding the planning of the next DA.

Marten Porte (Treasurer): We have had multiple meetings with multiple companies to see where we could create partnerships. We drafted proposals for a few of them, but some were not interested at that precise moment or in the specific topic. We managed to discuss fringe events at congresses with one partner in particular. Because of compliance reasons, they had to cancel on us because we are too close to ALDE and financial contribution from them to us would be seen as a contribution to ALDE through us, which would get them in trouble with compliance rules at the European Parliament level. We will keep trying with other sponsors.

Marten Tollenaar (JD): Marten Porte (Treasurer) you mentioned you are revamping LYMEC procedures. Can you tell us more about that? For example, which procedure would we have in case the budget was voted down? Dimitra Papadopoulou (LYMEC Communications Officer), do your efforts reflect any metrics? Ioana Abaseaca (IFLRY Representative) do you think you can be an effective chair if you are also a LYMEC representative at the same time during an IFLRY Statutory Meeting? Willemijn Krans (LYMEC Advocacy & Outreach Officer) you said you were drafting questions to Commissioner-Designates, but have any of these been answered? Were you satisfied with the answers?

Marten Porte (Treasurer): We have many documents with different goals, which do not always align. For this reason, we have created a taskforce to revamp our rules of procedure. We will present something to you at the next Digital Assembly. On the budget, the processes around approving a budget on the Congress side should be something to have a look at.

Willemijn Krans (LYMEC Advocacy & Outreach Officer): Regarding the questions to Commissioners, many were based on the political priorities in our Programme of Action. I am now working with Dimitra Papadopoulou (LYMEC Communications Officer) on ways to communicate our policies better.





Dimitra Papadopoulou (LYMEC Communications Officer): I have monitored **Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President)**'s post for a couple of days and in the last two weeks we had 82k views from Facebook and Instagram together.

loana Abaseaca (IFLRY Representative): it is indeed something I have been thinking of when they proposed me to chair the congress. Will I be able to both be a chair and represent LYMEC? I have to say that this special position gave us LYMEC visibility. I was seduced by the visibility factor and accepted IFLRY'S request.

Mats Maretzke (Julis): I would like to thank the bureau for the great work. My question is: would you still consider increasing the numbers of delegates at Congresses? Have you made any progress on this matter? And thank you for reaching out to us to offer more spots for this Congress.

Emma Kruusmae (ERPY): Question to **Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President)**: after the EU elections, you declared there are 14 liberal young voices in the European Parliament. How will LYMEC cooperate with them to make an impact on the European Parliament and ALDE? My second question is about funding. How will LYMEC continue to guarantee its activities, now that we have less power and spots in the European Parliament?

Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President): Regarding increased spots at LYMEC Congresses, this time we had a system in place to reach out to MOs according to their amount of votes, from bigger to smaller organisations. Many were not able to fill the spots, even if the proposal of more spots was done well in advance. We want to try to offer more spots where financially possible. What we want to try to implement for the next Congress is more accommodation options, so that we are not limited to just one. About the cooperation with young MEPs, we held meetings with them after the EU Elections. They were all very happy and stated they would like to have more. It was a good start on our side and ALDE was also very happy to contribute. There will be a follow up event to connect LYMEC to young elected MEPs.

Marten Porte (Treasurer): On funding and LYMEC's financial situation, please ask again your question tomorrow morning during the relevant point on the agenda.





Nemir Ali (Julis): Thank you for your great work so far. Especially regarding the topics addressed, I see that LYMEC is active on events and seminars, civil rights issues, foreign policy, but I see a lack of engagement in economic policy. I think it is especially important in the current context. How do you want to change that in the future?

Olena Dudko (EYU): Some of your comments have touched upon regional representation. You said you want to reform the system a bit. Has anything been done? No one has ever contacted us. What is the plan?

Calvin Nixon (Julis): Regarding Libertas, on October 10th, an article called 'The Rise of Antisemitism in Europe Post-October 7th' published on Libertas, got removed shortly after and is no-longer accessible. The author, as well as the membership, have not received an explanation on why it was removed. Given LYMEC's clear stance on tackling and countering antisemitism, as well as based on its stances against any form of discrimination and hate speech, why was this article removed if it is clearly in line with LYMEC policies and the values LYMEC stands for?

Rowan Fitton (YL): What is your plan to maintain and create partnerships? What is the main project you are currently working on? What should we keep an eye out on?

Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President): On economy policy, we want to be more proactive. We hope to have more resolutions on these issues so that we can be stronger when approaching stakeholders. We need resolutions approved at Congresses to be stronger. On Regional responsibilities, the system did not change, the IO Whatsapp Group is active and all the relevant information can be found on our website. As regards the projects we are working on, we are looking forward to the revamp of all our documents to be future proof, more efficient, future-oriented. On strategic partnership, we had a lot of meetings already to increase our impact. We are also looking into private partnerships, although we need to be very cautious because of compliance.

Sean Bennett (LYMEC Events and Engagement Officer): On regional responsibilities, we are looking into a GDPR-compliant way to make things smoother for members when it comes to talking to each other. In terms of Libertas, the article being published and then taken down was a misstep in the processes we have in place between the Bureau and Libertas. In conjunction with the migration to a new website, we have an ongoing discussion about cleaning up these processes. In terms of why it was taken down, it is incumbent on me and the Bureau to make sure that articles not only meet our





policy standards, but also match the tone of communication that is coming out of LYMEC. There was a long process of revision of and reflection on that particular article, but it was eventually decided that while LYMEC stands absolutely against antisemitism and we are not afraid to talk about such things, it was felt that the tone of this article did not match the way we communicate about this subject. In terms of the project I am the most looking forward to, it is the Young Changemakers' Academy. Despite the fact that I took it over from Alex halfway-through, I am very much looking forward to doing it again next year!

Point of Order

Mats Maretzke (Julis): We would like to get more information on the deletion of the Libertas article. What do you mean by "the tone was not corresponding to the one of LYMEC"?

Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair): This is not a Point of order.

Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair) thanks the Bureau and IFLRY Representative and moves on to the next agenda point.

The results of the snap vote on the order of the resolutions are announced and shown to Congress (available above at point 8).

10. Programme of Action 2024-2026 debate and approval

Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair) invites Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President) and Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President) to take the floor and present the Programme of Action 2024-2026.

Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President): I will keep it short and simple as the Programme of Action has already been published on Openslides. The priorities for the coming years are of course not everything we will communicate on. Our pillars are *Democracy in the Digital Age*, including Al and Cybersecurity; *Education and Training*, to keep fighting for educational opportunities for the youth; *Security and Enlargement*, as we unfortunately still have war going on and a huge security issue. We have always been quite vocal on security and defence, and we will keep the format of "Voices from Ukraine", as the participation has been sadly going down; lastly, we also want to focus on *Sustainability and Green Policies*, climate change, transition to sustainable practice and lowering CO2 emissions.



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Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President): This is our blueprint for the next two years. LYMEC has tried to be agile and, looking at what has happened over the last weeks, we learned that a political

organisation needs to be flexible and adapt to different situations.

Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair) states that the floor is now open for questions about the Programme of

Action 2024-2026. The delegates have received the Programme of Action by email by the 8 weeks

deadline.

Friso van Gruijhuijsen (JOVD): We do think it is necessary to ask a few questions on the POA. First of

all, our compliments on the work. We were confused by going through the document, because the

introduction states we will focus less on liberal values and more on concrete policies. What will be the

real focus? Is it values or concrete policies?

Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President): As Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President) stated, we are not

refraining from working on other pillars that are not included in this POA. It is important for us to

advocate for what you guys put in our Policy Book. Liberals have been blamed to be too abstract, we

instead want to tackle concrete issues and priorities.

Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President): I want to add that these are not just phrases, after this mandate I

really want to stand in front of Congress and tell you that we had advocacy meetings, and that we put

the policies that you discussed here forward. I want to make this difference for you. Resolutions are

not just for our website, they are there to be communicated where they can have an impact. As I said

in my initial speech, values are underlying our actions. We do not forget values because we now focus

on policy. Instead, as we have values, I want us to make an impact in the policy area.

Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair) opens the vote on the Programme of Action 2024 - 2026.

Vote for the Programme of Action 2024-2026:



For - 168

Against - 3

Abstain - 15



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The Programme of Action 2024-2026 is approved by the Congress.

Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President) states that the first day of the Congress is now closed at 18 h 30 CET (Warsaw time). If you did not sign the signature list, please make sure to sign it right now. We restart the Congress tomorrow morning at 9 h 00 CET sharp to continue with the agenda. We will first have a roll call, so please be on time. I want to stress that we put a lot of effort on inclusion and safety at our Congresses. If there is anything you would like to share, please scan the QR code to the anonymous LYMEC Inclusion Form. Otherwise, you are welcome to approach our Trustees appointed for this Congress: Anes Hodzic (YFNS), Amanda Fagerstrom (AYNI) and Christopher Jefferies (IMS SC). Thank you everyone, we continue tomorrow!





Day 2: Saturday, 9th November 2024

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

Roll call

Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General) performs the roll call with Chiara Liguori (LYMEC Project Manager) and Balint Gyevai (LYMEC Secretary General). 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:





	Full Members	Votes	Roll Call 2 - Saturday morning
Austria	JUNOS - Junge Liberale NEOS	5	5
Belgium	Jongliberalen (Jong VLD)	5	5
Belgium	Jeunes MR	8	8
Belgium	Fédération des étudiants libéraux (FEL)	3	3
Bosnia/Herzegovina	Youth Forum of Naša stranka	3	3
Bulgaria	YMRF	10	10
Catalonia	Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya (JNC)	6	6
Croatia	HNS youth - Croatian Peoples Party - HNS	3	3
Cyprus	NEODEPA	3	_
Denmark	Radikal Ungdom	4	4
Denmark	Venstres Ungdom	5	5
Estonia	Estonian Reform Party Youth	6	6
Estonia	Estonian Center Party Youth	5	o o
Finland	Svensk Ungdom / RKP-nuoret	6	6
Finland	Suomen Keskustanuoret ry (Finnish Centre Youth)	5	5
Finland	2.1	3	
	Keskustaopiskelijat (Finnish Centre Students) KOL	10	
Germany	Junge Liberale (JuLis)	- 10 - 5	
Germany	Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen (LHG)	3	
Hungary	TizenX	4	_
Iceland Ireland	Uppreisn	4 8	4 8
	Ógra Fianna Fáil	3	
Latvia	Attīstībai Youth	3	-
Latvia	For! Youth	6	-
Lithuania	Lithuanian liberal youth (LLJ)		6
Luxembourg	JDL - Jonk Demokraten Luxembourg	3	_
The Netherlands	Jonge Democraten NL	6	6
The Netherlands	JOVD - Jongerenorganisatie Vrijheid en Democratie	6	6
Northern Ireland	Alliance Youth (AY)	3	3
Norway	Unge Venstre	4	4
Poland	Nowoczesna Youth	3	-
Republic of North Macedonia	Liberal Democratic Youth (Lidem)	3	-
Romania	USR Tineret	5	5
Russia	Vesna Democratic Youth Movement	3	3
Slovakia	Mladé Progresívne Slovensko - Young Progressive	3	
Slovenia	Gibanje Svoboda Mladi	3	3
Sweden	Centerstudenter	4	4
Sweden	Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund- Centre Party Youth (CUF)	5 -	5
Sweden	Liberal Youth of Sweden (LUF)	5 -	5
Switzerland	Jungfreisinnige Schweiz (JFS)	7	7
Switzerland	Young Green Liberals Switzerland	6	6
Ukraine	ZeMolodizhka (ZM)	7	7
Ukraine	European Youth of Ukraine (EYU)	3	3
Ukraine	Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine	3	
United Kingdom	Young Liberals UK	6	6
IMS	Adam Volf	1	1
IMS	Silvia Fernandez	2	2

	TOTAL 213	208
Simple majority of those present	106.5	104
Two thirds of present	142	138.6666667

Simple majority of those present without abstentions

1/3 = 75



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There were 208 votes present at the Congress

The following Member Organisations were not present:

Estonian Centre Party Youth

2. Guest speeches

Svenja Hahn (President, ALDE Party and Renew Europe Group MEP - VIDEO MESSAGE): I am the president of the ALDE Party. I am not only speaking as such, but also as someone who started her political journey in the youth of the national liberal party. I have been there as you are now, and I can say that Europe has never needed you more, as we enter a new and unpredictable era. We must continue to fight for the liberal values we believe in.

Jouni Ovaska (Vice-President, ALDE Party): It is great to be back at LYMEC and I am happy to be here as ALDE Party Vice-President. A few years ago I was in your shoes, sitting where you are now. I am not here talking about the past, I am here for the future and to meet you, as you are those who are building that future. Let me start to thank LYMEC for organising this Congress and congratulate you for your achievements: your participation in the ALDE Party Manifesto working groups; the network you are creating with the young elected MEPs; being united and shaping the policies of ALDE. We now have to prepare for a new era of unpredictability, but when I look at you I feel hopeful. You have a very strong role inside ALDE. I wish you a great Congress and I want to ensure that you will always have my support.

Jan-Christoph Oetjen (President, European Liberal Forum and Renew Europe Group MEP - VIDEO MESSAGE): I wish you all a wonderful Congress and a good time in Warsaw. Thank you Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President) for everything you have done as a leader of this organisation.

Aleksandra Kot (Member of the Parliament and President, Nowoczesna Youth): I am happy to welcome you here as President of Nowoczesna Youth. One of the most valuable things about LYMEC events is the sense of community we foster. Despite our different backgrounds, we all share commitment toward growing our organisation. I know sometimes this work feels fruitless and frustrating. But I also believe that our goal goes beyond those short-term gains. We are helping our





members grow, and our job is to equip them with skills to be elected and make an impact in their communities. I wish you a great Congress!

11. Secretary General report and debate about the report

Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair) moves on with the agenda and asks Balint Gyevai (LYMEC Secretary General) to take the floor and tell more about his report.

Balint Gyevai (LYMEC Secretary General): Dear friends, as you know, this is my last speech in this capacity. I have been in LYMEC for almost 10 years. We have accomplished a lot, and I believe the way we manage daily activities was always done in a fair but strict way, expecting the best from the whole team. I hope you enjoyed the journey as much as I did.

My report was structured in two parts: what has happened since the last Congress in Brussels, and the biggest achievements in the past 5 years. We have accomplished a lot, but we also went through difficult moments. We have experienced a pandemic, where we had to deliver 3 fully-online congresses, without stopping the statutory meetings of our organisation, and showing the way to key partners. We moved our bookkeeping system from paper to digital, thanks to all the Treasurer I have worked with. As for the staff, we went from me being alone, with sometimes one intern, to 2 full-time employees. This is a very big change in the professionalisation of the organisation, both for internal purposes and for delivering more to our members. We also focused on developing further key partnerships like the ones we have with ELF, ALDE, and FNF. We had successful campaigns with Svenja elected as President of ALDE and Antoaneta as part of the ELF Board. I was also very happy to bring the LYMEC Congress to both of my cities, Brussels and Budapest. There is still too much to say, but these were the key achievements for me.

I must say a few thank yous, because the work as SG is a very demanding one, but it is also a team effort. I want to first thank Svenja who brought the political leadership of LYMEC to another level. She is the mother of the YCA and a lot of current internal processes were implemented thanks to her. Thank you to Ed and Lena. Thank you to Antoaneta, we made our voice heard at the Conference on the future of Europe. Thank you to Ida, Marina, Laia, Ellinor. Thank you to Dan who continued the political work of LYMEC after Svenja and Antoaneta. Thank you to all the staff members I worked with, many interns covered interesting positions after their time at LYMEC. I will now address the people who are also in this Congress room. First, Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President), thank you for being very





present in the staff and bringing new processes in the previous and current roles. Marten Porte (Treasurer), you have been in the Treasurer position for two mandates, during which reformed a lot of processes through endless days and nights of auditing. Thank you for the way you approach the financial aspects of this organisation. It would have been impossible to do it alone. Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President), we have been working together for a long time. Apart from our newbie sessions, I want to thank you for giving me support every time. This has always been important to me. Thanks to your caring and cautious approach, LYMEC is in very good hands with you. Some small notes for the other Bureau Members. Dimitra Papadopoulou (LYMEC Communications Officer), it was clear people and I are happy about the energy you bring on the communication aspects. Sean Bennett (LYMEC Events and Engagement Officer), what you are doing with the YCA is very interesting and I am looking forward to seeing what the programme will look like in the future. Willemijn Krans (LYMEC Advocacy & Outreach Officer) the YFJ has to be worried about big changes coming. We haven't put forward our liberal ideas to the YFJ for a long time. Keep up the work, although it will not be easy - it's a big fight. Good luck for your advocacy efforts! Thank you to the 2024-2026 Bureau for your work and cooperation. On to the Secretariat: first, thank you Chiara Olga Liguori (LYMEC Project Manager). Second, good luck to Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General). It will not be easy everyday but there is an interesting journey ahead of you. I am sure you will manage that, you can count on me as an advisor or support.

As some concluding remarks, we have been through a lot these past months, elections, staff changes, several events and meetings, onboarding on the new Bureau and much more. The EU elections didn't go as planned, but this is the moment where each of you is needed the most in each of your countries. It is the moment to take up the fight again and to show that there is a liberal alternative that can bring solutions to the people. As a last point, Ukraine needs us. Wherever you can channel this message, please do. It is important and it will make a difference. I hope this message will resonate even after these years of full-scale invasion. Ukraine is Europe and Ukraine is also fighting our fight. Thank you for these past years for professional and personal moments and memories that will stay with me.

Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair) states that the floor is now open for questions about the Secretary-General report.

Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President): I have a long thank you speech for the end of this Congress, but I want to take this moment to quickly thank you for the way you have shaped this organisation. It really makes a difference when you have employees who are actually happy to go to work in the morning, not only because it is their job, but also because they are passionate about what they do.





Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair) thanks Balint Gyevai (LYMEC Secretary General) and moves on to the next agenda point.

12. Membership Issues

a. Applications for Associate Membership

Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair) explains that there is one application for associate membership from Unge Moderater, Denmark, and invites Tobias Marney (Unge Moderater) to present his application.

Tobias Marney (Unge Moderater): I want to present my organisation. Any organisation is defined by the beliefs of its members. I always grew up believing in freedom and democracy. But now, with Brexit, the Trump election in 2016 and 2024, the invasion of Ukraine, these historical events changed my perception of the world. We need the confidence to fight for freedom and self-determination. This is what I believe in and this is what the organisation stands for.

Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair) thanks Tobias Marney (Unge Moderater) and invites the delegates to take the floor for questions.

Maarten Tollenaar (JD): I am glad to hear about your personal convictions. I would be interested in the practicalities of your organisation, such as events and activities you organise.

Tobias Marney (Unge Moderater): We are organised like many other Danish organisations, made up of the local and national level. At the local one, we organise events on political topics. At the national level, we do social media campaigns to mobilise people in the streets, engage in political discourse, writing opinion pieces and more.

Julius Lajtha (JUNOS): What is the history of the party? To my knowledge, it is quite new and fresh, and with this kind of organisation it is important to get insights on what you consider as topical issues.

Tobias Marney (Unge Moderater): What we have done at the international level is organising trips to Brussels before the EU elections. We have a MEP in the Renew Europe Group and support his work in the European Parliament. We don't have a lot of international work in progress, but we wish to achieve that through our membership in LYMEC.

Emil Laanemets (ERPY): What is the economical stance of your party?





Tobias Marney (Unge Moderater): It is important to create economic drought in Denmark and Europe. In terms of taxation, a lot of companies in Denmark face regulatory burdens and heavy taxation. We are working on lowering taxation for Danish startups. We believe in a market-based approach in climate change such as the ETS scheme.

Mikael Freitag Pedersen (VU): Maybe you can elaborate upon the history of your party and your political programme to tell us how stable you think your political view is? We see many new MOs shifting between political views.

Tobias Marney (Unge Moderater): First, we are a new party, as usual there are many changes to the way the leadership works. In terms of political programmes, we are in the process of building it up. What we really want to do is to shorten our policies to focus on key issues such as the EU, climate change, or restructuring the public sector. Fundamentally, we are driven by social-liberal values, despite the changes.

Florentyna Martynska (NY): Thank you for your presentation. As we already have 2 Danish parties, what is your relationship with them?

Rowan Fitton (Young Liberals): Can you expand on your relationship with your mother party when it comes to issues you are working on and your lobbying activities within that?

Tobias Marney (Unge Moderater): Our mother party sits in government with Venstre. VU is more classical liberal compared to us. In comparison to RU instead, we are a bit more pragmatic. There are differences in the ways the parties work. Also, bear in mind that Denmark has 11 parties in Parliament. I think that also reflects on why there are so many liberal parties in the country. As regards our relationship with the mother party, part of our leadership stands in its board. Current issues we are working on are the CO2 tax in agriculture and green transition in denmark. We are trying to change some policies to influence the government.

Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair) thanks the speakers for the questions and proposes to move to a closed session about the membership application of **Unge Moderater**. He invites all associate members, observers and guests to leave the room. He gives the floor to **Bàlint Gyévai (LYMEC Secretary General)** for practicalities.

Bàlint Gyévai (LYMEC Secretary General) explains that observers, associate members and guests will have to leave the room in Warsaw. Online participants will be moved to a breakout room.

Congress enters into a closed session to discuss the associate membership of Unge Moderater.



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Mateusz Gwóźdź (Chair) thanks the Congress and reminds that the vote will now be for associate membership. Simple majority is needed.

Vote on Unge Moderater's associate membership: V

For- 132

Against- 41

Abstain-25

Unge Moderater is therefore accepted as an Associate Member Organisation of LYMEC. **Congratulations!**

b. Applications for Full Membership

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair) explains that there is no application for full membership and moves on to the next agenda point.

c. Suspensions

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair) explains that there are two proposed suspensions and gives the floor to Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer) to explain the situation of Nova Stranka Youth and Jeunes Radicaux.

Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer): The Bureau would like to propose the following membership suspensions:

- Nova Stranka Youth, Serbia: we have not been in touch with this organisation for a significant amount of time and don't know whether the organisation is still active. To prevent them from piling up debt, we propose a suspension.
- Jeunes Radicaux, France: we have not been in touch with this organisation for a significant amount of time. To prevent them from piling up debt, we propose a suspension.

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair) closes the speakers' list and reminds delegates that we only need a simple majority for this vote.

Vote on the suspension of Nova Stranka Youth 🔽



For - 182





Against - 0

Abstentions - 0

Vote on the suspension of Jeunes Radicaux 🔽

For - 181

Against - 11

Abstentions - 0

The Congress accepted the suspension of Nova Stranka Youth and Jeunes Radicaux. They are now suspended.

----- COFFEE BREAK ------

Roll call

Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General) performs the roll call with Chiara Liguori (LYMEC Project Manager) and Julia Cieślikowska (Secretary). Balint Gyevai (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 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:





	Full Members	Votes	Roll Call 3 - After 1st coffee break
Austria	JUNOS - Junge Liberale NEOS	5	5
Belgium	Jongliberalen (Jong VLD)	5	5
Belgium	Jeunes MR	8	8
Belgium	Fédération des étudiants libéraux (FEL)	3	3
Bosnia/Herzegovina	Youth Forum of Naša stranka	3	3
Bulgaria	YMRF	10	10
Catalonia	Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya (JNC)	6	6
Croatia	HNS youth - Croatian Peoples Party - HNS	3	3
Cyprus	NEODEPA	3	3
Denmark	Radikal Ungdom	4	4
Denmark	Venstres Ungdom	5	5
Estonia	Estonian Reform Party Youth	6	6
Estonia	Estonian Center Party Youth	5	5
Finland	Svensk Ungdom / RKP-nuoret	6	6
Finland	Suomen Keskustanuoret ry (Finnish Centre Youth)	5	5
Finland	Keskustaopiskelijat (Finnish Centre Students) KOL	3	3
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Germany	Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen (LHG)	5	5
Hungary	TizenX	3	3
Iceland	Uppreisn	4	4
Ireland	Ógra Fianna Fáil	8	8
Latvia	Attīstībai Youth	3	3
Latvia	For! Youth	3	3
Lithuania	Lithuanian liberal youth (LLJ)	6	6
Luxembourg	JDL - Jonk Demokraten Luxembourg	3	3
The Netherlands	Jonge Democraten NL	6	6
The Netherlands	JOVD - Jongerenorganisatie Vrijheid en Democratie	6	6
Northern Ireland	Alliance Youth (AY)	3	3
Norway	Unge Venstre	4	4
Poland	Nowoczesna Youth	3	3
Republic of North Macedonia	Liberal Democratic Youth (Lidem)	3	3
Romania	USR Tineret	5	5
Russia	Vesna Democratic Youth Movement	3	3
Slovakia	Mladé Progresívne Slovensko - Young Progressive	3	3
Slovenia	Gibanje S∨oboda Mladi	3	3
Sweden	Centerstudenter	4	4
Sweden	Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund- Centre Party Youth (CUF)	5	5
Sweden	Liberal Youth of Sweden (LUF)	5	5
Switzerland	Jungfreisinnige Schweiz (JFS)	7	7
Switzerland	Young Green Liberals Switzerland	6	6
Ukraine	ZeMolodizhka (ZM)	7	7
Ukraine	European Youth of Ukraine (EYU)	3	3
Ukraine	Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine	3	3
United Kingdom	Young Liberals UK	6	6
IMS	Adam Volf	1	1
IMS	Silvia Fernandez	2	2

	TOTAL 213	213
Simple majority of those present	106.5	106.5
Two thirds of present	142	142

Simple majority of those present without abstentions

1/3 = 75

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There were 213 votes present at the Congress

All Member Organisations were present.

d. Disaffiliations

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair) explains that there are three proposed disaffiliation and gives the floor to Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer) to explain the situation of Joves Liberals d'Andorra, Liberal Alliances Ungdom and Youth Forum of AKR.

Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer): The Bureau would like to propose the following membership disaffiliations:

- Joves Liberals, Andorra: The organisation has ceased to exist as a legal entity and to our knowledge has no more members. Since there is no hope of return we propose a disaffiliation.
- Youth Forum of AKR, Kosovo: there has not been any contact with the organisation for many
 years. It is also not known where the organisation stands politically. Therefore we propose
 disaffiliation.
- Liberal Alliances Ungdom, Denmark has resigned before the Congress so the point doesn't need a vote anymore, they are out.

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair) closes the speakers' list and reminds delegates that we need a simple majority for this vote.

Vote on the disaffiliation of Joves Liberals d'Andorra: ✓

For - 204

Against - 0

Abstentions - 0

Vote on the disaffiliation of Youth Forum of AKR: ✓

For - 191

Against - 0

Abstentions - 0



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The Congress accepted the disaffiliation of Joves Liberals d'Andorra and Youth Forum of AKR. They are now disaffiliated.

Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer): Liberal Alliance Ungdom has resigned from LYMEC. We will not be discussing their disaffiliation.

13. Finances

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair) takes over the proceedings and states that the Congress will now move on to discuss the financial points. He invites Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer) to present the state of LYMEC Finances.

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

Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer) states that there is one request for reduced membership fee by Jovenes Ciudadanos. Their mother party is facing struggles and losing political representatives. This in turn means losing funding for the organisation. In light of this situation, they request a temporary reduction in the fee for their 2025 membership to 50€.

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair) invites the delegates to take the floor for questions. No one takes the floor. She states that the vote is now open as there are no further inputs from the Congress.

Result of the vote: V



For- 172

Against-17

Abstain-7

The request for reduced membership fee for Jovenes Ciudadanos is carried by the Congress. Their membership fee will amount to 50,00 EUR in 2025.

b. Interim Financial Report 2024 (for information)





Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer): This report is about January to October 2024. The surplus is very high, 67,347.86 euros, compared to the (updated) budgeted surplus of 30.00 euros. After I wrote the report, we had a Secretary General change, and when a contract ends many fees come with it. The current (non-final) surplus for 2024 is very good news for LYMEC after two years with deep red numbers. This will not be the amount that we will end up at the end of the year, however. Whereas most of the income that we can expect has arrived already, there are still some significant costs coming our way. We still think we will end up with a significant positive result. This is very welcome since the decrease of our reserves and the financial hardship that is expected in the coming year, given the European election results and the decrease of both the group and the party. We have been lucky in terms of support from our partners this year in financing parts of the Congresses and Bureau meetings. We are very grateful for that. After thinking we would not get any significant support from Renew Europe, the Group let us know that there was a significant amount available for the Autumn Congress, which meant we didn't have to spend much of our own budgeted money. Both FNF and Renew Europe pay for invoices directly. Therefore this money never passes our accounts and doesn't show in our books. About the new election results, we don't really know how partners will respond to that in the future. Some of them had to respond drastically by closing offices and firing people. We are still very happy that ELF, FNF, ALDE, RE, remain steadfast in their support to LYMEC, which shows their dedication to the youth. We are relatively safe for next year.

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair) invites the delegates to take the floor for questions.

Amparito Sanders (JOVD): My first question is about costs associated with handover costs with the Secretary General. Can you elaborate on that? About IMS contributions, I have noticed not everything has been collected compared to what was planned. Can you explain why? There is also a small portion of money we received from the European Commission. Why is that and what can we do best next time?

Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer): The handover only lasted two weeks, during which we had two salaries to pay. However, the main cost was actually that during a contract you accumulate a series of benefits that you have to pay back as a bonus at the end of it. In the case of Balint, it was quite a significant cost. The handover is over, now Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General) is working full time in the secretariat, just like Chiara Olga Liguori (LYMEC Project Manager). Regarding the IMS, the amount has indeed gone down. We have been ambitious in the budgeting, the main problem is that there is no automatic renewal of their membership fee, which results in a loss of members in the IMS section. This is quite difficult in the international context. On the grant, I am not completely sure what you refer





to. We have a fixed grant with ELF, where we pay 22.000 EUR and we get 75.000 EUR back that we can spend on events.

Balint Gyevai (LYMEC Secretary General): Amparito Sanders (JOVD) did you refer to the ELF income of 11.000 EUR? At the end of each project, we get some money corresponding to the organisers' fee. The amount we expect there still has to be sent to us because many projects were not closed yet.

c. Revised budget 2024 (for information)

Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer) presents the revised budget for 2024. It's in the interim report, the full budget will be presented in the Spring 2025.

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair): asks if there are any questions on the revised budget for 2024. There are none. We move to the Interim Internal Audit Report.

d. Interim internal audit report (for information)

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair) invites Petrine Johannesen (Internal Auditor) and Alex Nilsson (Internal Auditor) to take the floor.

Alex Nilsson (Internal Auditor): We are happy to work with such a professional Bureau and Secretary General. From our Internal Audit, we didn't encounter big problems, only easily fixable items. We hope you read our report. We will now briefly discuss recommendations from previous reports.

Petrine Johannesen (Internal Auditor): We haven't made any new recommendations. There was nothing new to do, especially due to the Secretary General change. The only recommendations that have not been implemented are communication from members towards the office. I take this opportunity to remind you to only text them through official channels. This is also something that the office cannot implement on their own, they need all of our support. On a different point, Institutional Knowledge has been implemented to full handovers from both Chiara Olga Liguori (LYMEC Project Manager) and Balint Gyevai (LYMEC Secretary General). On the work phones, they bought one for the office, which, for the moment, only the Secretary General uses. For the meals, they have found an alternative through the implementation of recuperation of working hours when working after 19h00.





About recuperation days, they are trying to plan that ahead, especially as a consequence of working weekends abroad.

Alex Nilsson (Internal Auditor): In an uncertain Trump world, we at least have stability in our organisation. Feel free to ask us questions.

Maarten Tollenaar (JD): On communication between members and the office, I understand your point. Did you make an assessment of whether this recommendation is followed by the membership? Has the membership followed the rules?

Petrine Johannesen (Internal Auditor) and Alex Nilsson (Internal Auditor): It is still a problem but it is already improving. We can't have recommendations forever, we have to move on and find a better solution. The work phone, for example, is a good step in the right direction.

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair) thanks Petrine Johannesen (Internal Auditor) and Alex Nilsson (Internal Auditor) and moves on to the next agenda point.

e. Proposed membership fees 2025 (for decision)

Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer): The Bureau proposes continuing with the following Membership Fees for Member Organisations (MOs): for full members: 230 euros base fee + 0.06 euros as per member. The total yearly membership fee cannot exceed 1200 euros; therefore, MO which exceeds the amount will be invoiced the ceiling fee. For associate members: 205 euros

The Bureau proposes continuing with the following Membership Fees for Individual Members: One year of Membership: 18 euros; Five years of Membership: 60 euros; Permanent Membership 1: 100 euros, until 35 years of age.

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair) opens the floor for the delegates. No questions from the floor.

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

Result of the vote on the proposed membership fees: V

For- 186



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Against-0

Abstain- 0

The proposed membership fees for 2025 were therefore adopted by the Congress.

f. Draft budget 2025 (for decision)

Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer): I believe there is enough space in the 2025 draft budget to face uncertainties that might arise due to the German situation, for example. Most of our support for next year is already secured by ALDE, RE and ELF. The FNF budget for us depends on the political situation in Germany. There is also a change in the budget because of the Secretary General change, as taxes will be slightly lower. Our external auditors instead will require more expensive fees.

Amparito Sanders (JOVD): The first question is about the budget for the website and e-marketing, which was reduced from 25.000 EUR to 5000 EUR. Why is that the case? Also, in the Programme of Action, it was suggested an experiment of 80 to 100 EUR for paid advertisements. What do we do if that's a success? What do we do it not? Lastly, I have noticed that participation fees for the 2025 Congresses are higher. Why is that?

Marten Porte (LYMEC Treasurer): First of all, thank you for reading the documents. As regards the website, the amount does go down because this year we were notified that we had to migrate the website to a completely new system, so we budgeted some money for this migration. The new amount is based on what we would normally pay for website maintenance every year. The cost decreases because the team also put a lot of effort into the new website migration. About the social media experiment with paid advertisement, as with most experiments, if it's successful we continue and if it is not successful we don't. I think Dimi is already doing a great job without that money. On Congress participation fees for 2025, I think fees are already quite feasible if you think about what you get. Expenses don't always match the fees, and you never know for sure until the end what is the exact support that partners give us for Congresses. There are also some hidden costs in that, such as the hours put by the secretariat in the organisation of a Congress throughout the whole year, which you would necessarily see in the budget.

Vote on Draft Budget 2025: 🔽







Yes - 198

No - 0

Abstain - 1

The 2025 Draft Budget is therefore approved by the Congress.

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair) closes the finances agenda point.

14. Approval of the new Secretary General

Even Diot (LYMEC Interim Secretary General): I am standing here as a candidate for the Secretary General position for which the Bureau nominated me. It is a pleasure to be here today. I moved to Brussels 6 years ago and never left. I have worked before for the European Liberal Forum, where I had the opportunity to support LYMEC projects for 3 years and a half. I am a member of Jeunes MR and I have been an IMS Delegate until recently. I am fully committed to delivering results. I want to share 3 priorities I will work on: outreach to strengthen ties between LYMEC MOs; fundraising to ensure more opportunities to our members; policy developments to have our voices heard at the EU level. In the coming 2 years, I will work to empower our voices. Taking over the management of such an organisation is not easy. I want to thank Balint Gyevai (LYMEC Secretary General) for your availability, support and dedication to LYMEC during the years. I also want to thank the LYMEC leadership and Bureau for nominating me to be here today. I will not take more time, I will be available to take your questions and I hope in your trust and support as the new Secretary General of LYMEC.

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair) thanks Even Diot (LYMEC Interim Secretary General) and opens the floor for questions.

Julius Lajtha (JUNOS): Thank you for your candidacy and for your presentation. We are all excited to work with you. In terms of navigating financial struggles that might come again in the organisation, what will be your approach? Which plans do you have when it comes to diversifying funding on the financial side? Maybe an increased Project Fund opportunity for members in the future?

Even Diot (Interim Secretary General): Corporate fundraising is something I want to work on. This is what I worked on in my previous role too. It is important to understand what partners might need from





us. On structural finance, this can be uncertain when it comes from partners like FNF. The good thing with other partners like ELF and RE is that we know that the budget is secured for 2025. At the same time, I will look with the Bureau to find new opportunities for funding.

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair) stresses that the Congress enters a closed room session before opening the vote. Even Diot (LYMEC Interim Secretary General) leaves the Congress room. Petrine Johannesen (Internal Auditor) on this occasion manages the voting ballots as a substitute for Even Diot (LYMEC Interim Secretary General) for this vote only.

Congress enters into a closed session to discuss the approval of the Secretary General.

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair): The vote is open on Openslides for the approval of the Secretary General.

Vote on the Secretary General: 🔽

For - 207

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General) is therefore approved as Secretary General of LYMEC. Congratulations!

15. Elections - LYMEC Delegation to the ALDE Party Congress 2025

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair) We have 14 candidates for 9 spots. Sorcha Ni Chonghaile (LYMEC Policy Officer) is by default part of the delegation as the Policy Officer of LYMEC. I want to ask the candidates to line up. There was already a discussion online, but you can still take the floor through Openslides in case you have any questions for the candidates.

Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Bureau): Each candidate will have one minute to present themselves and 30 seconds to answer questions for each round.

Rowan Fitton (Young Liberals): I ask for your vote for the future of European liberalism. I believe my skills will be extremely helpful for the delegation. The north of England is facing challenges, and I am ready to tackle this fight as part of this delegation.





Joy Kamel (Jeunes MR): I decided to run because I want to defend and represent each of you at the ALDE Congress. I want to focus on security, education, and sports. Thank you for your support and for believing in me.

Dan Sandu (USR Tineret): I am focused on security which is a very timely issue. My main point is that we are getting told that the youth is the future. But I feel like we are in a crisis right now and that we should be the present, not the future.

Martina Barres Sabartes (JNC): Being part of the delegation is not only about putting forward resolutions, but also about reading and writing to find niche topics for us to effectively lobby and advocate within ALDE.

Maarten Tollenaar (JD): We are at a turning point in Europe, especially after the election of Trump. I believe that I have the experience, knowledge and expertise to bring our liberal values forward.

Patriks Janis Pudans (PAR): I have experience in the fields of security, economy and commercial diplomacy. I believe we need to focus on our strengths to draft better resolutions. If we want to improve Europe and its security, we must be more ambitious.

Emma Kruusmäe (ERPY): I have been active in the youth field for the past 9 years. This has brought me to politics. If elected as part of the delegation, I will bring empathy, connections, and resolution writing.

Tommy Monahan (Alliance Youth): What I can bring is a strong background in political advocacy and international experience. I have experience in working with partners on sensitive topics to draft resolutions. My priority is to be a LYMEC representative, instead of a representative of Alliance Youth.

Silvia Fernandez (IMS Delegate): I am one of the IMS Delegates and was also part of the last LYMEC Delegation to ALDE. I want to be part of it again to achieve even bigger things. Having attended various congresses in the past in different capacities, I believe I have the right skills to do the job.

David Grasveld (LHG): I was part of this delegation for the past two ALDE Congresses, which I think are the best opportunity we have to bring our policies to the EU level and have an impact on ALDE. I want to help new delegates with my experience and critical thinking.



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Guido von Backer (JOVD): Our resolutions must be viable for them to be conveyed to the wider public. I want to focus on our strengths and find a compromise that works for all of us.

Fabian Grepper (Jungfreisinnige Schweiz): We have great candidates here. I want to build bridges between us, LYMEC MOs, but also between us and ALDE. My priorities are security, environment and inclusion. We need to find a niche for our policies to influence ALDE.

Alicja Jakimko (Nowoczesna Youth): My priority is to represent LYMEC by fighting populism, strengthening rule of law and showing people that green liberalism is actually possible. I want to keep advocating for Ukraine, a topic that should not be forgotten. I can't wait to hear more from you and work with you all.

Marius Gobet (YGL) is online but not present so can't present himself.

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair): opens the floor for questions from the delegates.

Tim Robinson (IMS SC): The LYMEC delegation to the ALDE Congress in Estoril had success with the resolution on menstrual equality, but in the past it was harder to do so. Which is the one policy from the LYMEC policy book you would like to put forward and what is your lobbying strategy?

Alicja Jakimko (Nowoczesna Youth): I have experience in national congresses, I am a strong networker and I would like this to be the focus of convincing people on the importance of a specific policy. The most important point for me is fighting populism and Russia's influence.

Fabian Grepper (Jungfreisinnige Schweiz): We have to find a niche topic. According to me, that niche topic is pensions, which is also popular within LYMEC MOs.

Guido von Backer (JOVD): We need to strengthen the Erasmus+ programme. We have to talk to people older than us to show them that it is necessary to have safe education for all.

David Grasveld (LHG): I would suggest focusing on a common European crisis resilience plan. If we show the importance of such a framework we can find support in ALDE.



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Silvia Fernandez (IMS Delegate): I do agree with niche topics. I am interested in housing and pension schemes. I would like to put that forward. We need to talk to all delegations early on to grant their support.

Tommy Monahan (Alliance Youth): The focus should not be decided by me but by members. As regards lobbying, I already do that as a job in Brussels with various stakeholders.

Emma Kruusmäe (ERPY): The most important topic is lowering the voting age for local, national and EU elections. It's something I believe we all have an opinion on to discuss and arrive at a joint decision.

Patriks Janis Pudans (For!Youth): I think security is important, especially cybersecurity in the context of Russian influence.

Maarten Tollenaar (JD): It is important that we show we care about all topics, not only those close to the youth, such as European integration.

Martina Barres Sabartes (JNC): I think it is important to talk about topics that are not trendy at ALDE.

Dan Sandu (USR Tineret): I would like to echo the previous speakers. It is ok to pass policies ALDE does not have, but it's even more important to focus on big important topics as well as niche ones.

Joy Kamel (Jeunes MR): As everything was already said, I will mention defence and security but also Erasmus+ and how to reintegrate youth in civil engagement.

Rowan Fitton (Young Liberals): When we build enlargement without trust we have issues. We have to look at how we do things, not only at what we do.

Ramona Goga (USR Tineret): Congrats to you all for being here. How would you bring your topics forward and convince people?

Rowan Fitton (YL): The key thing is to take that phone call, have that conversation, to convince people as early as possible.





Joy Kamel (Jeunes MR): I had the experience of two ALDE congresses as MR delegate. I know there is a lot to prepare, but we will do a great job if we split the work as a team.

Dan Sandu (USR Tineret): The main point is that we need to reach out to the delegations early and negotiate compromises. First, the delegation has to have a very clear plan of what we are pushing for.

Martina Barres Sabartes (JNC): We need a perfectly written resolution before lobbying. We need to have as many cosigners as possible, and then lobby in-person.

Maarten Tollenaar (JD): It is important that you don't just start lobbying when you have a document ready. The work starts when you start writing that document to sell it to different organisations.

Patriks Janis Pudans (PAR): We need to sell our resolutions properly and as early as possible, to research and plan ahead.

Emma Kruusmäe (ERPY): It is important to have a one-to-one dialogue to understand what the counterpart wants to achieve, before looking for a compromise.

Tommy Monahan (Alliance Youth): Stakeholder mapping is important to figure out who could be interested in a certain resolution based on the topic of the resolution.

Silvia Fernandez (IMS Delegate): I don't only agree with you all, but I also find it reassuring that we are all on the same page when it comes to lobbying strategy.

David Grasveld (LHG): I think lobbying and networking starts by building and maintaining a network, introducing ourselves through networking with different actors.

Guido von Backer (JOVD): We need to map out the stances of the stakeholders and partners. We have to have in the back of our minds the values LYMEC stands for.

Fabian Grepper (Jungfreisinnige Schweiz): We should have the courage to talk to people we don't know. Reach out to them, talk to them, and understand their point of view to bring them on board.





Alicja Jakimko (Nowoczesna Youth): We have to have a perfect resolution, but before that, we need a good teamwork and distribution of tasks, focusing on explanation and education.

Mats Maretzke (Julis): How would you feel with conflicting positions between LYMEC and your mother party?

Alicja Jakimko (Nowoczesna Youth): My top priority is to represent LYMEC. Should any conflict arise between that and my party, I know they support me and know that LYMEC is first when I am working in that capacity.

Fabian Grepper (Jungfreisinnige Schweiz): I am elected for LYMEC, this means I am representing you guys. I stand by you. If my party disagrees, I still stand for LYMEC.

Guido von Backer (JOVD): I agree. We need to find the LYMEC way and compromise

David Grasveld (LHG): If I wanted to represent my mother party I would run with them, not with LYMEC. I had this case in the past, but my Mother Party knows I support LYMEC when I act in that capacity.

Silvia Fernandez (IMS Delegate): I have the easiest position because I have no mother party. I will only represent LYMEC interests.

Tommy Monahan (Alliance Youth): We need to be a united voice. My Mother Party has no delegations to ALDE, and this already solves a potential conflict of interest.

Emma Kruusmäe (ERPY): I am running to represent LYMEC, not my mother party. I already have influence in my party's policy.

Patriks Janis Pudans (PAR): I will say that I will support LYMEC instead of my mother party. If there is a disagreement, I will consult the rest of the delegation to find a solution.

Maarten Tollenaar (JD): Any IO knows you have sometimes to defend your opinion as IO, even if it goes against the status quo of the party.



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Martina Barres Sabartes (JNC): It is important that we are not only creating policies, but using existing LYMEC policies. This means we are advocating for something we have written at some point.

Dan Sandu (USR Tineret): We are representing LYMEC, and this is non negotiable. Our Mother parties should multiply our stances, not drag us down.

Joy Kamel (Jeunes MR): I want to represent LYMEC, your ideas, your values.

Rowan Fitton (YL): Being part of this delegation is an act of service. When I am part of this organisation, it is about representing LYMEC only. Young Liberals UK has always gone against the LibDems. This is not new to me.

Aleksandra Sjoberg (SU): How would you work as a team player?

Rowan Fitton (YL): Team management and people management is key, which is what I do on a daily basis. Understanding people you work with and what makes them struggle helps you support them.

Joy Kamel (Jeunes MR): Of course team management and consensus are important. As FEL IO I was able to communicate with everyone and understand their points of view. I will focus on not having miscommunication.

Dan Sandu (USR Tineret): The important thing is identifying potential points of conflict before we get to the ALDE congress to prevent them as soon as possible.

Martina Barres Sabartes (JNC): This is really relevant, we will be a team of 10 people. I think it is about understanding each other's position in the team.

Maarten Tollenaar (JD): We have a pool of talent and we want to see each other shine. We have to make it possible to help each other.

Patriks Janis Pudans (PAR): We need communication and discussion, to talk about our personalities and strengths to split up tasks properly.





Emma Kruusmäe (ERPY): I know what it takes to make a team work, by utilising everyone's strength and helping everyone move in the right direction.

Tommy Monahan (Alliance Youth): People's strengths are paramount. We have to understand each other. In my own experience, it is hard to get a consensus, although I managed such situations in the past.

Silvia Fernandez (IMS Delegate): I do believe in open communication, assessing individual strengths to make the team work efficiently.

David Grasveld (LHG): I don't see big risks for personal conflicts. I think this can be avoided by early on solutions and prevention. We need critical thinking in the team.

Guido von Backer (JOVD): We have to understand each others' skill set.

Fabian Grepper (Jungfreisinnige Schweiz): I agree with everything. We are friends and reasonable adults and we should not mix personal with political stances.

Alicja Jakimko (Nowoczesna Youth): As a teamplayer I would focus on good task management and the importance of creating a safe environment in the team.

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair): As you heard, you have 9 votes. You have to select 9 people out of the 10 positions foreseen. If you have issues with the voting, please tell us. The voting will stay open until the next policy agenda point is closed, so that you have plenty of time to decide who to vote for.

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair) presents the results of the newly elected LYMEC Delegation to the next ALDE Party Congress 2025 and reminds that only 9 people will be elected. Sorcha Ni Chonghaile (LYMEC Policy Officer) will by default be one of them.

Congratulations to the 9 elected delegates in <u>blue</u> below! The results are displayed on the screen and available on OpenSlides for all delegates. The first 2 non-elected candidates are <u>substitutes</u> in case any of the elected delegates resign (in orange).





VOTING COUNT

Martina Barres - Yes: 190 (90.476 %)

Joy Kamel - Yes: 184 (87.619 %)

Emma Kruusmae - Yes: 168 (80 %)

David Grasveld - Yes: 168 (80 %)

Silvia Fernandez - Yes: 167 (79.524 %)

Maarten Tollenaar - Yes: 166 (79.048 %)

Tommy Monahan - Yes: 160 (76.190 %)

Fabian Grepper - Yes: 147 (70 %)

Rowan Fitton - Yes: 120 (57.143 %)

Guido Von Backer - Yes: 115 (54.762 %)

Dan Sandu - Yes: 112 (53.333 %)

Alicja Jakimko - Yes: 106 (50.476 %)

Marius Gobet - Yes: 61 (29.048 %)

Patriks Pudans - Yes: 26 (12.381 %)

Valid votes 210 (100 %)

16. Statutory Matters (if any)

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair) states that no Statutory Matters were submitted for this Congress. We therefore move to Motions.

17. Motions

Ellinor Juth (Chair) Takes the lead on the Congress chairing. She states that no motions were submitted for this Congress. We therefore move to the next point.

18. Resolutions

Ellinor Juth (Chair): You have all voted on the snap vote on resolutions yesterday. We will have 3 readings. First, movers present the resolutions. Then, we deal with amendments and amendments to





amendments. After that, we move to the discussion on the resolution as amended as a whole. We will now move on to the discussion of the resolutions.

Resolution 1: Cutting the Clutter to Bust Bureaucracy: Removing Bureaucratic Hurdles from ERASMUS+

Ellinor Juth (Chair) invites the mover to present the resolution.

David Grasveld (LHG): Erasmus+ is not only important for us, but also for its significance at the European level. It is much more than an exchange programme, it's key for European Integration and cross-cultural understanding. Here, we are contributing to that too. This resolution is about cutting bureaucracy around Erasmus: we believe there should be easier access to everyone to this programme. I am looking forward to the debate.

Ellinor Juth (Chair) moves to the amendments as no one is asking for the floor.

Amendment 79

Stephen Slager (JUNOS): We totally agree with the resolution. Through this amendment, we want to give it even more importance. It is important that we speak against the budget cut proposed by the Council.

Amendment 79 received a positive recommendation from the Working Group. No one reopens it. It is carried by the Congress.

Amendment to Amendment 80

David Grasveld (LHG): We support the amendment that JUNOS made, but since this resolution is about the reduction of bureaucratic hurdles, we think it is more logical to have the amendment further down in the "calls for" section. It would be a bit illogical to have it as a first bullet point in that section. I am not against the content of the amendment.





Amendment to Amendment 80 is carried by the Congress. Therefore Amendment 80 falls.

❖ Amendment 80 X

Since Amendment to Amendment 80 was carried, Amendment 80 falls.

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair) invites the audience to comment on the resolution as amended as a whole. No one takes the floor. We move on to the vote on the resolution as amended as a whole.

Vote on Resolution 1 as amended as a whole:

Yes - 189

No - 8

Abstain - 7

Resolution 1 as amended as a whole is carried by the Congress.

Resolution 2: Cutting the Red Tape: Unleashing Europe's Economic Engine

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair) invites the mover to present the resolution.

Nemir Ali (Julis): Dear liberals, "is the economy stupid"? This is what Bill Clinton said in 1992. If you want to win an election you have to deliver on the economy. This week, we could see this by looking at the exit polls. The number one issue for people voting for Trump was the economy. A few hours after the US elections, the German government collapsed, which was also due to the economy. The economic situation in Germany is very bad, companies are not investing but cutting jobs. We as liberals propose more ideas to revive our economy. However, we were not able to reach an agreement with socialists and the government collapsed. For us as liberals this should be an alarm sign that we should focus on economic policies and make sure that the EU is perceived as a driver of economic





growth, not the opposite. The internal market is one of the biggest boosts for the EU economy. We can't live with unnecessary regulations and with little trade with other countries. However, if we look at the previous European Parliamentary term and European Commission Presidency, we can see that instead of focusing on integrating the internal market, promoting free trade and cutting bureaucracy, the opposite happened. Many new bureaucratic laws were passed, hampering SMEs. On free trade, we had a Brexit deal, but no trade agreement was settled with Australia or India.

It would be important to make progress on these issues. Producing a bunch of reports nobody will read is not good for the environment. Yes, we have the ETS, but simply producing lots of paperwork does not support the environment.

The Supply Chain directive is another example of bureaucracy again with good intentions to improve environmental and working conditions in foreign countries. Svenja Hahn was responsible for trade in the last European Parliament, she voted against this directive, and when I asked her about it she mentioned a very good example I would like to present to you. She mentioned coffee from Ethiopia.

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair): Sorry for interrupting you, but could you please be more precise? Coffee from Ethiopia is super interesting but we should move to a vote.

Nemir Ali (JuLis): In Ethiopia, there are big companies, but also small farmers who don't deliver to the EU anymore because they will be handed down the paperwork of the big companies in Europe. So what the Supply Chain directive is doing, makes it more difficult for small farmers in Ethiopia to export their coffee into Europe. It shows that although purposes are good, results are bad. We want to abolish unnecessary paperwork and promote free trade.

❖ Amendments 99 and 100

Amendments 99 and 100 are accepted. Amendment 99 received a positive recommendation from the Working Group. No one reopens them. They are carried by the Congress.

Yevheniia Fedotova (Chair): We will enforce a 2-minute time limit for speakers.

Amendment 101





Nemir Ali (Julis): Silvia and I talked about this amendment. Unfortunately, there is something not quite precise: the Mercosur agreement is not yet provisionally applied. I suggest voting on it without "the Mercosur Trade Agreement" so we don't have a mistake in the resolution.

❖ Amendment 101(a)

The Commission for 2019-2024 has provisionally applied the EU-New Zealand Trade Agreement, the Mercosur Trade Agreement, and the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement. Additionally, other agreements that have already entered into force include the EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement, the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement, and the EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement.

Vote on Amendment 101(a) without the Mercosur mention:

Yes: 151

No: 17

Abstain: 12

Amendment 101(a) is carried by the Congress and overwrites Amd 101 as a whole.

❖ Amendment 129 X

Amendment 129 got a positive recommendation from the Working Group. Julis reopens it.

Mats Maretzke (Julis): We want to reopen this amendment. It is important to fix the misunderstanding that happened in the Working Group. We specifically aim for reducing bureaucratic laws that do not do anything good, not primarily on cutting jobs. I think it is clear we are in favour of free trade, so why don't we put it in this resolution?

Maarten Lemstra (JD): If we want to be honest about standing strong on the world stage, we need to make sure to stand strong against the US presidency. Putin will love us for cutting bureaucracy now, in the moment where we need it the most. If LYMEC is serious about standing strong on the European level, we can't adopt this line which asks us to radically cut bureaucracy.

Nemir Ali (JuLis): I have no problem in discussing how good certain bureaucratic laws can be. Saying this helps the Kremlin, means going a bit too far in this debate. It is not about cutting jobs, but only unnecessary regulations which are hurting businesses. I think I made this clear in my introduction.





What we are proposing is not helping the Kremlin, it is helping our economy to withstand the pressure of Russia.

Julius Lajtha (JUNOS): I don't think this is how we should interpret this. The EU is not complete without a complete internal market and without a strong trade agreement. We should be able to continue with free trade agreements, especially in terms of competitiveness and consolidating the single market.

Vote on Amendment 129: X

Yes - 74

No - 86

Abstain - 27

Amendment 129 is not carried by the Congress.

Amendment 102:

Amendment 102 received a positive recommendation from the Working Group. Julis wishes to reopen it.

Nemir Ali (Julis): This part of the resolution is about 1. cutting the cost of bureaucratic laws and 2. to implement the 'one-in-two-out' principle. This means that if you adopt a new law that results in bureaucracy, you remove two old ones, thus reducing the overall bureaucratic cost. Furthermore, 3. we all have great ideas sometimes, but sometimes these ideas result in bureaucracy. Therefore, it would be important to assess bureaucratic costs that come with a piece of legislation, before we adopt it. That is why we propose for the European Commission to always present an assessment of costs linked to a specific law, before its adoption. Therefore, I would suggest not to adopt the amendment.

Magnus Rabben Wessmann (NUV): I ask you to vote in favour. The goal of cutting bureaucracy by at least 50% is quite extreme. We agree that we should reduce the cost of bureaucracy, but it should be done in a responsible way. Setting such a percentage is not contributing to that. Please vote in favour.

Maarten Lemstra (JD): I will continue on the point made earlier: 50% percent of the cost of bureaucracy will seriously hamper the ability of the EU to project power on the world stage. 50% is a very large figure. I understand where you were coming from while writing this, of course we want to make sure we are not spending too much on bureaucracy, but 50% is a very large figure, and it is also





unclear how you want to achieve that. Do you want to cut civil servants' salaries? As a last point, there is already an impact assessment in place, and a great amount of reports about the potential costs of certain laws.

Silvia Fernandez (IMS Delegate): As a clarification, the main issue for us is the 'one-in-two-out' principle. We find it a bit abusive, but at the same time cutting bureaucracy to that level would actually be negative and would impact small businesses as well.

Vote on Amendment 102: ✓

Yes - 136

No - 49

Abstain - 3

The amendment is carried by the Congress.

Amendments 130, 132, 91, 92

These amendments received a positive recommendation from the Working Group. No one reopens them. They are carried by the Congress.

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Roll call

Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General) performs the roll call with Chiara Liguori (LYMEC Project Manager) and Julia Cieślikowska (Secretary). 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 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:

	Full Members	Votes	Roll Call 4 - After lunch
Austria	JUNOS - Junge Liberale NEOS	5	5
Belgium	Jongliberalen (Jong VLD)	5	5
Belgium	Jeunes MR	8	8
Belgium	Fédération des étudiants libéraux (FEL)	3	3
Bosnia/Herzegovina	Youth Forum of Naša stranka	3	3
Bulgaria	YMRF	10	10
Catalonia	Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya (JNC)	6	6
Croatia	HNS youth - Croatian Peoples Party - HNS	3	3
Cyprus	NEODEPA	3	3
Denmark	Radikal Ungdom	4	4
Denmark	Venstres Ungdom	5	5
Estonia	Estonian Reform Party Youth	6	6
Estonia	Estonian Center Party Youth	5	0
Finland	Svensk Ungdom / RKP-nuoret	6	6
Finland	Suomen Keskustanuoret ry (Finnish Centre Youth)	5	5
Finland	Keskustaopiskelijat (Finnish Centre Students) KOL	3	3
Germany	Junge Liberale (JuLis)	10	10
Germany	Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen (LHG)	5	5
Hungary	TizenX	3	3
Iceland	Uppreisn	4	4
Ireland	Ógra Fianna Fáil	8	8
Latvia	Attīstībai Youth	3	3
Latvia	For! Youth	3	3
Lithuania	Lithuanian liberal youth (LLJ)	6	6
Luxembourg	JDL - Jonk Demokraten Luxembourg	3	3
The Netherlands	Jonge Democraten NL	6	6
The Netherlands	JOVD - Jongerenorganisatie Vrijheid en Democratie	6	6
Northern Ireland	Alliance Youth (AY)	3	3
Norway	Unge Venstre	4	4
Poland	Nowoczesna Youth	3	3
Republic of North Macedonia	Liberal Democratic Youth (Lidem)	3	3
Romania	USR Tineret	5	5
Russia	Vesna Democratic Youth Movement	3	3
Slovakia	Mladé Progresívne Slovensko - Young Progressive	3	3
Slovenia	Gibanje Svoboda Mladi	3	3
Sweden	Centerstudenter	4	4
Sweden	Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund- Centre Party Youth (CUF)	5	5
Sweden	Liberal Youth of Sweden (LUF)	5	5
Switzerland	Jungfreisinnige Schweiz (JFS)	7	7
Switzerland	Young Green Liberals Switzerland	6	6
Ukraine	ZeMolodizhka (ZM)	7	7
Ukraine	European Youth of Ukraine (EYU)	3	3
Ukraine	Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine	3	0
United Kingdom	Young Liberals UK	6	6
IMS	Adam Volf	1	1
IMS	Silvia Fernandez	2	2

	TOTAL	213	205
Simple majority of those present	10	6.5	102.5
Two thirds of present		142	136.6666667

Simple majority of those present without abstentions

1/3 = 75





There were 205 votes present at the Congress V

The following Member Organisations were not present:

- **Estonian Center Party Youth**
- **Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine**

The results of the LYMEC Delegation to the ALDE Party Congress 2025 are announced and shown to Congress (available above at point 15).

Alexandre Servais (LYMEC Vice-President): Congratulations to all, please reach out to Sorcha Ni Chonghaile (LYMEC Policy Officer - ONLINE) to set up a first meeting on November 21 at 19h00 CET. Thank you.

18. Resolutions

- > Resolution 2: Cutting the Red Tape: Unleashing Europe's Economic Engine
- Amendment 103

Amendment 103 received a positive recommendation from the Working Group.

Ellinor Juth (Chair): We restart from where we left off. We can have from now on 2 speakers in favour and 2 against each amendment.

Nemir Ali (Julis): Everybody agrees we should get rid of excessive regulations, but when you point out a certain regulation, someone says: "Not this, this is important". But still, we want to be concrete, and we have here 3 concrete proposals to abolish excessive regulations. First, on the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD). We have an Emission Trading System, which guarantees that Europe will become climate-neutral by 2050, which is great. We liberals care about it, but why do





we need extra paperwork that companies should fulfil? In Germany alone, this translates into a cost of 1.4 Billion per year, from which consultants will profit. Second, the European Due Diligence Directive. Here, I could mention Ethiopian Coffee again. But If we aren't investing in Africa anymore because these companies are fearing that they cannot complete these papers, who will - China? Do you think they care about human rights or the environment? Third, the Deforestation Regulation. Once it popped up, Brazil said: "We need to renegotiate Mercosur. So, if you want the Mercosur free trade agreement, we need to get rid of the Deforestation Regulation".

Leonardo Holberg (RU): This part of the motion does not present any alternatives. First, the CSRD makes it possible to stop greenwashing from certain firms. It makes it possible to have trustworthy and reliable green capital funds. I think this would be very difficult to achieve without these layers of bureaucracy, but this part of the motion does not present any alternatives to that. Second, the Deforestation directive is very strong, probably the strongest in the world on the topic. These are both environment-related directives, not climate-related. Think about it - do you want to be a youth organisation that supports removing two major parts of the EU Green Policy?

Silvia Fernandez (IMS Delegate): I'll speak in favour. I am baffled that we are discussing this now. I remember we were in favour of the EU Green Deal, and these directives focus on promoting sustainability, and protecting the environment and human rights, which I think we are also in favour of. I urge you to vote in favour of this amendment.

Calvin Nixon (Julis): It is well-intentioned that the EU has these directives, but what do they do in the end? They are not successful in doing any good outside of Europe. I challenge you to go to India, the Philippines, Japan, South Korea, and Indonesia. Go there and tell factory owners or SMEs they should obey these EU laws when they are hurting their economies and are keeping their countries down. Some people in these countries argue these directives are a form of neocolonialism. You can judge yourself if that's the case, but put yourself in the shoes of these people, and tell them what they should do with their forests - they will disagree.

Vote on Amendment 103

Yes - 143

No - 42

Abstain - 20

Amendment 103 is carried by the Congress.





❖ Amendment 115 X

Amendment 115 is withdrawn by the mover.

❖ Amendment 116 X

Amendment 116 is withdrawn by the mover.

❖ Amendment 104

Amd 104 has a positive recommendation by the Working Group. Julis wishes to reopen it.

Calvin Nixon (Julis): Regarding this directive (Plastic Tax): just a couple of weeks ago, the EU Court of Auditors published a report which stated it was failing on multiple fronts, that Member States were failing, that the Commission was failing. This Directive has structural flaws that stopped it from actually reducing plastic waste in Europe and globally. This Directive is morally on higher ground but does not work in practice. We should not "ride that horse". The plastics directive is a dead horse, we should rather find new ways to deal with plastic waste.

Maarten Lemstra (JD): Two points from my side. As a first point, there will always be issues, but we can address them. This is the point of the EU Court of Auditors: they report on legislation so that we can improve them. This Directive is fighting a big scourge right now, which is helping to clean our environment. As a last point, you might notice that this is an old resource of the EU. This means that this money is going straight into the EU budget. In other words, the EU Institutions don't need to ask for more money from EU Member States, allowing the EU to do more things for its citizens. We are pro-europeans, we want to have strong legislation, and this resource allows that. Cutting it will make the EU less strong.

Rowan Fitton (YL): I am speaking in favour of the amendment. Largely, if we talk about plastics or climate change, the real action we need to take is working alongside our markets and businesses,





encouraging them to take on more sustainable practices. This is exactly what this piece of legislation does. It encourages innovation in alternative packaging. If you talk about policy being good-intentioned, rather than doing the hard work of fixing the legislation, that is not good policy making, it's lazy policymaking. If you want to take the ball of action, this is what we need: we need these kinds of regulations that apply to everybody.

Vote on Amendment 104: 🔽

Yes - 141

No - 37

Abstain - 14

The amendment is carried by the Congress.

❖ Amendment 125 X

Withdrawn by the mover

❖ Amendment 114 X

Withdrawn by the mover

❖ Amendment 106

Positive recommendation from the working group. No one reopens the amendment. It is carried by the Congress.

Amendment 98

Positive recommendation from the working group. No one reopens the amendment. It is carried by the Congress.





❖ Amendment 131

Amendment 131 has a positive recommendation from the Working Group. Julis wishes to reopen it.

Nemir Ali (Julis): We had one major trade deal with New Zealand. We are negotiating with more states now, but the problem is we are not getting ahead. And it's because of us. We have such high standards for free trade agreements, because of things that are not directly related to trade, such as high social or environmental standards. In principle, this is good. But when these standards are preventing us from getting an agreement, we need to think about what our priorities are. Is our priority a trade agreement with India, Australia, and Argentina, or do we want them to trade with China? Do we want to be further dependent on China? If we don't want that, we must make compromises. I am not saying that we should not care about social or environmental standards, I am saying that we need to set a clear priority. First, we want to reach a free trade agreement, and if we can, we achieve environmental or social standards. The standards are important but if it prevents us from reaching an agreement, let's persevere with the agreement.

Friso Van Gruijthuijsen (JOVD): We are against this amendment, not because we don't care about the environment or social issues. Sometimes we liberals are too caring about these issues and do not reach any concrete results. We need to be realistic and, if we aren't, then we won't achieve anything, no free trade nor geopolitical aims. Use your conscience and vote against this amendment.

Rowan Fitton (YL): I am speaking in favour of the amendment. To echo what **Silvia Fernandez (IMS Delegate)** said, I cannot believe we are having this discussion. A free and fair market is where everybody plays by the same rules. So why are we going into free trade agreements without understanding that we will hamstring our European businesses, that we will put them at a disadvantage by agreeing with countries that have not given a second thought about workers' rights? I am not giving a second thought about social issues, I am not giving a second thought about the future of this planet. Not only is it a bad policy that affects our rights, but also bad economics. It puts EU business at a disadvantage in global markets by agreeing with unfair, improper and unethical market practices. If you believe your rights are not for sale, vote in favour.

Maarten Lemstra (JD): Trade policy is so important and the EU has exclusive competence on the EU level to have these powerful trade deals. Past trade deals show how much influence we can have and





how much has been achieved, not just to enable free trade, but also on social and environmental issues. These are EU interests we are projecting on the world stage through these trade deals. If we say in advance that such a result is unattainable, we give our opponents the incentive to not care about social or environmental issues. This is a bad negotiation if we don't even bother discussing that. What if the Ethiopian Coffee plantation used slavery? We want to use our EU power on a global stage to fight against it. We, as the liberal youth, have a role to stand in defence of all the tools the EU has at its disposal and not directly give up on them just because we want to make a couple of bucks over these very important EU values, that we should not put up for sale.

Vote on amendment 131: V

Yes - 114

No - 62

Abstain - 8

The amendment is carried by the Congress.

❖ Amendment 96 X

The amendment has no recommendation from the working group. The amendment is withdrawn by the mover.

Ellinor Juth (Chair): As there are no more amendments for this resolution, we move on to the discussion on the resolution as a whole as amended. The speaking time will be limited to 1 minute per speaker.

Edvin Martenson (LUF): All of you can agree that there is too much bureaucracy for European businesses. But this resolution missed the point entirely. Even though some of the worst points have been removed through the amendments, it still goes in the wrong direction. The more rational way would be to replace 27 national legislation with one single EU-wide legislation. An example of this is many of the laws we have discussed, such as the CSRD. Another example would be *europeanising* Competition Law, allowing for EU giants to emerge in our markets. Vote against this resolution.



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Rowan Fitton (YL): What happened after Clinton? Several market crashes, deregulations of big banks, and market failures, led to housing crashes. This is where we are at because of treating legislation like it is a binary issue: black or white, one or zero, yes or no. But it is a complex issue we should constantly examine. Why are we giving up on the future of Europe's economy? Vote against this

Nemir Ali (Julis): I'm a bit confused about the fact that you think everything in this resolution is about bureaucracy, but it's about several things. Bureaucracy, finalising the internal market, and finalising capital market union to have more capital to invest in EU start-ups. We want EU regulations that are the same in all member states so that all businesses have the same regulations to follow whoever they are trading with. And of course free trade - are you against it?

Friso Van Gruijthuijsen (JOVD): The EU is drowning in its own righteousness. It's time to address the reality: Italy has a smaller GDP than Mississippi - the poorest USA state. It's time to start thinking about economic growth again. If we drown in our own righteousness, we can have all the morals in the world, but we will have nothing to spend them upon. The regulation has improved a lot through the amendments and we wholly support it.

Huub Hoven (JL): The financial crisis is a cycle: no matter how you run your economy, it's a fact of life. Is Clinton being the reason for the recession? This is too simple of a concept. It will always go wrong at some point. I just wanted to clarify that.

Fabian Grepper (JFS): Europe is falling behind. It is important to keep the soft power and the economic weight of the EU. We cannot keep this weight if we are falling behind at a rapid speed. This resolution is not perfect, but it is a statement towards getting things done and getting our economic power back. We can make progress with a functioning economy and social welfare.

Vote on Resolution 2: V

Yes - 110

No - 86

Abstain- 6

Resolution 2 is carried by the Congress.





> Resolution 3: A silent Tsunami - Battling multiresistant bacteria

Ellinor Juth (Chair) invites the mover to present the resolution.

Evelina Damert (CS): Thank you for the support so far. This resolution is about an important global issue, which is multi-resistant bacteria. This is something that affects all of us, regardless of age, sex gender and so on. Please vote in favour of this resolution.

❖ Amendment 22

Amendment 22 is carried by the mover.

❖ Amendment 6 X

Amendment 6 is withdrawn by the mover

❖ Amendment 7 X

Amendment 7 is farthest reaching and has a negative recommendation from the Working Group. Julis wishes to reopen it.

Nemir Ali (Julis): When I discussed the resolution on bureaucracy, many of you pointed out that we should await the effects of bureaucracy. Here I suggest doing the same. Since 2022, we have had an EU regulation that regulates antibiotics in farming. Before adopting new legislation, let's make sure whether it exists or not.

Jannis Sudergat (CS): If you look at data and how many resistant bacteria there are, what you find in Sweden is 70%, while in Spain and Portugal, it is close to zero. There are differences among countries based on how many antibiotics countries use. Sometimes solutions are simple, we just need to be stricter in this specific case. This is the content of this amendment.





Tommy Monahan (Alliance Youth): It is evident that this solution is not working as we continue to have this issue despite regulations on the matter. Please vote against it.

Fabian Grepper (JFS) denied speaking rights; already two speakers spoke against the amendment.

Vote on Amendment 7: X
Yes - 47
No - 147
Abstain- 3

Amendment 7 is not carried by the Congress.

❖ Amendment 21

Amendment 21 is accepted by the mover.

❖ Amendment 8 X

Amendment 8 received a negative recommendation from the Working Group.

❖ Amendment 128

Amendment 128 received a positive recommendation from the Working Group.

Ellinor Juth (Chair) proceeds to the discussion on the resolution as a whole as amended. No one speaks. We proceed to a vote on the resolution as amended as a whole

Vote on Resolution 3 as amended as a whole: V

Yes - 167

No - 12





Abstain - 8

Resolution 3 is carried by the Congress.

Resolution 4: Preparing for a Trump Presidency: liberal, rules based order under threat

Ellinor Juth (Chair) invites the mover of the resolution to take the floor.

Maarten Lemstra (JD): I think you have all seen the results of the Trump election. None of the guardrails present at his previous elections are there anymore. We are talking about someone who pulled back from the Paris agreement, who said would solve the conflict in Ukraine in one day. It is urgent to prepare for this with our European allies. Vote for this and defend EU strategic autonomy.

Amendments 149, 150, 151, 153, 154, 155, 142

Amendments 149, 150, 151, 153, 154, 155, 142 are accepted by the mover.

❖ Amendment 148

Stephen Slager (JUNOS): We want to make this resolution as correct as possible. Trump has already won the US elections, whether you like it or not, and has a majority in both chambers of Congress. This amendment is only reflecting reality.

Maarten Lemstra (JOVD): The initial language you are proposing to cut is not official. It only becomes official when certified by all the electors in all the states, which has not happened yet. Even though I agree with you and I understand the sentiment, we would like to be technically correct.

Vote on Amendment 148 🔽

Yes- 96

No- 79

Abstain- 3

Amendment 148 is carried by the Congress.



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Amendment 159

Felix Barenthien (LHG): Last week, at my university, we held a symposium where we heard about Eutelsat, the biggest Satellite provider in the EU. Telecommunication and warfare, for example, depend on Eutelsat to a certain extent. The problem is that Eutelsat needs SpaceX technology for each launch. All the launches since the Ukraine invasion have been performed through SpaceX. I would recommend you all to vote in favour of this amendment.

Maarten Lemstra (JD): It is up to you. We do not have any judgments about this amendment.

Vote on Amendment 159: 🔽

Yes - 99

No - 58

Abstain - 27

Amendment 15 is carried by the Congress.

Amendment 152 X

Stephen Slager (JUNOS): I think it is clear that the US will remain an important and close partner of the EU. We want to make clear that even if its leader has views that don't match ours, we still need to keep cooperation with them as partners and not break ties.

Amanda Fagerstrorm (AYNI): This amendment goes below 'believing that'. I find it hard to believe that the US is fundamentally democratic. Can we stop this wishful thinking and have a realistic resolution?

Maarten Lemstra (JD): I would like the US to be fundamentally democratic, but backsliding is possible. It IS developing a personality cult around Trump and its family.

Calvin Nixon (Julis): The US, regardless of who's sitting in the white house, is a fundamentally democratic country. There are mayors, councils, chambers, senate... don't get this wrong. It also remains our natural partner, regardless of Trump. It is our NATO ally, it is our closest economic partner. Settle with it. This is factually right. One last point: don't make the mistake of writing this resolution as if we were talking about China, Iran or North Korea. Vote in favour of this.

Vote on Amendment 152: X



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Yes - 69

No - 80

Abstain - 16

Amendment 152 is not carried by the Congress.

❖ Amendment 140

Mats Maretzke (Julis): I hope you can share this wording. We are hereby laying the foundation for the "calls for" part in the end. We want to emphasise transatlantic cooperation, not only in view of the current situation in the US, but also in 4 years' time after Trump. I think we all agree on the fact that we want to have a good transatlantic partnership. And to be able to keep that, we have to work on it starting from now, hoping that someone better than Trump will go to the White House in 4 years.

Maarten Lemstra (JD): My problem is the wording 'transcend whoever is sitting', but the fact is that Trump is there and we know that, it gives a different interpretation of liberal values whether Trump is there or not. I am a bit concerned there. My second point is about the next elections in 4 years' time. I agree, if someone better than Trump will sit in the White House, I will be the first one in that case to call for very close transatlantic ties. But I am not sure this is the case now.

Marius Gobet (YGL): I agree, it is important to have a good relationship with the US. But who is sitting in the White House influences the relations that the US will have with the EU. I think we should not fill ourselves with mechanical truths on these resolutions. Vote against this amendment.

Mats Maretzke (Julis): It's not only about the president, it is also about the people. We have allies sitting there from truly democratic organisations. It is about the legal system in the US. Although Trump has a lot of power, there are mechanisms and processes in place. If we don't work on the transatlantic partnership in the next four years, we will risk losing it completely. Please vote in favour.

Vote on Amendment 140: 🔽



Yes - 95

No - 67

Abstain - 14

Amendment 140 is carried by the Congress.





❖ Amendment 157

Felix Barenthien (LHG): My amendment was initially longer but it was cut in two. Many terrorist attacks in the past were prevented by our cooperation with the US. The US has been a reliable partner in intelligence for a long time helping the EU deter many threats. Trump wants to defund his 3-letter agencies and cooperation may shrink under his administration. Thus, we must prepare and hedge for this and build a resilient Network of Intelligence on our own.

Vote on Amendment 157: 🔽

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Yes - 160

No - 5

Abstain - 16

Amendment 157 was carried by the Congress.

❖ Amendment 156

Felix Barenthien (LHG): To clarify, we aren't crossing out any part, we are just adding. The US is a federal country, states have power regardless of the federal government. In the case that EU-US relations decrease on a federal level, we must work with sub-federal US entities more. Little towns or cities, some States, can create cooperation and initiatives with the EU. Please vote for this to keep cooperation on sub-federal levels.

Maarten Lemstra (JD): The only thing I would note is that it is a federal competence to have diplomatic relationships. I am not entirely sure if what you say is something we can actually do.

Rowan Fitton (YL): I do appreciate the intention, but I think there is a danger here. There is a law in the US about foreign agents and people not affiliated with the federal government conducting foreign policy being prosecuted. I fear that, if we were to communicate with other national legislatures, it would open the door for the Trump administration using this as an excuse to crack down on political opponents if they were democratic legislatures. I agree with the premise, but I think on balance between benefits for the EU and risks for political prosecution, it is wise to vote against this amendment.

Felix Barenthien (LHG): This wouldn't be bypassing any diplomatic laws. This is something like cooperation between two countries. We need to see more of this, regardless of what happens in federal governments. I do think it is very possible and I pledge to vote in favour.





Vote on Amendment 156 🔽

Yes - 109

No - 36

Abstain - 34

Amendment 156 was carried by the Congress.

❖ Amendment 141

Calvin Nixon (JuLis): This amendment is consequential for EU to work together with the US to act against totalitarianism at the global stage.



Point of Order

Friso (JOVD): Point of Order to reduce the two speakers' discussion on amendments to one speaker for and one speaker against for each amendment to save time and avoid repetitions.

Ellinor Juth (Chair): The Chairs accept the point of order for one speaker in favour and one speaker against for each amendment.

Vote on Amendment 141: 🔽

Yes - 118

No - 66

Abstain - 4

Amendment 141 is carried by the Congress

❖ Amendment 158

Ellinor Juth (Chair): The second part to the previous amendment just passed, so we vote directly.

Vote on Amendment 158 ✓

Yes - 176

No - 6

Abstain - 6





Amendment 158 is carried by the Congress.

❖ Amendment 160

Felix Barenthien (LHG): Earlier on, I talked about two points in the "considering that" part of the resolution. This amendment is instead in the "calls for". It is about the fact that the EU should hedge against geopolitical issues with the threat of SpaceX becoming bigger and bigger.

Vote on Amendment 160: V

Yes- 146

No- 7

Abstain-22

Amendment 160 is carried by the Congress.

Ellinor Juth (Chair): As there are no more amendments for this resolution, we move on to the discussion on the resolution as a whole as amended. The speaking time will be limited to 1 minute per speaker.

Maarten Lemstra (JD): I think we all agree this resolution is very urgent, we have to move fast to prepare for the Trump Presidency. We have to be masters of our own faith and this resolution helps up prepare and esure the EU's strategic autonomy.

Vote on Resolution 4: 🔽

Yes- 171

No- 8

Abstain-6

Resolution 4 is adopted by the Congress.

> Resolution 5: Houses for the Future: Addressing the EU Housing Crisis





Ellinor Juth (Chair): The movers of the resolution can take the floor to present it.

Silvia Fernandez (IMS): This resolution couldn't be here without the help of the Working Group on the Cost of Living Crisis, which was set up in response to this very topic. This resolution is not meant to be a one-size-fits-all resolution, it is instead meant to serve as a comprehensive and holistic approach to a multifaceted crisis, which affects multiple Member States.

Amendments 25, 26, 27, 137, 41, 42

Amendments 25, 26, 27, 137, 41, 42 are accepted by the mover.

❖ Amendment 136 X

Amendment 136 is withdrawn by the mover.

Ellinor Juth (Chair): We now have Amendments 28, 40 and 136 on the same paragraph, but Amendment 136 has been withdrawn. Amendment 40 is the furthest reaching and received a positive recommendation from the Working Group, which means that Amendment 28 falls, even if it received two Amendments to Amendment. We move to Amendment 137, which was accepted by the mover. We move to Amendment 39, which received no recommendation from the Working Group.

▲ Point of order

Huub Hoven (JL): There seems to be some confusion because there are several amendments on the same line. Instead of scrapping it, we would like to correct it and make it better.

Ellinor Juth (Chair): The paragraph that you amended is deleted because Amendment 39 passed. Also the two Amendments to Amendment 28 fall, I have already said it.



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Huub Hoven (JL): Yes, but because Amendment 40 was behind those two amendments to amendment, it is confusing to me that they fall. I would like to reopen Amendment 40.

Ellinor Juth (Chair) invites the delegates to speak against or in favour of Amendment 40.

❖ Amendment 40

Huub Hoven (JL): We would like to offer you a better text and a better paragraph, instead of just deleting it.

Ellinor Juth (Chair): As a reminder of the Congress Rules, when an amendment is accepted, it can be that other amendments fall.

Adam Volf (IMS Delegate): I am obviously against this amendment. The paragraph is absolutely fine the way it is. There seems to be confusion that implementing minimum wage or a minimum income of some kind would somehow allow people in the countries that are the most affected by the housing crisis to to get on the property ladder. It won't. This is something that is intended for them to afford their rent. This text does not need any elimination, it is absolutely fine the way it is. I don't understand why anyone would oppose this.

♠ Point of order

Nemir Ali (Julis): I suggest to vote on Amendment 28 first, because it is farther reaching. Amendment 40 wants to delete something; Amendment 28 wants to replace it.

Ellinor Juth (Chair): Deleting is farther reaching.

Nemir Ali (Julis): In the original text, minimum wages are proposed. The Amendment 40 of Julis wants to delete it, and, from a policy point of view, Amendment 28 is going even farther, because it want to ban it. Hence, I would suggest voting Amendment 28 first.



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Ellinor Juth (Chair): This is a policy consideration and not a technical matter. We will vote on Amendment 40. If it passes, we will not discuss amendment to amendment 28 and amendment 28. If it falls, we open the amendments to amendment 28 and amendment 28.

Vote on Amendment 40: 🔽



Yes - 100

No - 44

Abstain - 25

Amendment 40 is carried by the Congress. This result means that Amdendment 28 and its two Amendments to Amdendment 28(a) and 28(b) are falling.

Amendment 137

Amendment 137 is carried by the Congress as no one speaks not in favour nor against. It received no recommendations from the Working Group.

❖ Amendment 139

Fabian Grepper (JFS): Introducing tax credits. What is the idea behind? We want to boost building large scale real estate. By granting tax credit, you give the opportunity to companies which are building low price housing to get a tax reduction. Therefore we would gladly recommend you to accept. This amendment is farther reaching, but it is not undermining the original text.

Vote on Amendment 139: 🔽



Yes - 109

No - 53

Abstain - 8

Amd 139 is carried by the Congress

❖ Amendment 39





Mats Maretzke (Julis): In many bigger cities, it is becoming a problem for the middle class, not only for people struggling, to deal with rising housing prices.

Vote on Amendment 39: 🔽

Yes - 109

No - 48

Abstain - 11

Amendment 39 is carried by the Congress.

❖ Amendment 138

Fabian Grepper (JFS): This amendment is quite self explanatory. We have many regulations, for example ridiculous regulations on the amount of powerhouses a kitchen should have. This leads to higher cost of housing. Please accept this amendment.

Vote on Amendment 138 🔽

Yes - 105

No - 41

Abstain - 16

Amendment 138 is carried by the Congress.

Amendment 29

Amendment 29 received no recommendation from the Working Group.

Huub Hoven (JL): It might sound radical by saying that we should ban rental caps instead of just discouraging it, but in this case economists agree that there will be terrible consequences to rental caps. I have a list of ivy league professors who criticise and mock the concept. We should not yield to any type of populist nonsense.

Vote on Amendment 29



Yes - 121

No - 33





Abstain - 19

Amendment 29 is carried by the Congress.

❖ Amendment 30 X

Huub Hoven (JL): I live in Belgium, just across the border with The Netherlands, and what you can see in my village is that a lot of dutch people have moved to Belgium because the hosing price is cheaper. This implies an essential freedom of the EU, we should protect it. However, it is quite unfortunate that bad housing policy in the Netherlands has forced so many people to move, not because it is a better place, but because it is cheaper.

Nemir Ali (Julis): It's very unfortunate because for once I don't like your amendment. As much as I understand your wish to have better housing regulations in The Netherlands, striving for the complete unification of the EU housing market might end up with the worst of the worst case scenarios.

Vote on Amendment 30X

Yes - 65

No -99

Abstain -9

Amd 30 is not carried by the Congress

❖ Amendment to Amendment 31

Huub Hoven (JL): It is up to debate, but we should encourage good housing policy and good zoning as opposed to strict zoning. Strict zoning policy has led to bad effects in the USA. It is basically a new form of red lining. It gets in the way of liquidity in the housing market, which we desperately need.

Vote on Amendment to Amendment 31

Yes - 103

No - 38

Abstain - 36

Amendment to Amendment 31 is accepted.





❖ Amendment 31 X

Amendment 31 falls, as Amendment to Amendment 31 is accepted.

❖ Amendment 43 X

Amendment 43 received no recommendation from the Working Group.

Nemir Ali (Julis): We already decided to abolish some regulations that made housing more expensive, once again I propose yet another directive that we should abolish. It is a directive that sets EU-wide environmental standards for housing. It includes regulation on how many places for bicycles you can have in buildings of a certain size. I don't want to unforce this Union-wide.

Silvia Fernandez (IMS Delegate): I would encourage voting against the amendment. This Directive also aims to improve the energy system and overall energetic performance of buildings. Why would we be against this if it is in line with the EU Green Deal?

Vote on Amendment 43: X

Yes- 64

No- 111

Against: 10

Amendment 43 is not carried by the Congress.

Ellinor Juth (Chair): As there are no more amendments for this resolution, we move on to the discussion on the resolution as a whole as amended. The speaking time will be limited to 1 minute per speaker. No one is taking the floor, we can proceed to a vote on the resolution as amended as a whole.

Vote on Resolution 5 as amended as a whole: V

Yes- 145

No- 20

Abstain: 14

Resolution 5 is carried by the Congress.





----COFFEE BREAK----

Roll call

Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General) performs the roll call with Chiara Liguori (LYMEC Project Manager) and Julia Cieślikowska (Secretary). 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 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:





	Full Members	Votes Roll C	all 5 - after last break
Austria	JUNOS - Junge Liberale NEOS	5	5
Belgium	Jongliberalen (Jong VLD)	5	5
Belgium	Jeunes MR	8	8
Belgium	Fédération des étudiants libéraux (FEL)	3	3
Bosnia/Herzegovina	Youth Forum of Naša stranka	3	3
Bulgaria	YMRF	10	10
Catalonia	Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya (JNC)	6	6
Croatia	HNS youth - Croatian Peoples Party - HNS	3	3
Cyprus	NEODEPA	3	3
Denmark	Radikal Ungdom	4	4
Denmark	Venstres Ungdom	5	5
Estonia	Estonian Reform Party Youth	6	6
Estonia	Estonian Center Party Youth	5	0
Finland	Svensk Ungdom / RKP-nuoret	6	6
Finland	Suomen Keskustanuoret ry (Finnish Centre Youth)	5	5
Finland	Keskustaopiskelijat (Finnish Centre Students) KOL	3	3
Germany	Junge Liberale (JuLis)	10	10
Germany	Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen (LHG)	5	5
· ·	TizenX	3	3
Hungary	Uppreisn	4	4
Ireland	Ógra Fianna Fáil	8	8
Latvia	Attīstībai Youth	3	3
Latvia	For! Youth	3	3
		6	6
Lithuania Luxembourg	Lithuanian liberal youth (LLJ)	3	3
ŭ	JDL - Jonk Demokraten Luxembourg	6	6
The Netherlands	Jonge Democraten NL	6	
The Netherlands Northern Ireland	JOVD - Jongerenorganisatie Vrijheid en Democratie	3	6
	Alliance Youth (AY)	4	4
Norway	Unge Venstre	3	
Poland	Nowoczesna Youth	3	3
Republic of North Macedonia	Liberal Democratic Youth (Lidem)	5 5	3
Romania	USR Tineret	_	5
Russia	Vesna Democratic Youth Movement	3	3
Slovakia	Mladé Progresívne Slovensko - Young Progressive	3	3
Slovenia	Gibanje Svoboda Mladi	3	3
Sweden	Centerstudenter	4	4
Sweden	Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund- Centre Party Youth (CUF)	5	5
Sweden	Liberal Youth of Sweden (LUF)	5 -	5
Switzerland	Jungfreisinnige Schweiz (JFS)	7	7
Switzerland	Young Green Liberals Switzerland	6	6
Ukraine	ZeMolodizhka (ZM)	7	7
Ukraine	European Youth of Ukraine (EYU)	3	3
Ukraine	Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine	3	0
United Kingdom	Young Liberals UK	6	6
IMS	Adam Volf	1	1
IMS	Silvia Fernandez	2	2

	TOTAL 213	205
Simple majority of those present	106.5	102.5
Two thirds of present	142	136.6666667

Simple majority of those present without abstentions

1/3 = 75



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There were 205 votes present at the Congress V



The following Member Organisations were not present:

- **Estonian Centre Party Youth**
- **Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine**

18. Resolutions

> Resolution 6: Catching Up the Productivity Gap: Make the European Economy **Great Again**

Magnus Rabben (NUV): The background of this resolution is the Draghi report, a warning sign for the European economy addressing European competitiveness. Increasing productivity and competitiveness is not only good for the environment and prosperity of Europe, but also for security issues in the current geopolitical situation. Our economy cannot depend on authoritarian regimes like Russia or China. At the same time, the US is becoming more and more unpredictable. It is important LYMEC takes a stance on the Draghi report. I hope you will support this resolution.

Amendments 9, 17, 18, 10

Amendments 9, 17, 18, 10 received a positive recommendation from the Working Group and are carried by the Congress.

❖ Amendment 11 X

Amendment 11 received no recommendation from the Working Group.

Nemir Ali (Julis): We have two points for this amendment. The first is cutting up on industrial policy, because this is mostly used to describe the fact that the state taking out massive subsidies to fund certain companies, while neglecting all the rest. We don't want this. We want a strong economy. The second point is, yes, we want more investment, but we need private investment





Rowan Fitton (YL): Two words - *Keynesian Economics*. Back at the start of the last century, if you wanted to have strong economies, when it's lacking, you need the State to take an active role and do the job. This idea is the framework for the new deal, for the plan that recovered America from the great depression. If we want to have a competitive Europe, we need this concentration and ideas. Please b oppose this amendment.

Vote on Amendment 11X

Yes - 66

No - 70

Abstain - 35

Amendment 11 is not carried by the Congress.

❖ Amendment 12 X

Amendment 12 received a negative recommendation from the Working Group. No one reopens it. The amendment is not carried by the Congress.

♦ Amendment 71 X

Amendment 71 received no recommendation from the Working Group.

Rowan Fitton (YL): Please support this amendment to show that we look at our Merger laws and at our regulations, and we strive to take a sensible approach, but we also want to ensure that no one company, or no two or three companies, can decide on the price of food, price of housing, or any other price it takes to live.

Magnus Rabben Wessmann (NUV): I would like you to vote against, because this point only says we should get more knowledge about the potential negative consequences of Merger laws, it doesn't say that we should remove all of them. We should look at how that could be changed to get more competitive companies.

Vote on Amendment 71 X

Yes - 67

No - 85

Abstain - 17





Amendment 71 is not carried by the Congress.

Amendment 13

Amendment 13 received a negative recommendation from the Working Group. No one reopens it. The amendment is not carried by the Congress.

❖ Amendment 119

Amendment 119 received a positive recommendation from the Working Group and was accepted by the mover. No one reopens it. The amendment is carried by the Congress.

❖ Amendment 14 X

Amendment 14 received a negative recommendation from the Working Group. No one reopens it. The amendment is not carried by the Congress.

❖ Amendment 15 X

Amendment 15 received a negative recommendation from the Working Group. Julis wishes to reopen it.

Mats Maretzke (JuLis): We talked about industrial policies but we are also naming here clean technologies and electric vehicles. I strongly disagree that we should be in favour of states subsidising certain technologies because the state itself thinks "this is the preferable technology", but it is the consumer to decide which technology they prefer. Especially with electric vehicles, we also have fuels and hydrogen vehicles as options. Let the people decide what they prefer.

Maarten Lemstra (JD): It is important to have clean technologies and electric vehicles. This is how Europe will make its money in the next decades. This is where we need to have common EU-level policies for this type of industry. This is actually what this industry wants: clear guidance, clear laws and regulatory frameworks to prepare to be competitive, especially towards the US and China. Don't accept this amendment.





Vote on Amendment 15X

Yes - 54

No - 118

Abstain - 13

Amendment 15 was not carried by the Congress.

❖ Amendment 16

Amendment 16 received a positive recommendation from the Working Group and was accepted by the mover. No one reopens it. The amendment is carried by the Congress.

Ellinor Juth (Chair): As there are no more amendments for this resolution, we move on to the discussion on the resolution as a whole as amended. The speaking time will be limited to 1 minute per speaker. No one is taking the floor, we can proceed to a vote on the resolution as amended as a whole.

Vote on Resolution 6 as amended as a whole: V

Yes - 148

No - 21

Abstain - 13

Resolution 6 is carried by the Congress.

> Resolution 7 - A Pulse for progress: Fishing for the future

Friso van Gruithuisen (JOVD): Dear liberals, you all eat fish, which might be sometimes coming from the seabed or from mediaeval techniques called Heavy Beam Trawl. These chains go over the seabed





and destroy everything is there. After 14 years of not discussing this in LYMEC, we are presenting an innovation that offers a better situation for seabed and fishes.

❖ Amendment 77X

Amendment 77 received no recommendation from the Working Group.

Martin Horny (PS): I see we have some mistakes here. We thought this was equivalent to what you were proposing and didn't receive a recommendation from the Working Group.

Rowan Fitton (YL): I will be speaking against this because of the specific word 'unnecessary". We asked JOVD to change it because there exists a subsidy designed to conserve overfished populations of a specific species of fish. This is achieved by incentivising the fishing of other species, reducing the pressure on the overfished species and allowing it to recover and continue existing in the sea. We are asking to reject this amendment. I know we don't want subsidies, but there are cases where subsidies are essential for conservation practices.

Vote on Amendment 77: X

Yes - 47

No - 75

Abstain - 60

Amendment 77 is not carried by the Congress.

Ellinor Juth (Chair): As there are no more amendments for this resolution, we move on to the discussion on the resolution as a whole as amended. The speaking time will be limited to 1 minute per speaker. No one is taking the floor, we can proceed to a vote on the resolution as amended as a whole.

Vote on Resolution 7 as amended as a whole: V



Yes - 174

No - 6

Abstain - 7

Resolution 7 is carried by the Congress.





> Resolution 8: When women are forced to silence, liberals speak up.

Evelina Dannert (CS): I think this one speaks for itself, but women in Afghanistan almost have no rights and we have to do something about this.

❖ Amendment 105

Amendment 105 received no recommendation from the Working Group.

The mover accepts Amendment 105.

Ellinor Juth (Chair): As there are no more amendments for this resolution, we move on to the discussion on the resolution as a whole as amended. The speaking time will be limited to 1 minute per speaker. No one is taking the floor, we can proceed to a vote on the resolution as amended as a whole.

Vote on Resolution 8 as amended as a whole: V

Yes - 186

No - 8

Abstain - 3

Resolution 8 is carried by the Congress

> Resolution 9: Accelerated pathway for Ukrainian EU membership

Edvin Martenson (LUF): Large part of this resolution is already ALDE and Renew Europe policy. However, this resolution goes further than simply proposing gradual integration through observer status for EU membership applicants. It suggests that once accession negotiations on a specific chapter are concluded, the applicant country should be granted full participation in the policy area





related to that chapter. This means the country would effectively become part of the EU in that specific area even while broader negotiations are still ongoing.

❖ Amendment 135

Amendment 135 received a positive recommendation from the Working Group and was accepted by the mover. No one reopens it. The amendment is carried by the Congress.

Ellinor Juth (Chair): As there are no more amendments for this resolution, we move on to the discussion on the resolution as a whole as amended. The speaking time will be limited to 1 minute per speaker. No one is taking the floor, we can proceed to a vote on the resolution as amended as a whole.

Vote on Resolution 9 as amended as a whole: V

Yes - 156

No - 6

Abstain - 15

Resolution 9 is carried by the Congress.

> Resolution 10: Hands off our Schengen Area

Maarten Tollenaar (JD): We as liberals need to take a stance here as more and more Member States are reintroducing border control. We need to take a stance and stop this. This is against our values.

❖ Amendment 73

Amendment 73 received no recommendation from the Working Group.

Mats Maretzke (Julis): Thank you JD for this resolution because we value the Schengen area and it's important that we fight for it. However, if we have a condition of an open Schengen area, we need to still protect external borders to keep this freedom within.





Maarten Tollenaar (JD): We agree on the content. Yes, we need secure borders externally, but that's not what we are dealing with right now. I think your point does not align with the overall situation. We here just need to state that we cannot do the internal border controls. The law is the law. Please vote against.

Vote on Amendment 73

Yes - 94 No - 84

Abstain - 23

Amd 73 is accepted by the Congress.

Amendment 74 X

Amendment 74 received a positive recommendation from the Working Group. JD wishes to reopen it.

Maarten Tollenaar (JD): This is more of a legal issue. The Schengen Borders Code is not the legal document the European Commission is responsible of when it comes to external borders control. The sentence we are amending is legally incorrect.

Amendment 74 is withdrawn by the mover.

❖ Amendment 133

Julius Lajtha (JUNOS): I would urge you to vote in favour. We have seen in debates in elections that liberals are accused of living in a dream land and not seeing people's concerns. Putting both opening internal borders and guaranteeing freedom of travel, as well as border security and control of migration flaws, would make the resolution more understandable to the public and applicable in the real world.

Maarten Tollenaar (JD): We have a few issues. If it is not understandable, it should not be addressed this way. The reason we listed specific reasons in the original text is because it was in response to the



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reinstatement of border control. This is only making it broader, more general, you can do that for another Congress.

Vote on Amendment 133

Yes - 84

No - 80

Abstain - 16

Amendment 133 is carried by the Congress.

Amendment 75

Ellinor Juth (Chair): This amendment was voted in bullet points at the Working Group, of which some received no recommendations. What the MOs should have done was send in an Amendment to Amendment, but this did not happen. Therefore, we will now vote on the whole amendment.

Calvin Nixon (Julis): As heard during the Working Groups, we in principle agreed on bullet points 1, 2 and 4. What really is at stake is bullet point 3. This basically concerns 4 European microstates -Liechtenstein, Andorra, Vatican and Monaco. These are members of Schengen, they have open borders. We only want to step this up into a policy about them being actual schengen members and to be associated members of the EU.

Maarten Tollenaar (JD): Most of the points demodel the point of theresolution. The resolution is about internal border control. Should this be in a border control resolution? I don't think so. We need to be focused on the actual topic of the resolution.

Vote on Amendment 75: 🔽



Yes-83

No- 68

Abstain-36

Amendment 75 is carried by the Congress.





Ellinor Juth (Chair): As there are no more amendments for this resolution, we move on to the discussion on the resolution as a whole as amended. The speaking time will be limited to 1 minute per speaker. No one is taking the floor, we can proceed to a vote on the resolution as amended as a whole.

Vote on Resolution 10 as amended as a whole: V

Yes - 145

No - 9

Abstain - 15

Resolution 10 is carried by the Congress.

Resolution 11: The case Moldova: Russian meddling in European democracies, time to act

Huub Hoven (JL): Most of us know about the situation in Moldova. It is really impressive because there were 38 million euro put into encouraging voting against the EU Referendum. There were fake pro-european candidates running. We need to stand for the will of the Moldovan people.

Amendments 144, 145, 146

Amendments 144, 145, 146 were accepted by the movers.

❖ Amendment 143 X

Dragos Cernatescu (USR Tineret): It makes more sense to have in our Policy Book an amendment that relates Moldova to the EU.

Fabian Grepper (JFS): We are not entirely against it. We could live with that amendment, but we want to keep the original text because we want to focus specifically on this EU Referendum, and not on the overall topic.

Vote on Amendment 143 X





Yes - 49

No - 116

Abstain - 3

Amendment 143 is not carried by the Congress.

Amendment 147

Dragos Cernatescu (USR Tineret): Whether you think it's realistic or not, this is a goal we should strive to achieve, no matter what you think. It was set by newly re-elected President Maia Sandu.

Fabian Grepper (JFS): It's unrealistic, therefore we would like to skip it.

Vote on Amendment 147 🔽

Yes - 85

No - 58

Abstain - 33

Amd 147 is carried by the congress.

Ellinor Juth (Chair): As there are no more amendments for this resolution, we move on to the discussion on the resolution as a whole as amended. The speaking time will be limited to 1 minute per speaker. No one is taking the floor, we can proceed to a vote on the resolution as amended as a whole.

Vote on Resolution 11 as amended as a whole: V



Yes - 146

No - 8

Abstain - 0

Resolution 11 is carried by the Congress.





> Resolution 12: Resetting the EU-UK Relationship

Rowan Fitton (YL): The relationship between EU and UK is constantly changing. A new problem always seems to come up. Unfortunately, no one listened to us in 2016. In short, this resolution updates our existing policy and shows that the EU and the UK can work together on current challenges, eventually with the UK rejoining the single market and the EU.

Amendments 111, 93, 94, 113

Amd 111, 93, 94 and 113 were carried by the mover.

Amendment to Amendment 32

Rowan Fitton (YL): We had discussed it in the Working Group back and forth. The reason why we are against this is that the proposed wording means that the amendment is asking the UK to consider the value of the EU rejoining the single market. This is impossible. The EU can't join the single market. Form a language point of view, this does not make sense.

Vote on Amendment to Amendment 32 🔽



Yes - 161

No - 3

Abstain - 6

Amendment to Amendment 32 was carried by the Congress, thus Amendment 32 falls.

❖ Amendment 32 X

Amendment 32 falls as a result of Amendment to Amendment 32 being carried by the Congress

Amendment 134

Amendment 134 was carried by the mover.

Amendment 33





Huub Hoven (JL): I think it is really weird to suggest that a non-EU state should have representation in the EU.

Tommy Monahan (AYNI): I am speaking against. We propose some sort of mechanism that we can feedback on the legislation that directly impacts us. We have already accepted an amendment which syas we wouldn't get voting rights, which is understandable. But at the same time, I think it is unfair. It starts to disrupt the peace process in Norther Ireland. Please vote against.

Vote on Amendment 33 🔽

Yes - 65

No - 61

Abstain - 48

Amendment 33 is carried by the Congress

Amendment to Amendment 34

Rowan Fitton (YL): We just included that we are specifying members of ALDE and LYMEC.

Vote on Amendment to Amendment 34 🔽



Yes - 175

No - 3

Abstain - 13

Amd to amd 34 is carried by the Congress thus amd 34 falls.

Amendment 97

Amendment 97 was accepted by the mover.

Ellinor Juth (Chair): As there are no more amendments for this resolution, we move on to the discussion on the resolution as a whole as amended. The speaking time will be limited to 1 minute per speaker. No one is taking the floor, we can proceed to a vote on the resolution as amended as a whole.

Vote on Resolution 12 as amended as a whole: V







Yes - 155

No - 5

Abstain - 8

Resolution 12 is carried by the Congress.

➤ Resolution 13: Stop teaching hate: End of genocide denial in European classrooms

Anes Hodzic (YFNS): I would like to share a personal story. When the war started in 1992, my parents, coming from the city of Prijedor, were sent to a concentration camp with other 30.000 non-Serbs, mostly Bosnians and Croats. But they eventually managed to get out of the city. They were the lucky ones, because many other were imprisoned or killed. Today, in that same city of Prijedor, children are learning that people who had been sentenced for war crimes and genocide are actually heroes. With this resolution, we want to not only stop this practice, but also condemn it and make sure that other prospect countries for the EU don't face the same situation.

❖ Amendment 117

Amendment 117 was accepted by the mover.

Ellinor Juth (Chair): As there are no more amendments for this resolution, we move on to the discussion on the resolution as a whole as amended. The speaking time will be limited to 1 minute per speaker.

Rowan Fitton (YL): I just wanted to stop and pause and commend Anes Hodzic (YFNS) for this resolution. I think this resolution is a reminder to the strength of organisations like YFNS to fight against such issues.

Vote on Resolution 13 as amended as a whole: V





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Yes - 169

No - 8

Abstain - 3

Resolution 13 is carried by the Congress.

Resolution 14: Advocating for Democracy and Human Rights in Venezuela

Martina Barres (JNC): Even if LYMEC already has policy on Venezuela, we found the need to update it as a result of the Presidential Elections and the widespread fault allegations. While Maduro was declared as the election winner, international observers noticed interferences and irregularities in the election process. This resolution calls on the reinforcement of the EU to recognise Edmundo Gonzales as the legitimate president, to push Venezuela to be accountable, and for EU sanctions agaiinst the regime until democratic standards are reinstated in the country.

Amendment 76

Amendment 76 was carried by the mover.

Ellinor Juth (Chair): As there are no more amendments for this resolution, we move on to the discussion on the resolution as a whole as amended. The speaking time will be limited to 1 minute per speaker. No one is taking the floor, we can proceed to a vote on the resolution as amended as a whole.

Vote on Resolution 14 as amended as a whole: V

Yes - 185

No - 3

Abstain - 0

Resolution 14 is carried by the Congress.





19. Reports from MOs, IMS, the Committee of Discipline and Arbitrage and LYMEC Working Groups

Ellinor Juth (Chair) gives the floor to Konstantsa Gyurova (YMRF).

Konstantsa Gyurova (YMRF): I am sad to inform you about an alarming event in MRF, and Bulgaria as a whole, putting democracy in danger. In February 2024, MRF elected 2 presidents, one of them is a former VP and treasurer of Liberal International. The other president wanted to develop the party for young people. On 9th June, we had both European Parliament elections and the 6th Bulgarian Parliamentary Elections. During these elections, one of the two presidents started chairing the party in authoritarian ways and started to fire everyone who did not share his same views. From there on, the party split in two wings. Two weeks ago, we had the 7th parliamentary elections, the most corrupted ones in Bulgarian modern history. Our wing was intimidated by the other wing and other institutions. We are now worried about illiberalism rising in Bulgaria and we wanted to make you aware of this issue.

Rowan Fitton (YL): This is the first LYMEC Congress taking place since the 2024 UK elections. We started off with 13 MPs, we ended with 72. The LibDems are now the largest political party in modern age history in the UK. We have real solutions informed by our liberal values. People put their trust in us. The task is now to deliver with all our MPs. We have work to do, but I hope that the message coming out from the UK is that there are people who care and who put their fate in liberal values and in EU ties. We are the strongest and largest pro-European parties and we hope to continue our work until we are back in the EU.

Mats Maretzke (Julis): Maybe not as positive as the previous piece of news. You all heard about the German government situation. The German coalition has been struggling in the past years, and especially months, on diverging views on the economy. The coalition with the social democrats and greens hasn't always been easy. Now, businesses are closing, we have not had economic growth for a while, and our party suggested many economic reforms. However, these suggestions were not followed by our partners in the coalitions. An important topic for us is the pension system, but now the greens are putting more pressure on young people when it comes to this theme. We are trying to shift this. Our president Lindner introduced a paper which led to our government blowing up as chancellor





Scholz decided to fire Lindner. One minister decided to leave FDP and stay in his position, for us it is a rather bizarre situation and this leads us to not have a German government in place at the moment. Because of this situation, we will have elections in the first part of the year to have a clear government and a clear mandate to face the challenges we have. The chancellor will wait for January for the confidence vote and elections called in March. We are calling for elections as soon as possible before march. You can tell that we were really forcing a change. The change was not there. This led to the government collapsing. We hope we get reelected to the parliament with at least a 5% threshold. This is a short overview, but if you have more questions feel free to drop by. Thank you.

Martin Ottas (ERPY): I want to give you some news. Some of you might have noticed that ECPY is not here. The reason is 3 months ago they attended the ECR congress betraying liberal values. The mother party left ALDE and joined ECR. An ECR MEP was guest of honour at the ECPY Congress. They no longer have liberal values, don't support Ukraine, don't support same sex marriages, and are fast-turning into a populist party. I want to make you aware of this as I don't think ECPY should join future LYMEC Congresses.

Andrei Tatur (AY): In Latvia, we had very challenging European elections, we now have one spot in the European Parliament. The youth organisation has done a lot of work to achieve this result. However, we still face far-right and -left populism. Baltic countries see what happens to Ukraine and people choose to go to the right because they are scared. We thank LYMEC and ALDE for the great support we are receiving. Let's remember we are a youth organisation, we should not forget to strive for a liberal future in a united europe.

20. Any Other Business

Ellinor Juth (Chair) states that there is no item under the AOB point.

21. Closing Speech from LYMEC President

Ellinor Juth (Chair) gives the floor for the conclusions to the LYMEC President.

Ines Holzegger (LYMEC President): Dear liberal friends, I really want to thank you. It is always such a pleasure to see not only how you engage at breaks and parties but also on the congress floor. These





are the moments where I personally take a lot of motivation and strength to carry on our work, because I know I do it for a reason and people stand behind me when I go to decision-makers to advocate for the policies you pass at congresses. All of this would not be possible with the people working in the background. I am the one who gets to speak, but many people are behind the scenes, such as minute-takers, volunteers, chairs moderating this whole congress. This is not something we take for granted and we want to thank you in the name of all of us. All of this would not be possible without our partners and organisers Nowoczesna Youth. We really appreciate all you have done. Thank you to all of our partners who made our Congress possible. We talked a lot about partnerships and how we need to strengthen bonds. I pledge that we will continue this fight together. Last but not least, Balint Gyevai. Thank you for 5.5 years of serving LYMEC as Secretary General!

Even Diot (LYMEC Secretary General) stresses that the Congress is now closed at 18 h 00 CET (Warsaw time) and gives some practical information for the dinner arrangements. Thank you everyone!

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