

MINUTES

LYMEC ELECTORAL SPRING CONGRESS

4 April 2020

Online between 9 h - 17 h CET (Brussels time)



1. Opening speech by LYMEC President starting around 9 h 15

Svenja HAHN (LYMEC President)

Good morning everyone. It's great to see you. It is with a heavy heart that I speak to you since I would have liked to see you in Skopje. Especially at this moment since accession talks have been opened. Nevertheless, I am happy to see young Europeans gathering from all around the continent. Even if we are living in dramatic times with the health crisis, frontiers closing and authoritarian governments taking advantage of the situation. The answers to this crisis have been national from the beginning. Many have blamed the EU for not taking action to address the crisis when it was the Member States who refused to work together. Let us not forget that the EU is all of us. Let's make sure that the solution to the crisis is European and that we work closely together in solidarity and support. This Congress is an example of this European solidarity, support, cooperation and growth. I have been in the Board of LYMEC for 6 years and I have learnt more than at any other job. From different Secretary Generals, Presidents and Bureau Members such as Danica, Vedrana and Balint. I want to thank all my fellow Bureau Members for their work during these last years and I am so sorry for all the delegates that did not get to experience a real life congress. I wish good luck to the candidates. Thank you to our staff members and don't forget that in a crisis we need to work together.

2. Roll call and voting rights

Bàlint GYEVAI (Secretary General) takes the floor to do the roll call and explains the procedure. Organisations will be called one by one, when they hear the name of their organisation, delegation leaders have to write "PRESENT" in the common chat. Only organisations present at roll calls can vote.

Roll call is executed as follows:

Country	Full Members	Votes
Andorra	Joves Liberals d'Andorra	3
Austria	JUNOS - Junge Liberale NEOS	5
Belgium	Fédération des étudiants libéraux (FEL)	4
Belgium	Jong VLD vzw	5
Belgium	Jeunes MR	9
Bosnia/Herzegovina	Mladi liberali BiH	3
Bulgaria	Youth MRF	10
Catalonia	Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya (JNC)	7
Croatia	Mladi hrvatski liberali (MHL)	5
Croatia	Mladi HNS-a	7
Croatia	ISTRIAN DEMOCRATIC YOUTH - IDY	4
Czech Republic	Mladé ANO	3

Denmark	Venstres Ungdom	6
Denmark	Radikal Ungdom	5
Estonia	European Reform Party Youth (ERPYP)	6
Estonia	Centre Party Youth (Eesti Keskerakonna Noortekogu)	7
Finland	Svensk Ungdom / RKP-nuoret	6
Finland	Keskustaopiskelijat(former Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto)	4
Finland	Suomen Keskustanuoret ry (Centre Youth of Finland)	7
France	Jeunes Radicaux	4
Germany	Junge Liberale	10
Germany	Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen (LHG)	5
Hungary	Momentum TizenX	3
Ireland	Ógra Fianna Fáil	8
Latvia	Attistibai Youth	3
Lithuania	Lithuanian liberal youth	6
Luxembourg	JDL - Jonk Demokraten Luxembourg	3
Montenegro	Liberal Youth of Montenegro	3
The Netherlands	Jovd	6
North Macedonia	Lidem	3
Norway	Norges Unge Venstre	5
Serbia	Mladi Liberal Democratic Party	7
Spain	Jóvenes Ciudadanos	8
Sweden	Centerstudenter	4
Sweden	Liberal Youth of Sweden (LUF)	6
Sweden	Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund	5
Switzerland	Jungfreisinnige Schweiz (JFS)	6
The Netherlands	Jonge Democraten	7
Ukraine	Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine	3
Ukraine	European Youth of Ukraine	3
United Kingdom	Young Liberals	8
Moldova	Organizatia Tineretului Liberal Moldova (OTL)	0
IMS	Laurenz Van Ginneken	1
IMS	Huw James	1
IMS	Casper Pedersen	1

225 votes are present out of the 229 votes in the Congress. 112.5 is the simple majority and 150 is the $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the votes present.

Not present **Organizația Tineretului Liberal Moldova (OTL)** - 4 votes.

3. Election of Congress chairs, secretaries and scrutineers

Svenja HAHN (LYMEC President) proposes a board of amazing women **Vedrana Gujic (former President of LYMEC)**, **Danica Vihinen (former Secretary General of LYMEC)** and **Sissel Kvist (former President of LYMEC)** as chairs for this Online Congress.

Svenja HAHN (LYMEC President) proposes **Clara PUIG DE TORRES-SOLANOT (Administrative assistant of LYMEC)** and **Eleni VASILEIOU (former Policy intern of LYMEC)** as secretaries together with the **Secretary General, Bàlint GYÉVAI**.

Svenja HAHN (LYMEC President) proposes **Erki RAJA and Niklas MILTHERS**, the internal auditors as scrutineers by default. They will be administering and supervising the elections.

As we do not have paper votes there is no need for additional scrutineers and auditors. We have our team formed by Balint, Niklas and Clara in the office in Brussels supervising the event while respecting social distancing.

She asks that, if anyone is against, please indicate it in the chat.

No one is against.

Congress approves.

4. Adoption of the agenda and online Congress

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress):

She goes over the rules of participation: name change, muted participants, taking the floor (request by chat and only delegation leaders), interventions short and to the point, voting (chat for documents and membership unless need for roll call, and elections runner for candidates), roll calls (after lunch and mid-afternoon) and explains that nominations for ALDE Party delegation will be open until IFLRY Representative elections.

She calls for the adoption of the agenda by the delegates. She explains the technical changes that the chairs are proposing to carry out properly the elections: lunch time will be dedicated to the voting, announcement of Bureau elections results will take place after lunch. It will be followed by auditors and IFLRY presentations. Then a voting break will take place before announcing the results of that second election. Finally, we will move on with the ALDE delegation elections. The updated agenda as explained is presented to Congress by Vedrana. She asks those against the agenda as presented to signal it through the common chat.

VOTING

No one is against.

Agenda and online Congress format adopted by Congress.

5. Adoption of minutes from the Congress in London

DEBATE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Balint Gyevai (Secretary General)** that explains that the minutes of the London Congress were available on LYMECs webpage so we will move directly to the questions and comments.

There are no questions, no one asks to take the floor.

VOTING

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) calls for the adoption of the minutes of the Congress in London by the delegates. She asks those against to signal it through the common chat.

No one is against.

Minutes adopted by Congress.

6. Annual report 2019 and debate (for information)

PRESENTATION

Svenja HAHN (LYMEC President) presents the Key Performance Indicators to assess the year and the last part of the mandate of the Bureau. In consequence, this is a two year report.

She signals that the Bureau identified and worked on the following key priorities:

- The EP campaign focused on spreading liberal ideas, supporting young candidates and mobilizing people to vote.
- Improving the quality of our events with better speakers.
- Increasing the organization funding sources.
- Incorporate a new policy intern to the Secretariat, which, due to the coronavirus crisis, was not possible.
- Launching the Alumni organization, which we almost put it into place but, due to bureaucratic issues, we were not able. Nevertheless, we sorted them out and are back on track.

DEBATE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to:

Kasper Langelund (RU) who asks the following questions:

- Communication and branding: why were the objectives not matched? Did we achieve the objectives of having stories during events?
- Organizational development: is the way of doing working groups the most optimal?

Svenja HAHN (LYMEC President):

She thanks the delegate for his questions and explains that the Bureau struggled to have content to produce communication materials during events.

On organizational development, she recognizes that they had to cancel the event they have planned to get working groups together since there were not enough people interested. Then they tried the new concept of politathon linked to working groups but, again, not enough were interested.

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair) gives the floor to **Kasper Langelund (RU)** again to specify questions. He explains that the questions were answered. It's fine.

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair) gives the floor to **Huw James (IMS)** who has asked for it before.

Huw James (IMS): Why was LYMEC unable to achieve its individual membership increase goal of 25%?

Svenja HAHN (LYMEC's President):

She explains that the NationBuilder platform was not available on time to make individual membership grow but goes on to assure that it is under work now and she hopes that it will positively impact our future membership.

Furthermore, she issued a recommendation to the next Bureau, to dedicate a campaign on gaining members, especially now that we got access to the tool from the ALDE Party.

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair) gives the floor to **Abel Hartman (JD)** who congratulates the Bureau for the hard work and asks the following question: on external communications you mentioned that you did not perform as well as expected, why was that?

Svenja HAHN (LYMEC's President):

She recognizes that the election campaign wasn't that successful due to a regulation change on Facebook and goes on to explain that you can't advertise in a country you aren't based in and paid advertising didn't work anymore on Facebook. Next Bureau will have to tailor communication to platforms and play with different formats.

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) states that there are no more questions and asks that all participants mute themselves.

7. Bureau reports and debate about the reports

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) explains that the reports were available on the documentation page of the Congress for the past month already so we will move directly to the questions and comments.

DEBATE and QUESTIONS

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair) gives the floor to **Ida-Maria Skytte (SU)** who asks the following questions:

- How can we work better together?
- What advice would you give to the next Bureau?

Svenja HAHN (LYMEC's President):

She advises for future Bureau members to take time for themselves since there will be a lot of work. She also stressed the importance of taking time to get to know each other.

Edgaras MASCINSKAS (LYMEC's Vice-President):

He advises to always have food in team meetings and seek support, not only from each other, but from previous experienced Bureau members. He adds that they should be patient and learn things by doing them.

Antoaneta ASENOVA (Policy Officer):

She stresses the importance of not trying to do everything by yourself and always remember that you work in a team.

Dan-Aria SUCURI (Communication Officer):

He seconds Antoaneta on that point and encourages future Bureau members to share their ideas with the rest of the Bureau in order to put them better into work and profiting from everyone's strengths.

Pau CASTELLVI CANET (Bureau member):

He stresses the importance of being true to oneself by proposing what you believe is best. He advises to be open about what they feel since they will be a team, they need to listen to each other. They will have many ideas as to what to do but there are just so many things you can do and therefore need to follow the team's priorities. Being honest about your availability to do things is also important.

Deimante RIMKUTE (Bureau member):

She recognises that all the best ideas were already said. She just wants to add that they should not forget to have fun.

Lena HÖGLUND (Treasurer):

She seconds everything that was said and just wants to add that they should check in with others and remember that they are people and not heroes. Even if they cannot always do something to help just listening and showing interest can do a lot. She advises to show internal loyalty and trust to their fellow Bureau members and stresses that this is key.

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Kasper Langelund (RU)** from RU who asks **Svenja Hahn** what positive or negative impact being an MEP had on her role as LYMEC's President.

Svenja HAHN (LYMEC's President):

She points out that it is the second time she gets this question and states that it actually made her job in LYMEC and even her life outside of it easier. She travels more to Brussels and has more control of her schedule than in her previous job. It has also put her in a better position to negotiate with political partners and get funding. This does not mean that you have to be an MEP to be LYMEC's President or be part of a youth political organisation. These organisations are to help young people learn to be active in politics in many ways.

Kasper Langelund (RU) continues by asking **Antoaneta ASENOVA (Policy Officer)** what is the most important lesson she learnt while working on the policy book.

Antoaneta ASENOVA (Policy Officer):

She points out that she is still learning but that she has already learnt that they are doing a good job because they are doing it together. All the organisations interested can provide a person that participates and she, as Policy Officer, coordinates. Nevertheless, to get people interested, the Policy Officer has to be there to steer the team, ask questions and guide the work. The next review needs to archive resolutions that they are writing in a much more progressive way to avoid losing our positions. They need to keep working together.

Kasper Langelund (RU) continues by asking **Deimante RIMKUTE** two questions:

- Why was her report sent only 5 days ago?
- On the issue of the E-learning tool, what are the experiences made with pilot projects? Should the new Bureau give that a priority?

Deimante RIMKUTE (Bureau Member):

- Regarding the online platform, she recognizes that they tried with Libertas and the editorial team, but there was not enough attention paid to the learning platform. She continues by acknowledging that it is a useful tool and online learning has become a more important way of communicating in current times. She recommends the next Bureau to do more with it.
- There are no specific reasons for me not to have sent my report earlier. I did it after the deadline but it was submitted this week at the end.

Pau CASTELLVI CANET (Bureau member):

He would like to add to the online learning platform issue that ELF is trying to create an online learning platform for all organisations and we are trying to collaborate with them on this project. He would recommend the next Bureau to work closely with ELF on this. It is important for us to participate and shape that platform where ELF is investing a lot of money. We need to emphasize its use not only to teach about different topics but to build skills.

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Anna Komziuk (LDLU)** who congratulates the Bureau for its great job but he questions is on its external communication, that she considers LYMEC still needs to improve. She asks about IFLRY. Why is there no public communication between LYMEC and IFLRY?

Dan-Aria SUCURI (Communication Officer):

He gives thanks to the delegate for her question and asserts that politics is about prioritizing. With the EP elections and LYMEC internal work they needed to give priority to other things rather than being in touch with IFLRY. As soon as they can they will work in better communication with IFLRY.

Svenja HAHN (LYMEC's President):

She gives thanks to the delegate for her question and explains that the external communication LYMEC does is about the organisation and not its partners. In that sense what is done is, for example, emitting a communication to member organisations highlighting events from partners and IFLRY. Therefore, external communication platforms are mainly used to communicate about LYMEC's own work.

8. Secretary General report and debate about the report

DEBATE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) explains that the report was available on the documentation page of the Congress for the past month already so the Congress will move directly to the questions and comments.

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Kasper Langelund (RU)** that congratulates Bálint for being amazing. He underlines especially his responsiveness through email.

Balint GYEVAI (Secretary General):

He thanks Kasper for his comment and coincides that he tries to do his best and always expects to receive Kasper's emails. He manifests his desire to continue like that in the future thanking the delegate for his active participation in LYMEC.

9. Finances

a) Requests for reduced membership fee and payment plans

Overview of the applications:

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT DUE</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>
ERPY	410	200
Mladi LDP	516.8	5
EYU	206	100

Mladi HNS	507.14	300
LLJ	346.82	100
LiDEM	209.6	100
Mladi Liberal BIH	206	10

PRESENTATION

Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer) on behalf of **ERPY** explains that due to the fact that they are depending on their mother party and they are not receiving any state funding at the moment, they are unable to pay the full fee. In addition, they do not receive membership fees. Nevertheless, they do not have previous debt.

DEBATE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) opens the floor to Congress but nobody asks to take the floor. Therefore, the Congress proceeds to the vote.

VOTE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) calls for the approval of the reduced membership fee by delegations. She asks those against to signal it through the common chat.

No one is against.

Unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION

Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer) on behalf of **Mladi LDP** explains that this organisation holds the largest debt in LYMEC. She clarifies that this is due to the lack of opportunities from them to get any funding from the mother party or membership fees.

DEBATE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Kasper Langelund (RU)** who expresses his concern that there is no additional funding and asks if the organization has any plans to stabilise the situation?

Mijat Kontic (Mladi LDP) explains that they have realized some cuts to their budget by reducing the amount of people working externally and confirms that they do have a plan now and they are doing what is best to pay their debt.

Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer) concludes that the resolution of the organization's present financial situation will take some time and it is important that the membership fee is reduced to a minimum to give it's members the opportunity to participate in LYMEC's events

VOTE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) calls for the approval of the reduced membership fee by delegations. She asks those against to signal it through the common chat.

No one is against.

Proposal adopted unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer) on behalf of **EYU** explains that there is no state funding or membership fee for them and that is why it is important to reduce the membership fee.

DEBATE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) opens the floor to Congress but nobody asks to take the floor.

VOTE

In consequence, **Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress)** calls for the approval of the reduced membership fee by delegations. She asks those against to signal it through the common chat.

No one is against.

Adopted unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer) on behalf of **Mladi HNS** explains that they are faced with a temporary crisis and the party is going towards elections therefore they do not provide funding to their youth organisation. She strongly recommends this reduction.

DEBATE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) opens the floor to Congress but nobody asks to take the floor.

VOTE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) calls for the approval of the reduced membership fee by delegations. She asks those against to signal it through the common chat.

No one is against.

Adopted unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer) on behalf of **LLJ** explains that they are a non-partisan organisation and therefore financially vulnerable. They do get state support that cannot be used for international transactions. They do not collect membership fees and have a debt to LYMEC.

DEBATE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) opens the floor to Congress but nobody asks to take the floor.

VOTE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) calls for the approval of the reduced membership fee by delegations. She asks those against to signal it through the common chat.

No one is against.

Adopted unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer) on behalf of **LiDEM** explains that they lost the state financing and they do not have a regular membership fee. Therefore, we see the need to decrease their membership fee.

DEBATE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) opens the floor to Congress but nobody asks to take the floor.

VOTE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) calls for the approval of the reduced membership fee by delegations. She asks those against to signal it through the common chat.

No one is against.

Adopted unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer) on behalf of **Mladi Liberali BiH** explains that they do not have any stable funding that will guarantee paying for high membership fees. No membership fee was collected and the mother party does not pay the youth party due to elections. We should keep in mind that we have reduced their fee in the past already and likely in the future too.

DEBATE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) opens the floor to Congress but nobody asks to take it.

VOTE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) calls for the approval of the reduced membership fee by delegations. She asks those against to signal it through the common chat.

No one is against.

Unanimously adopted

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) thanks the Congress for adopting all MO fee reduction requests.

b) Financial report 2019

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Lena Höglund (LYMEC's Treasurer)**.

PRESENTATION

Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer) presents the **financial report for 2019**. It was quite a stormy year, not only because it was an election year but also some other exceptional situations with regards to our finances.

Due to the election year, the EP Group we are affiliated with had a split budget in two doses (before and after elections) which was difficult to predict. We also had events and venue cancellations during the Autumn Congress and an expected change of staff that, nevertheless, cost us less than expected. Having a third person in the office also had lower expenses than expected. Fault in 2018 financial reports due to wrongly approved items by the last external auditors last year that resulted in profit as well. It had to be corrected on the 2019 side. We also saw a change in ELF projects administration which makes them more laboursome but we also received more organizer's fees for organised events (and we organised a lot of ELF events). We did two additional events outside of the approved initial plan: an ELF RDR with JOVD and an event in Moldova with FNF.

We can conclude that the organisation is quite safe and prepared for any loss of income for the next two years. No additional payment plans registered, one is in place with MLADI LDP from Serbia.

On the debts to LYMEC from organisations, we need to point out that organisations who have debt keep generating debt. The amount of debts is not that extraordinary but concerning. To conclude the debt owed to LYMEC by end 2019 was about **3600 EUR**. In addition, we had a good start on the fundraising, accepting donations and promotional material distribution, which needs to be further developed.

DEBATE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Kasper Lagerlund (RU)** who gives credits to Lena for the healthy economy made by the current Bureau and the Treasurer that hands over this successfully to the next Bureau.

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) gives thanks for the comment and, since no one else is asking for the floor, she moves the Congress to voting.

VOTING

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) calls for the approval of the financial report by delegations. She asks those against to signal it through the common chat.

No one is against.

Financial report 2019 unanimously approved.

c) Interim financial report January-March 2020 (for information)

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Lena Höglund (LYMEC's Treasurer)**.

PRESENTATION

Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer) presents **the interim financial report for 2020** stating that the report goes until early March. More staffing costs is reflected in the interim report. We luckily managed to cancel the Congress with no major financial repercussions. This year we are getting less funding from ELF due to fewer events compared to last year. We also have pending membership fees and refunding of the Alumni Network to take into account. We will also be having the very first study session with the Council of Europe and we will be making the application for the second study session for next year. We are also well underway with reimbursing the MOs for the participation fees for the Congress initially planned in Skopje.

DEBATE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) opens the floor to Congress but nobody asks to take the floor.

d) Revised budget 2020

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Lena Höglund (LYMEC's Treasurer)**.

PRESENTATION

Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer) explains that this year we are receiving more funding from ALDE Party. EYF grant for the study session to be organised is still uncertain due to the COVID-19 crisis. Reward system for staff was adopted for the coming years and this is now included in the updated proposal. Budget to rent a camera in the future for LYMEC and room to develop audiovisual content is contemplated also.

DEBATE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Kasper Langelund (RU)** who asks about the European Commission funds. What is the reason behind the change in the budget?

Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer):

She asks him to check other income under budget. During 2020, 40.000 are already paid and 10.000 will be paid next year. The 40.000 are registered under the 2019 budget.

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Abel Hartman (JD)** who asks Lena to elaborate on the content at the top of the table on the biggest financial risks for LYMEC.

Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer):

She explains that the biggest liabilities to LYMEC are the Congresses which depend on the size of our EP Group budget. She explains that the Bureau boosted the staff costs, LYMEC cannot have a legitimate cost for that as it is paid by the Party and their budget is based on the size of the Group. LYMEC needs to find new structural funds so we are not dependent that much on the political representation within the EP.

VOTING

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) calls for the approval of the revised budget 2020 by delegations. She asks those against to signal it through the common chat.

No one is against.

Revised budget 2020 is approved unanimously.

e) Internal audit report (for information)

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Niklas MILTHERS (LYMEC's Internal Auditor)** and he shares two recommendations. First there should be coherence between what LYMEC receives in cash and what appears in our bookkeeping system. This issue was already addressed. Secondly, the next Bureau members should only use one refund form for every event they are claiming expenses for. The coming Bureau should also consider outsourcing the bookkeeping system to give time to the Secretary General and the Treasure to focus on other priorities.

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Erki RAJA (LYMEC's Internal Auditor)** who highlights that a lot of work has been done from everyone and hopes that the next Bureau will keep up the good work in this field.

DEBATE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) opens the floor to Congress but nobody asks to take the floor.

f) External audit report (for information)

PRESENTATION

Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer) clarifies that there were some discoveries regarding the transfer of costs from one year to another at the last moment but everything was cleared now and LYMEC got the formal letter of approval from the external auditors as it should be.

DEBATE

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) opens the floor to Congress but nobody asks to take the floor.

10. Membership issues

Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress)** to chair the Congress.

a. Applications for Associate Membership

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) introduces the agenda point for membership applications and goes over the participation procedures again. She then gives the floor to **Balint GYEVAI (Secretary General)** who explains that associate members and guests will be put in a waiting room for the closed door sessions of the Congress. They will be then integrated again to the digital Congress after.

PRESENTATION

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to the representatives of the **Young Green Liberals of Switzerland - Ana Fontes Martens and Margaux Carron.**

A video presentation is shown to the Congress to present the organisation.

Hello everyone. I am Ana Fontes, the Co-President of the Young Green Liberals of Switzerland and I am going to introduce ourselves to you. First, let's talk about history. Our mother party, the Green Liberals was founded in 2005. It is a very recent party founded by members of the Green Party that wanted to incorporate a more economic perspective to their political approach. Nevertheless, in 2015 the party noticed the popularity of its youngest members who arrived to engage the public by forming a network between them. This network did not adjust to the functioning of a traditional party and so the Young Green Liberals was born in 2016. Now, let's talk about our values. We believe in a sustainable society guided by three main principles: environmental protection, social sustainability and economic sustainability. We see politics not as a division between left and right but as a division between conservative and progressive and we consider ourselves part of the latter. We uphold progressive and liberal principles in the economic area, such as free trade, as well as the social area, such as marriage equality for which our mother party has been fighting to legalize since 2013. So, let's talk about our structure. Our organization is led by two co-presidents that ensure a gender and linguistic balance (French and German). The co-presidents are assisted by the Executive Committee which has a maximum of 10 members that carry out different functions such as community management, political planning, treasury, task force management and digital strategy management. Finally, there are two more positions, in this case paid positions, in our Secretariat, one in French and another in German. At a strategic level we have the Committee of Delegates, formed by two representatives of each cantonal section (52). These delegates take the strategic decisions. To chaperone these structures we have our General Assembly formed by all our members. Finally we have different task forces.

Currently there are an LGBTQ task force, a climate change task force and an economic transition task force.

Any member can take part in them. But, why do we want to join LYMEC? Our country has deep economic ties with the EU through international agreements. It is essential for us to secure the continuity of the relationship and to be part of the decisions being taken to shape Europe's future. A future that we want to be liberal and ecologically oriented. We want to be present today so we can shape tomorrow with LYMEC. We are looking forward to being part of this adventure and we hope that you want to live it with us.

QUESTIONS

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Kasper Langelund (RU)** who comments on the fantastic video and recommends adding an International Officer into their Executive Committee. Finally, he asks about their vision in participating in debates about the EU and if they would hold back as their country is not a member?

Ana Fontes (Young Green Liberals of Switzerland):

She thanks for the recommendation and explains that the relationship with the EU is not easy. This is why they prefer to talk about how they can work together with LYMEC and the EU but are not as eager to discuss the EU structure. Nevertheless, they are willing to take part in the debate even if their country is not an EU member.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Remi Gustalli (Jeunes Radicaux)** that congratulates them on putting value in bilingualism and asks about their relationship with our current Swiss member and if their mother parties are cooperating.

Ana Fontes (Young Green Liberals of Switzerland):

She stresses that for them it is very important to promote language. It works and they are happy about it. About their relation with FDP, she admits that it depends on the subject. They do work together most of the time. She recognizes that sometimes they do not see eye to eye on climate issues, especially on the goals they set. Nevertheless, in this they are not even in line with the Greens. Therefore, they believe that in LYMEC they can work together because it is not about national politics but European politics and they have already worked together in Switzerland.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Alice Schmidt (JuLis)** who asks about their relationship with the Swiss FDP.

Margaux Carron (Young Green Liberals of Switzerland):

She sheds light on the fact that they are quite recent and she thinks that the clash with them is not about political positions but about competition for votes since they share a political space even when the Young Green Liberals of Switzerland are more ecologically oriented. She assures that they will not carry their national grievances to LYMEC and refers to the fact that they have partnered with the Swiss FDP in other projects. Therefore, she concludes that they can collaborate depending on the topic.

Alice Schmidt (JuLis) takes the floor again to ask about their position on ecological fingerprint taxation and trade.

Margaux Carron (Young Green Liberals of Switzerland) :

She replies that their position on trade is that they value the commercial partnership with the EU and they want to promote it even further in areas such as energy. Their positions for other trade agreements are being debated, such as the one with South America. Finally, she confirms that they are in favour of taxation on fossil fuels.

BUREAU RECOMMENDATION

The Congress enters in CLOSED SESSION

Balint GYEVAI (Secretary General) explains the closed session functioning and takes care of placing the relevant delegates in the waiting room.

Antoaneta ASENOVA (LYMEC's Policy Officer) gives the bureau recommendation.

DEBATE (CLOSED SESSION)

VOTING (CLOSED SESSION)

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) calls for the approval of the candidacy of the Swiss Green Liberals for Associate Membership by delegations. She asks those against to signal it through the common chat.

Swiss Green Liberals are accepted as an Associate Member organisation of LYMEC.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Huw James (IMS)** who **raises a point of order**: Should we write abstentions in the chat? At a normal congress votes would be secret.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Vedrana GUJIC (Chair of the Congress)** that replies affirmatively and adds that votes are not normally secret. The only difference is that candidates are not physically in the room while voting. This time they wait in the waiting room until the Secretary General let them in again.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Erki RAJA (Internal Auditor)** who asks if people can see the chat from when they were not in the room.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Balint GYEVAI (Secretary General)** who replies that they can't and conducts an experiment with **Margaux Carron (Young Green Liberals of Switzerland)** who confirms it. He then **raises a point of order** to congratulate LYMEC's new Associate Members and remind people that are leaving the call and then coming back several times to not to do it anymore and stay connected.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) moves on to the next agenda point on full membership and introduces it.

b. Applications for Full Membership

PRESENTATION

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to the representatives of **Uppreisn - Stefania Reynisdottir and Starri Reynisson.**

A few slides are shown to the Congress to present the organisation.

History: our mother party was founded in 2014 after political chaos in Iceland occupying an empty space in national politics and our Youth wing too. We have gone through 3 elections. We went into government for 8 months but now we are in opposition. We are optimistic about the elections next year. We have members occupying political offices at different national levels.

Liberty, people rights and open society. We position ourselves as center right and economically aware. We are pro-European. We had our Policy Congress where we adopted 14 new resolutions among which we approved one to abolish tax on alcohol and legislation on recreational drugs, shrinking of the public sector and encouraging our party not to enter a government without an EU associate membership bill in the table

We have taken action to promote our activity on traditional media and been very successful (Radio example). Multiple policy meetings where we held in which many policies were developed in an open format (not only members could participate). We did a book sale to encourage people to recycle and get funding and sold merchandising at our congress. Our National Party congress got canceled. Finally, most of our funding comes from our mother Party.

Thank you for listening and we hope you support our candidacy.

QUESTIONS

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Remi Gustalli (Jeunes Radicaux)** who asks about their view on LGBTQI rights and if they are pushing for some development in this area?

Stefania Reynisdottir (Uppreisn):

She stresses that Uppreisn is very supportive of equal rights and has it inside its policy positions as one of its core focus. Still, she recognizes they need to keep working on trans rights, their rights aren't protected enough and especially trans children's rights and it's important they receive the funding they need to that end, they are willing to pressure the government to dedicate funds to their healthcare. She hopes that answers to the question.

BUREAU RECOMMENDATION

The Congress enters into closed session.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) invites the Secretary General to place Associate Members and Guests in the waiting room for the closed session.

Dan-Aria SUCURI (LYMEC's Communication Officer) gives the bureau recommendation.

DEBATE (CLOSED SESSION)

VOTING (CLOSED SESSION)

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) calls for the approval of the candidacy of **Uppreissn** for Full Membership by delegations. She asks those against to signal it through the common chat.

Uppreissn is accepted as a Full Member organisation.

c. Suspensions

PRESENTATION

Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer) explains that regarding **Musavat Youth Organisation** the grounds for suspension are: inability to pay fees and not coming to events for more than two years. This organisation has been given an exceptional reduction of fees, 1 euro. They have not come to events or communicate with LYMEC for years. They are unable to be active. Their suspension is not for political reasons and would not mean a complete disaffiliation. They can be easily re-admitted.

DEBATE

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) opens the floor to Congress but nobody asks to take the floor.

VOTE

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) calls for a vote on the suspension of the Musavat Youth Organisation by delegations. She asks those against to signal it through the common chat.

No one is against.

Musavat Youth Organisation is suspended unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer) explains regarding the **Youth Forum of AKR** that they were initially proposed for suspension because of their lack of participation and accumulated debts. Nevertheless, they have recently paid their debts and therefore the **Bureau would like to cancel the suspension proposal.**

PRESENTATION

Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer) explains regarding the **European Youth Movement of Ukraine** that they have not paid their fees since 2019 and have not participated in any events. They did not complete the documents they were required to do. Their membership was already questionable when they entered.

DEBATE

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) opens the floor to Congress but nobody asks to take the floor.

VOTE

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) calls for a vote on the suspension of the European Youth Movement of Ukraine membership by delegations. She asks those against to signal it through the common chat.

No one is against.

European Youth Movement of Ukraine suspended unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer) explains regarding **UDI Jeunes** that they do not respond to any attempts to contact them. They are indebted to LYMEC since 2017 and not active anymore at all.

DEBATE

"**Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress)** gives the floor to **Remi Guastalli (Jeunes Radicaux)** who explains that this organisation became the youth fan club of UDI Party President. UDI has had a difficult relationship with ALDE, which did not support them during the European elections. Like Jeunes Radicaux, they are not legally existant as youth wing of the party and so are extremely dependent of it. The lack of active English speaking members explains also the absence of UDI Jeunes. He recommends suspension to prevent them from contracting more debt."

VOTE

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) calls for a vote on the suspension of UDI Jeunes membership by delegations. She asks those against to signal it through the common chat.

No one is against.

UDI Jeunes suspended unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer) explains regarding the **Civil Forum Youth of Belarus** that they have been owing us fees since two years ago and they finally just paid it before the Congress.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) interrupts and asks for the organization to be let in the room and once done she gives the floor back to **Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer)**. This happens and then she further explains that the organization expressed compromise in paying their fees/debts but she stresses the fact that their inactiveness and lack of personal contact is still there.

Svenja HAHN (LYMEC's President):

She thanks Lena for her financial case presentation and proceeds to present the case of the Committee of Discipline and Arbitrage: "There is another case we need to address in relation to this organisation. This case is the one between this organization and Radikal Ungdom (RU), presented before our Committee of Discipline and Arbitrage that ruled on it one year ago. She gives an overview of what happened. Both organizations hosted an event together mainly financed through Danish public funding. Danish participants could not make it for the first dinner due to flight changes but Civil Forum failed to cancel the dinner when asked to do so and spent the money anyways, refusing to give it back upon RU request. The Committee ruled in favor of RU and insisted that Civil Forum should give back the money.

There was another part to this case, an instance of Sexual Harassment. A member of RU accused a person of Civil Forum of sexual assault. Nevertheless, as there was no proof or legal case and, since it didn't happen at a LYMEC event, further measures, such as banning this person from LYMEC events could not be enforced. It is important to note that neither this person nor any other member of the Civil Forum has taken part in LYMEC events in the past few years in any case. LYMEC since these events has adopted a Code of conduct implemented upon Committee recommendation, we also adopted the equality and diversity plan on gender issues and harassment and finally a document on financial cooperation between MOs. The Danish Finances Ministry is currently investigating the organisation for misuse of public finances. Given all these facts the Bureau recommends their membership to be put forward to discussion at this Congress."

Katya Dubrouskaya (Civil Forum Belarus):

She explains that they could not participate in activities because they lacked participants speaking English well enough to take part in international events. Nevertheless, she defends that they are better on that now. She also stresses the fact that they have paid the fees and plan on keeping paying them. On another note, she raises the Congress attention to the fact that the economic situation of their members prevents them from participating more and explains that they are working on it assuring that they will participate more. She pleads that the Civil Forum really needs LYMEC's help and education. She states that she will not speak about the sexual harassment case signalling that she is a woman and would not like that to happen to her.

Nevertheless, as far as she has been in the organisation she has never had problems for being a woman. Finally, she explains that, in the case of the dinner, Civil Forum had already reserved and paid a deposit for it and, in many Eastern European countries, it is not possible to cancel the booking on the same day and get the money back. Therefore, even if they hadn't gone to the dinner they would have had to pay.

DEBATE

Sissel KVIIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Anna Komziuk (LDLU)** who explains that the members of her organisation have met people from the Civil Forum that expressed non-liberal values such as the defense of death penalty in Belarus and asks how would the organisations' representative comment on that?

Sissel KVIIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Katya Dubrouskaya (Civil Forum Belarus)** who replies that she has never heard anyone defending death penalty in the debates they had in the organisation but stresses the fact that it is good to discuss it since in Belarus they are told that it is good (since they still have it). It is good for their members to see other perspectives from the rest of Europe.

Sissel KVIIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Bastian De Monte (JUNOS)** who asks about the consequences for the people involved in both cases (economic and harassment issues) because there is responsibility on the side of the board of the organisation for what happened, what were the consequences for them?

Sissel KVIIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Katya Dubrouskaya (Civil Forum Belarus)** who replies that these cases did not change their organizational structure, leadership or functioning. She heard about the financial issues only now but after the project already for the harassment case. According to her, the Danish counterparts mentioned the financial issues only sometime after the end of the project.

Sissel KVIIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Kasper Langelund (RU)** who asks why the Civil Forum has been silent and not in touch before this Congress over the years and why they did not respond to RUs attempts to contact them to fix the very serious outstanding issues? It's the first time they can actually finally talk about it.

Sissel KVIIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Katya Dubrouskaya (Civil Forum Belarus)** who replies that they did not want to have a fight with their Danish counterparts and wanted to resolve the issue peacefully. They carried out an investigation/audit of the programme on their side and nothing was found. Nevertheless, they decided that the person involved will not take part in events. She stresses the strong desire for the rest of them to collaborate and keep working together inside LYMEC.

Sissel KVIIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Felix Häring (LHG)** who asks how they plan to be active in LYMEC in the future?

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Katya Dubrouskaya (Civil Forum Belarus)** who replies that they will be active in events when possible and pay their fees for sure.

DEBATE

Congress enters a closed session without the representative.

VOTE

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) calls for a vote on the suspension of the Civil Forum Youth Belarus membership by delegations. She asks those against to signal it through the common chat.

None against but there are 10 abstentions.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) intervenes to ask for a Roll Call vote since there are so many abstentions.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Balint GYEVAI (Secretary General)** who clarifies that due to the amount of abstentions we need a roll call vote to see how many votes exactly are in favour and those abstaining.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Kasper Langelund (RU)** that asks for a **point of order** and inquires if there are more abstentions than votes in favor of the suspension, will it not come through?

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Balint GYEVAI (Secretary General)** who answers affirmatively and asks the internal auditors to confirm.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) manifest agreement.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Remi Guastalli (Jeunes Radicaux)** who asks to take into account new members and raises the question if not giving an opinion counts as voting yes?

Balint GYEVAI (Secretary General) and Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) ask for a **Roll Call** previous to the **Roll Call Vote** to get our new member accounted for.

The Congress proceeds to the Roll Call but gets interrupted by **Erki RAJA (Internal Auditor)** who takes the floor to clarify that, following LYMEC's statutes, to enact a suspension there only has to be more votes in favour than against. In that case, abstentions do not cancel the suspension even if they are more numerous than the votes in favor.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) clarifies the point and asks again if anyone is against it. **Niklas Milthers (Internal Auditor)** defends this procedure.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Rémi Guastalli (Jeunes Radicaux)** for a **point of order** where he asks about the difference between non participation and participation? He also suggests that we should vote again.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Erki RAJA (Internal Auditor)** who answers the point of order made by recommending a Roll Call vote for clarity and transparency reasons.

Roll Call takes place as follows:

Country	Full Members	Votes
Andorra	Joves Liberals d'Andorra	3
Austria	JUNOS - Junge Liberale NEOS	5
Belgium	Fédération des étudiants libéraux (FEL)	4
Belgium	Jong VLD vzw	5
Belgium	Jeunes MR	9
Bosnia/Herzegovina	Mladi liberali BiH	3
Bulgaria	Youth MRF	10
Catalonia	Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya (JNC)	7
Croatia	Mladi hrvatski liberali (MHL)	5
Croatia	Mladi HNS-a	7
Croatia	ISTRIAN DEMOCRATIC YOUTH - IDY	4
Czech Republic	Mladé ANO	3
Denmark	Venstres Ungdom	6
Denmark	Radikal Ungdom	5
Estonia	European Reform Party Youth (ERPY)	6
Estonia	Centre Party Youth (Eesti Keskerakonna Noortekogu)	7
Finland	Svensk Ungdom / RKP-nuoret	6
Finland	Keskustaopiskelijat(former Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto)	4
Finland	Suomen Keskustanuoret ry (Centre Youth of Finland)	7
France	Jeunes Radicaux	4
Germany	Junge Liberale	10
Germany	Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen (LHG)	5
Hungary	Momentum TizenX	3
Ireland	Ógra Fianna Fáil	8
Latvia	Attistibai Youth	3
Lithuania	Lithuanian liberal youth	6
Luxembourg	JDL - Jonk Demokraten Luxembourg	3
Montenegro	Liberal Youth of Montenegro	3
The Netherlands	Jovd	6

North Macedonia	Lidem	3
Norway	Norges Unge Venstre	5
Serbia	Mladi Liberal Democratic Party	7
Spain	Jóvenes Ciudadanos	8
Sweden	Centerstudenter	4
Sweden	Liberal Youth of Sweden (LUF)	6
Sweden	Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund	5
Switzerland	Jungfreisinnige Schweiz (JFS)	6
The Netherlands	Jonge Democraten	7
Ukraine	Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine	3
Ukraine	European Youth of Ukraine	3
United Kingdom	Young Liberals	8
Moldova	Organizatia Tineretului Liberal Moldova (OTL)	0
IMS	Laurenz Van Ginneken	1
IMS	Huw James	1
IMS	Casper Pedersen	1
Iceland	Uppreisn	3

228 votes are present out of the 232 votes in the Congress. 114 is the simple majority and 152 is the $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the votes present.

Not present **Organizația Tineretului Liberal Moldova (OTL)** - 4 votes.

WE PROCEED TO A ROLL CALL VOTE on the suspension of Civil Forum Youth Belarus.

Country	Full Members	Roll call Vote
Andorra	Joves Liberals d'Andorra	3
Austria	JUNOS - Junge Liberale NEOS	5
Belgium	Fédération des étudiants libéraux (FEL)	4
Belgium	Jong VLD vzw	5
Belgium	Jeunes MR	abstention
Bosnia/Herzegovina	Mladi liberali BiH	3
Bulgaria	Youth MRF	abstention
Catalonia	Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya (JNC)	7
Croatia	Mladi hrvatski liberali (MHL)	abstention
Croatia	Mladi HNS-a	7
Croatia	ISTRIAN DEMOCRATIC YOUTH - IDY	abstention
Czech Republic	Mladé ANO	3

Denmark	Venstres Ungdom	6
Denmark	Radikal Ungdom	5
Estonia	European Reform Party Youth (ERPY)	6
Estonia	Centre Party Youth (Eesti Keskerakonna Noortekogu)	against
Finland	Svensk Ungdom / RKP-nuoret	6
Finland	Keskustaopiskelijat(former Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto)	4
Finland	Suomen Keskustanuoret ry (Centre Youth of Finland)	7
France	Jeunes Radicaux	4
Germany	Junge Liberale	abstention
Germany	Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen (LHG)	abstention
Hungary	Momentum TizenX	3
Ireland	Ógra Fianna Fáil	8
Latvia	Attistibai Youth	3
Lithuania	Lithuanian liberal youth	abstention
Luxembourg	JDL - Jonk Demokraten Luxembourg	3
Montenegro	Liberal Youth of Montenegro	3
The Netherlands	Jovd	6
North Macedonia	Lidem	abstention
Norway	Norges Unge Venstre	5
Serbia	Mladi Liberal Democratic Party	7
Spain	Jóvenes Ciudadanos	abstention
Sweden	Centerstudenter	4
Sweden	Liberal Youth of Sweden (LUF)	6
Sweden	Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund	5
Switzerland	Jungfreisinnige Schweiz (JFS)	6
The Netherlands	Jonge Democraten	7
Ukraine	Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine	3
Ukraine	European Youth of Ukraine	3
United Kingdom	Young Liberals	8
Moldova	Organizatia Tineretului Liberal Moldova (OTL)	0
IMS	Laurenz Van Ginneken	1
IMS	Huw James	1
IMS	Casper Pedersen	1
Iceland	Uppreisn	3

Results:

Favour: 152

Abstain: 69

Against: 7

Civil Forum Belarus is suspended.

d. Disaffiliations

BUREAU RECOMMENDATION

Lena HÖGLUND (LYMEC's Treasurer) on the disaffiliation of **TLDE Romania** explains that the Bureau has tried to reach out to the organisation since their incorporation in 2018 but they have never given a clear response or participated in events since the Vilnius Congress, where their full membership was rejected. Their mother party has separated from the ALDE Party and they did not pay their membership fee last year. Therefore, the Bureau recommends disaffiliation.

DEBATE

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) opens the floor to Congress but nobody asks to take the floor.

VOTING

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) calls for a vote on the disaffiliation of TLDE Romania from LYMEC by delegations. She asks those against to signal it through the common chat.

No one is against.

TLDE Romania is disaffiliated unanimously.

11. Discharge of the Bureau, IFLRY representative and internal auditors

Congress approves the discharge of previous positions, **Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress)** thanks the previous Bureau Members, Internal Auditors and Representative to IFLRY for their work and announces the beginning of a new chapter.

12. Elections of the Bureau (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, four Bureau members - presentations, questions and voting)

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) opens the agenda point emphasizing that each candidate will have a short presentation for the position they are running for followed by questions from the delegates. She then gives the floor to the different candidates.

PRESENTATIONS

President:

Antoaneta ASENOVA (Youth MRF):

During the last few years, I have worked together with the Bureau in numerous projects such as the campaign for the European Parliament elections and the Policy Book. During these projects I learnt many things and became inspired to run for President. I am not a populist so I will not promise that I will implement all your suggestions but I will listen to them. I want to work in skill building through new tools for our policy and campaign officers. I never liked the cliché that we live in an ever changing world but I must admit it is applicable to current times. During these uncertain times I can just promise you to do my best in leading this organisation by working together with the new Bureau team. I am a proud European, Bulgarian, Balkan and LYMEC member that recognizes the importance of diversity, respect of human, minority rights and the one of working together. I ask you to put your trust in me because I am a believer. I believe in you and in the power of us working together.

QUESTIONS

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Kasper Lagerlund (RU)** who asks what are the biggest challenges the new bureau will deal with?

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Laia Garrido (JCS)** who asks what are the next steps the bureau should take in different areas: geographically, financially etc?

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Anna Komziuk (LDLU)** who asks whether she plans to cooperate with international partners?

Antoaneta ASENOVA (Youth MRF) replying to the first question says that this Congress is already facing a big challenge under the current circumstances. The first year's challenge is to overcome the current crisis. The bigger challenge after is how the organisation will stay an important actor after the coronavirus crisis. There are challenges that are shrinking our human rights in the EU.

Replying to the second question, she stresses that LYMEC is already covering a big part of Europe's geography and LYMEC's door will always be open but that the structure will not actively seek geographical expansions. In regards to financial growth, she assures that the organisation has a stable financial situation now but nobody knows what it will look like after the crisis and it will be unrealistic to make any projections on how it is going to grow financially. She mentions the importance of donations and that LYMEC should also grow politically which is feasible at the moment.

Addressing the third question, she mentions that LYMEC is a European organisation and she will be a European President who will try to cooperate at an international level.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Ioana Abaseaca (USR Tineret)** who asks about the coronavirus situation and how the next mandate will be affected?

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Marko Zivkovic (Nova Stranka Youth)** who mentions that Antoaneta was a great help for their organisation and will definitely help the Balkan region if elected.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Lukas Stravinskas (LLJ)** who asks what she will do differently from Svenja, the previous President?

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Alice Schmidt (JULIS)** who mentions that the delegations are becoming smaller as LYMEC grows and asks for an alternative plan to secure the number of delegates and funding. What will be done in that field in the future?

Antoaneta ASENOVA (Youth MRF):

She addresses the first question and says that the next Bureau will face challenges as they will have to reshuffle a few events and reschedule them (including the option to have them online). On a more positive note, she reflects on the fact that this Congress shows that LYMEC can keep up working in the digital era and continue the dialogue. The longer impact is yet to be discussed and that's the main challenge. Replying to the second statement she welcomes the support.

On the third question, she mentions the good work of the current Bureau. The one thing she will do differently is increase the channels of communication and communicate better Bureau decisions, build up to regional portfolios and urge the MOs to actively contribute and tell the Bureau what they can do better. Replying to Alice's question she admits that this is inevitable and they are trying their best with the constraints they have (financial aspects and space at venues). It's also the story of the European Parliament, where Germany had less seats for the interest of having everyone represented. She asks MOs to actively participate in all events and not only the Congresses and proposes a digital assembly with IOs in between Congresses to increase interactions between Bureau and MOs.

PRESENTATIONS

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) takes the floor to explain that lunch hour will be pushed back until the end of the Bureau presentations. She gives the floor to the next candidates.

Vice President:

András SZTANEFF (TizenX):

I would like to thank the previous Bureau for their amazing work. We are facing a vast recession in front of us and populists might rise in power. It is very important to make LYMEC more political and reach the wider public. If elected, I would revise the training sessions (participants and speakers selection processes), clean up the IO facebook group, establish communication channels and campaign volunteers.

We shall not forget the impact of carrying out campaigns together and issuing common press releases can make. We should incorporate a team of 5 campaign volunteers to create and coordinate common campaigns all around Europe. I would really like to bring my technical experience to LYMEC to turn it into a real federal and umbrella organisation.

Dan Aria SUCURI (Nordic member organisations of LYMEC):

Dear friends, I stand here with one message which is progress. This is what I want to bring to LYMEC as its Vice-president. I would like to focus on communicating better our policies (resolutions, manifesto) using them to create materials to publish in our communication channels. We have developed great policies that deserve to be heard when the future of Europe is debated. The second thing I would like to do is to develop a more executive Bureau by making sure that we achieve our goals carrying out regular follow-ups and putting in place clear medium-term plans. I also would like to develop a strategic plan for regional development, not to grow for the sake of growing, but to better represent young liberalism in Europe. My friends, you know that I am a man of action and not of words. I believe that I have shown that I am a hard-worker and that I am committed to make LYMEC the best it can be.

QUESTIONS

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Laurenz Van Ginneken (IMS)** who asks how well do they know the statutes, internal structures and the partner organisations of LYMEC?

András SZTANEFF (TizenX) mentions that this is his fourth Congress and that he is familiar with the statutes. He has been to the last ALDE Congress so he can build on that as well. When it comes to partner organisations, he says that he is happy that people from his party (Katalin Cseh in Renew, Daniel Berg in ALDE and Toth Csaba in ELF) have functions in different important partner organisations and he has established good connections with them.

Dan Aria SUCURI (Nordic Member Organisations of LYMEC) replies that by working already for LYMEC he has developed a great understanding of the organisation's functioning, the MOs and he stresses once again the importance of regional development. Regarding partner organisations, they help us in areas where we aren't present and also in diversifying our finances.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) reminds the Congress that only heads of delegations are expected to request the floor to speak/ask questions.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Abel Hartman (JD)** who asks about the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate's own personality and how this will affect their tasks and position?

Sissel Kvist (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Casper Pedersen (IMS)** who asks what does András mean by an umbrella organisation and how it differs from what LYMEC does now, what is LYMEC currently lacking on that side?

András SZTANEFF (TizenX) replies to Abel's question and says that one of his strengths is that he has already established policies and ideas in Hungary without any background, starting from scratch and bringing that to success. It was of course not perfect and he learned from his mistakes. He realises that it won't be a success directly but we have to initiate big campaigns, analyse them (strengths and weaknesses) and do a monitoring system to make them evolve in the future. To Casper's question, he says that LYMEC does not live up to the potential of being an umbrella organisation even if written in the statutes. The true definition is that an umbrella organisation would pool resources at a centralised point and then acts as a federation. He proposes to give more competences at the European level, to the federation so that it can reach out better to MOs in a united front as 200 000 members.

Dan-Aria SUCURI (Nordic Member Organisations of LYMEC) replies to Abel's question and mentions that being a project leader as a consultant in his professional life is one of his strengths. He can gather ideas, put forward results and so on. Nevertheless, he admits that sometimes he is super technical (not pedagogical enough) and takes up a lot of responsibility for himself when he could benefit from sharing the responsibility and the work with others. He should improve on that.

PRESENTATIONS

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to the next candidate.

Treasurer:

Marten PORTE (JD)

Dear fellow liberals, today is a special day for candidates and also for LYMEC as an organisation since we are showing our adaptability, ability and versatility through this Digital Congress. He thanks the office to have worked hard on this and to make such an event happen. I got in touch with LYMEC three years ago with the ALDE winter academy. Last year, I was obliged not only to take the position of International Officer but also Treasurer of my national organization. It was supposed to be temporary but at the end he became the full time Treasurer. In that position, I had to cut down our budget dramatically. During this time, I noticed the importance of the position of Treasurer and finances inside such an organisation. It is a very demanding job but it's one where you can be completely aware of the impact it has. Thankfully, LYMECs situation is very different thanks to Lena's work. I want to continue the good work so LYMEC can continue its mission of defending liberal values, which is now more important than ever to fight autocratic regimes. He will make sure to have enough staff, more structural funds to give security. Only together in solidarity will we be able to come out of this crisis stronger. Happy to get in touch with all of the delegates and give his availability for questions whenever it's needed.

QUESTIONS

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Kasper Langelund (RU)** from RU who asks about how comfortable he is about taking the reins of LYMEC finances or whether we will have an intermediary period?

Marten PORTE (JD) replies that he feels very comfortable taking over. Lena, the previous treasurer, is in contact with him and she will be present during the handover and transition to teach him how things work. Lena will also still oversee some projects. He needs time to learn all rules, regulations

PRESENTATIONS

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to the next candidates.

Bureau members:

Ida-Maria SKYTTE (Nordic Member Organisations of LYMEC):

I participated already in many LYMEC events including Congresses but also the Young Changemakers' Academy. If elected, I will focus on a more inclusive LYMEC, stronger MOs and a more political LYMEC by including all young liberals from the bottom to the top. Bureau has worked on gender equality and minority rights but there is still more to do on diversity. When it comes to a more political LYMEC I mean making our policies more visible, we can do more. When it comes to building strong MOs, I would like to organise meetings for campaign officers and exchange best practices between them and going beyond IOs and Presidents. MOs could improve their strategies, get more young liberals elected and have fresh ideas. I have the knowledge and the experience to be an active Bureau member. I have worked for Liberal International and works for the Finish parliament for the Finish ministry of Justice.

Ines HOLZEGGER (JUNOS):

I have participated in multiple Congresses, first as V-P of JUNOS and then as International Officer for JUNOS. My main objective is to bring my years of experience and new ideas forward, to bring MOs together by reinventing the structure and building capacities amongst them. I will be able to do this because currently I'm doing a master in e-governance and public administration. The main focus of this is analysing institutions and finding new ways to do things. We need to find new challenges for communication especially in this crisis and that I am well prepared for that. I would like to make Bureau decisions and work more transparently through bulletins informing MOs and digital gatherings of IOs. I will also put forward twinings of local chapters as these are important for developing the organisation further. The goal is to bring the EU level to local realities and we can learn from each other a lot. If elected, I would do my best to develop LYMEC further and speak out for young liberals all over Europe.

Laia COMERMA (JNC):

I'm proud of our capacity to adapt and deliver this Congress, I'm a PhD student in international relations. I have been working with everyone for the past 3 years, cooperating with all of you for a better LYMEC and I have noticed that there is room for improvement when it comes to training. Education is key, to be able to take the lead when it will be our time. I strongly believe in meritocracy. I have a plan for 3 points. First, we need to be more participatory by following a bottom up approach (MO deciding on the topics we would deal with). Second, we need to bring LYMEC closer to MOs and Bureau members participate in regional events to help and understand local realities. Third, make an online training platform together with a pool of experts database that will take into account IOs opinions and evaluations.

Record the online events and make the best out of them as we are the online and digital generation. Climate emergency, women in politics and the future of Europe are my key priorities for the next two years. Education is the strongest tool we have, support me in that.

Marina SEDLO (JULIS/LHG):

It's been 5 years since I have started being active in LYMEC. 5 years of great moments and great political work that I want to put at your disposal. I think we create very good content that needs to get out and become a reality. We need an attractive platform for our resolutions. We need to discuss with our partners and in the parliaments to spread liberalism all over Europe. We need to say that LYMEC is for all young liberal minded Europeans and organizations. My ideas for this mandate are as follows. First, continue the clean up and structuring of the policy book with the advice of Antoaneta taken on board. Second, creating working groups with MOs, meeting with our young politicians in the EP to create resolutions and impact on EU legislation. Then, communicate what we were standing for at Congresses. Create campaigns to promote our IMS section and a platform with both IMS and MOs to discuss latest developments. Work closer together with IFLRY. This is what I want to do during this mandate together with you. Thank you and let's get our content out.

Paolo PELESK (IDY):

I am running for LYMEC Bureau upon recommendation of my organisation because I fit the profile. I am a youth worker so I am specialized in motivating people to actively engage in society and being more active. I want to motivate people to defend liberal values such as equal rights, environment, etc. I also want to fight to keep democracy in these times of crisis. I see Bureau members as a youth worker creating youth policies and being an example. I believe I have the necessary skills to push young people to make their voices heard at a European level by working together. I will help them also to gather resources to reach their goals and help them in reaching out to the European Parliament. Thank you for your time and patience.

Ruslan Rubenovich ABDURAKHAM (IMS):

I'm greeting everyone from Italy. I am the only one from Italy here sadly. I want to push LYMEC to be more than it is, than a family. We should go over the national borders, beyond with the single market. We have to stop thinking of LYMEC as the union of different organizations and think of it in a transnational way. We need to bring it closer to the people and make them see that we can solve their problems. I believe in our power to do that, that's my main reason to fight in this organisation. Politics is more than just elections. We need to make LYMEC work more visible and broad, not just bureaucracy. In this crisis what I really fear is the threat to our individual freedom and not the virus. Due to the virus, we are on lockdown and we do not know until when and we don't know if we can get back our freedom. We need to watch out for our freedom which is the most important thing we have. Even if not elected, I will keep up the good fight so please, join me.

QUESTIONS

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Huw James (IMS)** who mentions that IMS will support Marina Sedlo as a member of the Steering Committee. He asks the rest of the candidates how they intend to work with the IMS Steering Committee to grow the IMS within LYMEC?

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Laia Garrido (JCs)** who asks all candidates what they are proposing to incite more collaboration with MOs beyond the LYMEC Congress (exchange of best practices or twinning programmes) and to Laia Comerma how she will deal with JNCs mother party's disaffiliation from ALDE Party and the Renew Europe Group and possible defense of anti-liberal policies not aligned necessarily with our values?

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Omer Berbic (Nasa Stranka)** who asks Paolo Pelesk what is his experience from working with other organisations inside LYMEC and beyond?

Ida Maria SKYTTE (Nordic Member Organisations of LYMEC) when it comes to the IMS, Marina Sedlo has the most knowledge about it but she defends improving the communication to MOs about the IMS Section. She wants to get the information out about the IMS to inform the MOs properly.

On Laia's question on more cooperation, she proposes also to organize meetings with campaign officers to exchange best practices just as suggested.

Ines HOLZEGGER (JUNOS) agrees that Marina Sedlon is the expert on IMS. She emphasizes that information needs to be put out there more. We should do videos explaining the IMS and its advantages to put them in the focus.

On Laia's question, she is very excited about using twinning to exchange knowledge, experiences and find common solutions to common problems and obtain more capacity building interactions. Visiting other local sections is extremely useful and important. She definitely wants to push that.

Laia COMERMA (JNC) points out first that JNC and the party are different, not directly linked. Luckily also the party will stay independent in the parliament, not joining another Group. There will be no conflict of interest. JNC is liberal and a founding member of LYMEC and she would definitely like to avoid a conflict of interest and keep JNC's independence. Full accountability and transparency will be guiding her action.

On the second question, the main topics of her campaign are focused on increasing participation from the bottom up and building bridges between the MOs, bringing them closer to LYMEC. With the pool of experts, MOs will teach each other to reach the full potential of LYMEC.

Working together with the IMS and involving them in the discussion is very important and she intends to keep working on the section as a Bureau member.

Marina SEDLO (JuLis/LHG) thanks the delegates for their questions and proceeds to answer the questions. Regarding the cooperation between MOs, very good question and thanks Laia. She thinks MOs need to have the opportunity to work together through working groups and write resolutions together. We need to create a real LYMEC platform to exchange best practices beside the already existing Facebook group as with the current crisis we have seen how important this is.

We can organise common campaign actions and send volunteers to other places to campaign when there are elections. The network is there and the Bureau should reinforce the contact between MOs.

Paolo PELESK (Istrian Democratic Youth from Croatia) states that, regarding the IMS sector, communication but also open dialogue are key and we need to develop the steps in between where we are and where we want to get. The same applies to cooperation between MOs, more communication and transparency. Creating a platform where all resources can be gathered for MOs. Replying to Omer's question, he explains that he has been a member in different organisations and therefore he has the requested experience. He is member for 3 years of the Istrian Democratic Youth now but previously part of the youth council of his town at local level. He is also a Board member of an NGO.

Ruslan Rubenovich ABDURAKHAM (IMS) takes the floor and explains how through his experience as IMS he believes that LYMEC should be above the national organizations and promote more this section to develop the concept of a liberal European family where nationalities do not matter because LYMEC is not at national level. He would like a LYMEC where we are all LYMEC delegates and nothing else matters. The vision he presented includes strengthening relationships between IMS and MOs as well. He thanks the delegates for the questions.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Tanzer Yuseinov (YMRF)** who asks everyone why they want to be a Bureau member? What does LYMEC mean to you?

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **David Liljedal (CUF)** who asks Paolo and Ruslan what experience do they have from LYMEC and what in this experience made them think that they need to run for the Bureau?

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Ioana Abaseaca (USR Tirennet)** who asks everyone whether being a public figure will affect their Facebook and Social Media communication?

Ida Maria SKYTTE (Nordic Member Organisations of LYMEC) replies that LYMEC is a place for political "geeks" where you learn a lot and meet a lot of experienced and knowledgeable people. She believes that her experience in both local and national board of Svensk Ungdom, she will be an asset to the Bureau. She wants to give something back to LYMEC since the organisation brought so much to her. She is already a public figure on social media and it is not a new situation for her. She is working for a ministry so what she shares on social media is already monitored on a daily basis.

Ines HOLZEGGER (JUNOS) replies that she would keep her personal profile on social media since she has experience in being on different Boards and she is aware of how to keep her profile in line with her public persona/the policy to follow. She wants to be a Bureau Member because she is very passionate about liberalism and European politics and this makes her passionate about LYMEC as an organisation that defends both of these passions.

She is aware that it is a project that needs some changes and she wants to be part of it. She sees some room for improvement and with her ideas, she believes she can make LYMEC greater

Laia COMERMA (JNC) stresses that she wants to be a Bureau member to change and improve the training sector of LYMEC. She believes that she can bring positive changes to the organisation. Working collectively is the key, she has been active for many years and understands the dynamics between smaller and bigger MOs. She is not the best on social media but she is mindful of how she uses them. At some point, she believes that your public function becomes part of your private life. She will continue to be mindful of the content she uploads for sure as a maxime to follow. She hopes to have answered as requested.

Marina SEDLO (JuLis/LHG) thanks everyone for their questions and answers that she wants to be a Bureau member because sometimes it is a bit frustrating to be a liberal. Seeing what is happening in Europe, she feels the urge to promote the implementation of liberal ideas everywhere by writing policies and working for them to be applied and create change. She has experience in doing this at the national level in Germany and wants to do it in LYMEC too, which she considers her political home. She has a private profile on Social Media but she is considering changing it to public. She will be one of the voices of LYMEC but she thinks it is important to remember that she is still a person within the network and that is why she will not change the content of her profiles.

Paolo PELESK (Istrian Democratic Youth) replies that he wants to be a Bureau member to motivate others and be a good example of being active. He is new to LYMEC but he considers this as an asset as he will bring new/fresh experiences and point of views to it. He is up for the challenge and will have to learn the structure. As for Social Media, he defends that he will promote LYMEC personally and through his organisation so use his existing accounts.

Ruslan Rubenovich ABDURAKHAM (IMS) wants to become a Bureau member because, after joining LYMEC last september he thought it was necessary to bring LYMEC closer to the territories where there is no national organization to explain liberalism and what the ALDE Party and LYMEC are. LYMEC is an instrument to spread liberalism and a liberal culture among the common people but he thinks we are failing on this at the moment. On Social Media, he recognizes it is important even though he does not love it. He promises to be more active if elected.

Point of order from Svenja Hahn (Former President of LYMEC) asking for a roll call before we take the lunch break and send delegates to vote.

Sissel KVIST (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Bàlint GYEVAI (Secretary General)** who raises a point of order to call upon participants not to log out during the Congress and calls for a **roll call** before proceeding to the voting/lunch break.

ROLL CALL takes place as follows:

Country	Full Members	Votes
Andorra	Joves Liberals d'Andorra	3
Austria	JUNOS - Junge Liberale NEOS	5
Belgium	Fédération des étudiants libéraux (FEL)	4
Belgium	Jong VLD vzw	5
Belgium	Jeunes MR	9
Bosnia/Herzegovina	Mladi liberali BiH	3
Bulgaria	Youth MRF	10
Catalonia	Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya (JNC)	7
Croatia	Mladi hrvatski liberali (MHL)	5
Croatia	Mladi HNS-a	7
Croatia	ISTRIAN DEMOCRATIC YOUTH - IDY	4
Czech Republic	Mladé ANO	3
Denmark	Venstres Ungdom	6
Denmark	Radikal Ungdom	5
Estonia	European Reform Party Youth (ERPYP)	6
Estonia	Centre Party Youth (Eesti Keskerakonna Noortekogu)	7
Finland	Svensk Ungdom / RKP-nuoret	6
Finland	Keskustaopiskelijat(former Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto)	4
Finland	Suomen Keskustanuoret ry (Centre Youth of Finland)	7
France	Jeunes Radicaux	4
Germany	Junge Liberale	10
Germany	Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen (LHG)	5
Hungary	Momentum TizenX	3
Ireland	Ógra Fianna Fáil	8
Latvia	Attistibai Youth	3
Lithuania	Lithuanian liberal youth	6
Luxembourg	JDL - Jonk Demokraten Luxembourg	3
Montenegro	Liberal Youth of Montenegro	3
The Netherlands	Jovd	6
North Macedonia	Lidem	3
Norway	Norges Unge Venstre	5
Serbia	Mladi Liberal Democratic Party	7
Spain	Jóvenes Ciudadanos	8
Sweden	Centerstudenter	4
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Sweden	Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund	5
Switzerland	Jungfreisinnige Schweiz (JFS)	6
The Netherlands	Jonge Democraten	7
Ukraine	Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine	3
Ukraine	European Youth of Ukraine	3
United Kingdom	Young Liberals	8
Moldova	Organizatia Tineretului Liberal Moldova (OTL)	4
IMS	Laurenz Van Ginneken	1
IMS	Huw James	1
IMS	Casper Pedersen	1
Iceland	Uppreisn	3

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After Roll Call, **Bàlint GYEVAI (Secretary General)** explains how the link to the voting app (Electionrunner) will be sent to the delegation leaders and how the different candidacies should be voted for. He further indicates the ending of the lunch and voting break at 15 h 40 at which point there would be another Roll Call. He instructs delegates to not leave the call and adds upon questioning in the chat that the deadline to vote is 15 h 30.

Delegates go to the voting lunch break.

VOTING

LUNCH BREAK

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) takes over the chairing and gives an overview of the rest of the agenda that remains undone and reminds delegates of the rules of participation one more time.

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Bàlint GYEVAI (Secretary General)** for the roll call.

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13. Announcement of the elected Bureau Members

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to the scrutineer **Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor)**.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) congratulates **Antoaneta ASENOVA** for being elected as LYMECs new President.

Antoaneta ASENOVA (LYMEC's President) takes the floor to thank the Congress.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) congratulates **Dan-Aria SUCURI** for being elected as LYMECs new Vice-President.

Dan Aria-SUCURI (LYMEC's Vice-President) takes the floor to thank the Congress.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) congratulates **Marten PORTE** for being elected as LYMECs new Treasurer.

Marten PORTE (LYMEC's Treasurer) takes the floor to thank the Congress.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) congratulates **Marina SEDLO** for being elected as LYMECs new Bureau Member.

Marina SEDLO (Bureau Member) takes the floor to thank the Congress.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) congratulates **Ines HOLZEGGER** for being elected as LYMECs new Bureau Member.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) congratulates **Ida-Maria SKYTTE** for being elected as LYMECs new Bureau Member.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) congratulates **Laia COMERMA** for being elected as LYMECs new Bureau Member.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) thanks **Andras Sztaneff, Paolo Pelesk** and **Ruslan Rubenovich Abdurakhman** for their participation and encourages them to stay involved.

VOTE COUNT

President

Antoaneta ASENOVA (Youth MRF): 232

Abstentions: 0

Total: 232

Vice-President

András SZTANEFF (TizenX): 43

Dan Aria SUCURI (Nordic member organisations of LYMEC): 189

Abstentions: 0

Total: 232

Treasurer

Marten PORTE (JD): 232

Abstentions: 0

Total: 232

Bureau members

Marina SEDLO (JuLis): 232

Ines HOLZEGGER (JUNOS): 225

Ida-Maria SKYTTE (Nordic Member Organisations of LYMEC): 220

Laia COMERMA (JNC): 151

Paolo PELESK (IDY): 100

Ruslan Rubenovich ABDURAKHMAN (IMS): 0

Abstentions: 0

Total: 232

14. Election of the Internal Auditors and substitutes (presentations, questions and voting)

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) explains the elections and asks all nominated candidates if they are still willing to run. No one asks to take the floor. She asks if there are more people willing to run. No one manifests. She explains the situation with the number of candidates required by the statutes being 4 and since there were only two candidates running two people took the leap to run so they can become substitutes but not to take over the posts. She gives the floor for 2 minutes to each candidate.

PRESENTATIONS

Jeffrey DRUI (JDL):

I am a candidate as a back up and not Internal Auditor. I studied economics in France and did also an MA. I work for a bank in Luxembourg and I am used to be looking at our clients' balance sheets.

Laurenz VAN GINNEKEN (Jong VLD):

I want to be a substitute too. I have been an administrative assistant at LYMEC, a delegate for the IMS currently and have plenty of experience in youth organizations. But please, do not vote for me.

Sanda KREKIKJ (LiDEM)

Thank you for the opportunity to speak up and postulate for this position. I am very honored to be a candidate for this election and I hope you give me your support and thank you very much.

Tuuli HELIND (ERPY)

I am running because I want to do more for LYMEC. I have relevant experience in risk management and compliance that I can put forward in this position too. I believe in our work so please vote for me. Thank you.

QUESTIONS

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) opens the floor for questions to the internal auditors by specifying the rules. Questions will be taken one by one unless we have many questions from the delegates. She also reminds delegates to specify to whom they are addressing their question.

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Lena Hoglund (LYMECs former Treasurer)** who asks that, in view of new roles added to the function of Internal Auditors (administering voting at the Congress + contact person of the organisation according to Equality and diversity plan) if they are comfortable undertaking these tasks as well beside the checking of the bookkeeping and the finances? What is your availability for these two tasks?

Tuuli HELIND (ERP) explains that within the ERPY they have developed their own diversity plan within the past months. She is very interested in participating in the extra tasks as well. She wants to support this process in LYMEC. It's important to monitor the elections as internal auditors.

Sanda KREKIKJ (LiDEM) replies that she has no problem with multitasking and availability.

Laurenz VAN GINNEKEN (Jong VLD) replies that he has no problem with multitasking as well but requests not to vote for him. He can do both if needed.

Jeffrey DRUI (JDL) thinks the same as previous speakers. He supports the equality and diversity plan as he is sitting in the diversity committee of his company. He is glad to participate in that as well if needed but asks please don't vote for him.

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) reminds the **end of nominations for the ALDE Party Congress Delegation elections.**

Balint GYEVAI (Secretary General) announces that there are 14 candidates for the ALDE Party Congress delegation and no more will be accepted.

15. Election of the IFLRY representative (presentations, questions and voting)

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) asks the candidates to say something in case they want to withdraw their candidacy. This doesn't happen and there are no additional candidates. She then gives the floor to the 2 candidates for this position for 2 minutes each.

PRESENTATION

Anna KOMZIUK (LDLU) congratulates the newly elected Bureau. Most of the delegates could already see her ideas during the campaign and she hopes they are familiar with them. She says that voting for her is a truly new and fresh approach. She stresses that LYMEC is a regional member of IFLRY, not a partner and wants fruitful cooperation between the two organisations and also with other regional members of IFLRY. She would like to work on involving the MOs in defining the topics of future actions and events with IFLRY. She feels that some IFLRY people are upset regarding the election to the Advisory Committee of the Council of Europe because LYMEC didn't support enough Andrea Ugrinoska in her nomination. She would like to see true cooperation and communication between the two structures.

Benjamin FIEVET (Jeunes Radicaux) was part of LYMEC for a long-time as an Individual member and lately as part of the Steering Committee. He wants to continue working in LYMEC and stresses that he wants to be a liaison between the two organisations to make them the best partners they can be. He has presented his vision and received inputs which he integrated in his plans in the past couple of weeks. His program can be summarised in three main points: effective and efficient communication, coordination to avoid overlaps, cooperation to reinforce each other. In addition, he is a consensus builder and he has experience in both LYMEC and IFLRY. He is also realistic about what he can achieve in the position and what can be done. He hopes to build the right bridges between the two organisations and urges delegates to vote for him.

QUESTIONS

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Huw James (IMS)** who asks what in their experience they can give to the IFLRY individual members section project?

Benjamin FIEVET (Jeunes Radicaux) mentions that this is a choice IFLRY has to make. As a liberal member, he supports the idea and he believes he is suited to share his knowledge about the IMS section with them since he has a lot of experience.

Anna KOMZIUK (LDLU) believes that IFLRY needs an IMS section more than LYMEC as IFLRY covers a wider area. Therefore, we can help IFLRY with our expertise to develop their IMS section.

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Kasper Langelund (RU)** who asks what they see as IFLRY's most pressing/current issue?

Benjamin FIEVET (Jeunes Radicaux) replies that the main issue of IFLRY is not the representation from specific countries but rather that some are facing financial problems to join events. LYMEC can definitely help on that. He also states that we are not doing much together, and therefore he would like to work on that.

Anna KOMZIUK (LDLU) replies that she thinks that IFLRY is not having enough representation of the whole world. It does not hold a liberal global area. There are regions lacking representation (South America, Australia or New Zealand). She sees this as a pressing issue nowadays for IFLRY.

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Lukas Strasinskas (LLJ)** who asks what working experience do they have that will help them in this position?

Benjamin FIEVET (Jeunes Radicaux) replies that he has working and volunteering experience covering the necessary areas. He has worked in the EP, he has volunteered in LYMEC for 6 years now and been in touch with ALDE, IFLRY, JEF and his local political youth party in France. He attended many IFLRY events and knows how it works. He is also used to working in a multicultural environment and knows politics. He knows how these organisations are working and the processes involved. Speaking French gives him also additional tools to get in touch with some of the African members of IFLRY.

Anna KOMZIUK (LDLU) explains her experience in LDLU as an European Officer, before responsible for HR and also her working experience as a lawyer in different public administrations, prosecutors officer and different courts. She is a PhD student in Lithuania and she is also currently representing the UN in Ukraine in social and political issues.

VOTING

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) calls delegates to log-in in to Elections Runner to vote for Internal Auditor and IFLRY representative by giving the floor to **Balint GYEVAI (Secretary General)** who explains that the voting break will last until 16:30 when there will be a **roll call** again before announcing the results.

VOTING BREAK

ROLL CALL takes place as follows:

Country	Full Members	Votes
Andorra	Joves Liberals d'Andorra	3
Austria	JUNOS - Junge Liberale NEOS	5
Belgium	Fédération des étudiants libéraux (FEL)	4
Belgium	Jong VLD vzw	5
Belgium	Jeunes MR	9
Bosnia/Herzegovina	Mladi liberali BiH	3
Bulgaria	Youth MRF	10
Catalonia	Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya (JNC)	7
Croatia	Mladi hrvatski liberali (MHL)	5
Croatia	Mladi HNS-a	7
Croatia	ISTRIAN DEMOCRATIC YOUTH - IDY	4
Czech Republic	Mladé ANO	3
Denmark	Venstres Ungdom	6
Denmark	Radikal Ungdom	5
Estonia	European Reform Party Youth (ERPYP)	6
Estonia	Centre Party Youth (Eesti Keskerakonna Noortekogu)	7
Finland	Svensk Ungdom / RKP-nuoret	6
Finland	Keskustaopiskelijat(former Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto)	4
Finland	Suomen Keskustanuoret ry (Centre Youth of Finland)	7
France	Jeunes Radicaux	4
Germany	Junge Liberale	10
Germany	Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen (LHG)	5

Hungary	Momentum TizenX	3
Ireland	Ógra Fianna Fáil	8
Latvia	Attistibai Youth	3
Lithuania	Lithuanian liberal youth	6
Luxembourg	JDL - Jonk Demokraten Luxembourg	3
Montenegro	Liberal Youth of Montenegro	3
The Netherlands	Jovd	6
North Macedonia	Lidem	3
Norway	Norges Unge Venstre	5
Serbia	Mladi Liberal Democratic Party	7
Spain	Jóvenes Ciudadanos	8
Sweden	Centerstudenter	4
Sweden	Liberal Youth of Sweden (LUF)	6
Sweden	Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund	5
Switzerland	Jungfreisinnige Schweiz (JFS)	6
The Netherlands	Jonge Democraten	7
Ukraine	Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine	3
Ukraine	European Youth of Ukraine	3
United Kingdom	Young Liberals	8
Moldova	Organizatia Tineretului Liberal Moldova (OTL)	4
IMS	Laurenz Van Ginneken	1
IMS	Huw James	1
IMS	Casper Pedersen	1
Iceland	Uppreisn	3

232 votes are present out of the 232 votes in the Congress (all present). 116 is the simple majority and 155 is the $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the votes present.

16. Announcement of the elected Auditors and substitutes

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to the scrutineer **Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor)**.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) congratulates **Sanda KREKIKJ** for being elected as LYMEC's new Internal Auditor.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) congratulates **Tuuli HELIND** for being elected as LYMEC's new Internal Auditor.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) thanks **Laurenz Van Ginneken** and **Jeffrey Druil** for their participation and encourages them to stay active in LYMEC now that they have become both substitute internal auditors.

VOTE COUNT

Sanda KREKIKJ (LiDEM): 219

Tuuli HELIND (ERPY): 206

Laurenz VAN GINNEKEN - substitute (Jong VLD): 54

Jeffrey DRUI - substitute (JDL): 50

Total: 232

17. Announcement of the elected IFLRY representative

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to the scrutineer **Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor)**.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) congratulates **Benjamin FIEVET** for being elected as LYMEC's new IFLRY representative.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) thanks **Anna Komziuk** for her participation and encourages her to stay active in LYMEC.

VOTE COUNT

Benjamin FIEVET (Jeunes Radicaux): 163

Anna KOMZIUK (LDLU): 69

Total: 232

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) reminds **Benjamin Fievet (LYMEC's Representative to IFLRY)** that as new IFLRY representative he answers to this Congress and is expected to represent LYMEC well.

Benjamin FIEVET (LYMEC's Representative to IFLRY) takes the floor to thank the Congress and reassure them of his commitment to represent LYMEC well and of his consciousness of his responsibility to the Congress.

18. Election of the Delegation for ALDE Party Congress (presentations, questions and voting)

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) asks candidates if they want to withdraw their candidacy. No one manifests so she gives the floor to candidates in alphabetical order. For technical reasons, the video messages from candidates not attending the Congress will be shown first.

PRESENTATION

Ellinor JUTH (Svensk Ungdom) - VIDEO PRESENTATION:

Hello everyone and greetings from a very grey Helsinki. Dear liberal friends my name is Ellinor from the Swedish Youth of Finland and I am running to be part of LYMECs delegation for the ALDE Party Congress. Unfortunately, I could not participate in the Congress this time but I've got to make this video where I introduce myself to you. I believe I will be a strong member of the delegation because of my organizational and political experience at a national and international level. As liberals we believe in individual freedom but that freedom also comes with responsibilities and that's why I want to work to promote liberal values and ensure liberalism and democracy in Europe. Especially now that we are living uncertain times and populism is on the rise. Unfortunately I only have one minute. There are so many things I would like to say to you but I hope that you can put your trust in me and vote for me. Hoping to see you all soon in person.

Julie NYMARK (Venstres Ungdom) - VIDEO PRESENTATION:

Hi LYMEC, I hope you are all doing great and that you are all safe out there in Europe. My name is Julie and I want to be part of LYMEC's delegation to the ALDE Congress in December. I've been a member of VU in Denmark since 2011 and of LYMEC since 2015. Now I want to be part of the Delegation to promote LYMEC, its work and its Policy Book. It would be my first ALDE Congress and I would be honored to attend. So I hope you vote for me.

Tiago DIAS (IMS) - VIDEO PRESENTATION:

Hello LYMEC Congress, hello delegates. I am happy to tell you that I am a candidate to LYMECs delegation to the next ALDE Congress. After two years of active political activity I believe I can give a lot to the delegation. I wish to defend our policy considering our Policy Book but focusing on three main topics: the recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic, gender equality and LGTBQI rights, and environmental and health protection. We are living exceptional times but we need to hope that after the health crisis we can work for a fairer and more healthy world. Stay safe and hopefully see you soon.

Abel HARTMAN (Jonge Democraten):

This ability to innovate and discuss new ideas that LYMEC has is an important drive for me. It is something that has defined the previous LYMEC delegation to the ALDE Congress making it one of the best delegations. I want to continue the good work bringing in my professional experience as an Intern at the Council of the EU, at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and as a consultant for PwC. I hope that we present a good delegation that will continue to present LYMEC as a professional and well organized youth organisation.

André GRUBER (IMS):

I am happy to be speaking to you as an Italian from Amsterdam. I was proud to be part of the last two LYMEC delegations to the ALDE Congress and, given the success of the delegation to push their ideas forward, I want to run again to keep up our good work making our voice heard. My experience both in LYMEC and ALDE make me a good delegate to continue our good work.

Emils DOBRAJS (Attistibai Youth):

I am the president of Attistibai Youth and I have taken part in four election campaigns. Currently I work as an advisor to the Minister of Defence of Latvia. I would like to bring my experience to the delegation while, at the same time, learning from my fellow LYMEC and ALDE colleagues.

Felix HÄRING (LHG):

You probably know me as the IO of LHG. I had the chance to attend the last ALDE Congress and was very impressed by the activity of LYMECs delegation. I have been involved in the organization for the last year and a half during which I have met many of our members and I am very motivated to participate as a member of this delegation. I know it will be a lot of hard work and I am willing to take it.

Jeffrey DRUI (JDL):

This time I ask you for support. I have lived in multiple countries (Germany, France and the US), came back to Luxembourg to work for the financial industry and was elected to JDL. I joined a few Congresses from LYMEC and visited some MOs such as Ciudadanos and organised a successful LYMEC event. This way I managed to gain insight to the Bureau and the internal structure of the organization and understood that I will be happy to represent it in the ALDE Congress. It would be a great honour to count with your support.

Kasper LANGELUND JAKOBSEN (RU):

I have been to two ALDE Party Congresses with my organization before but have always been jealous of LYMECs delegation for being the most influential, active and ground-breaking delegation. I think my experience in RU and as an active LYMEC member and Policy Book contributor make me an ideal delegate for LYMEC's team to the ALDE Party Congress.

Laia GARRIDO (JCs):

I am the IO of JCs. It is my fifth LYMEC Congress. This is the first step to being an active member of LYMEC since Ciudadanos has become a Full Member. I have been to ALDE Party Congresses before representing my party and was impressed by the delegation's work. We have a voice that needs to be heard and whose ideas need to be made with conviction and hard work. I will build my candidacy on four pillars, contacts and experience, expand network, transparency and communication, and being an active and motivated team worker.

Marina SEDLO (JuLis/LHG):

First, I want to thank the Congress for electing me as Bureau Member. Since I might be the one leading the delegation as Policy Officer and have been part of the delegation three times already, I think it is important that I am in it now. I know how things work in ALDE Congresses and how tricky it can be to be the one in the delegation without voting rights. This is why I ask for your support again and express my delight to be able to work with the future delegates. Thank you so much for your trust.

Peter BANKS (Young Liberals):

Many will know me already, I have been working for five years for the Young Liberals and have experience in Congresses and in promoting liberal policies in very crowded events. I also have experience in international politics participating in different forums. I think I can provide a lot to the delegation and hope you give me the chance.

Phil HACKEMANN (JuLis):

I am 24 years old and have been Vice-President of JuLis for 2 years. I want to put this experience at the service of LYMEC's delegation. I was nominated for Vice-Delegate to the ALDE's Council. Just a little bit more about me: I have graduated in EU Politics (MA) from LSE and ran for the EU Parliament last year. Transparency is very important for me so I would like to have your input on our participation and make sure to share our activity with you. As a delegate, I will make sure that our young liberal independent voice is heard.

Tanzer YUSEINOV (Youth MRF):

I have been involved in politics for the past 10 years and in different positions in my organisation. As a member of the International Committee of Youth MRF, I have attended multiple events of LYMEC and our Member Organisations. During the last ALDE Congress, I was part of the LYMEC delegation and would like to have the chance to do so again to continue the good work.

VOTING

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Balint GYEVAI (Secretary General)** who calls upon delegates to log-in in ElectionsRunner to vote for Delegates for ALDE Party Congress before 17:15. Another short voting break is taking place to enable delegations to cast their votes.

VOTING BREAK

19. Announcement of the elected Delegates for ALDE Party Congress

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to the scrutineer **Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor)**.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) congratulates **Marina SEDLO** for being elected as LYMECs new delegate for ALDE Party Congress.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) congratulates **Jeffrey DRUI** for being elected as LYMECs new delegate for ALDE Party Congress.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) congratulates **Abel HARTMAN** for being elected as LYMECs new delegate for ALDE Party Congress.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) congratulates **Laia GARRIDO** for being elected as LYMECs new delegate for ALDE Party Congress.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) congratulates **Julie NYMARK** for being elected as LYMECs new delegate for ALDE Party Congress.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) congratulates **Tanzer YUSEINOV** for being elected as LYMECs new delegate for ALDE Party Congress.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) congratulates **Ellinor JUTH** for being elected as LYMECs new delegate for ALDE Party Congress.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) congratulates **André GRUBER** for being elected as LYMECs new delegate for ALDE Party Congress.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) congratulates **Kasper LANGELUND JAKOBSEN** for being elected as LYMECs new delegate for ALDE Party Congress.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) congratulates **Phil HACKEMANN** for being elected as LYMECs new delegate for ALDE Party Congress.

Niklas MILTHERS (Internal Auditor) thanks the other 4 candidates for their participation and encourages them to stay active in LYMEC.

VOTE COUNT:

Abel HARTMAN (Jonge Democraten): 197

André GRUBER (IMS): 166

Ellinor JUTH (Svensk Ungdom): 172

Emils DOBRAJS (Attistibai Youth): 108

Felix HÄRING (LHG): 138

Jeffrey DRUI (Jonk Demokraten Luxembourg): 203

Julie NYMARK (Venstres Ungdom): 189

Kasper LANGELUND JAKOBSEN (Radikale Venstre): 163

Laia GARRIDO (Jóvenes Ciudadanos): 191

Marina SEDLO (Julis/LHG): 220

Peter BANKS (Young Liberals): 143

Phil HACKEMANN (JuLis): 144

Tanzer YUSEINOV (Youth MRF): 184

Tiago DIAS (IMS): 72

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) reminds that the 4 non-elected candidates are automatic substitutes for the ALDE Congress in Stockholm in case someone drops out of the delegation.

20. Appointment new member of the Committee of Discipline and Arbitrage

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to **Balint GYEVAI (Secretary General)** for this agenda point.

Balint GYEVAI (Secretary General) proposes on behalf of the Bureau **John De Coster (former FEL International Officer)** for the Committee of Discipline and Arbitrage vacant position for the last 6 months of the mandate.

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) calls for any delegations against the appointment to manifest themselves. No one does so the appointment is accepted unanimously. She congratulates **John De Coster** for being accepted as LYMEC's new member of the Committee of Discipline and Arbitrage.

21. Closing address of elected President

Danica VIHINEN (Chair of the Congress) gives the floor to the newly elected President of LYMEC, **Antoaneta ASENOVA**.

Antoaneta ASENOVA (LYMEC's President):

This Congress shows LYMEC's ability to adapt and its belief in digitalization. It also shows strong female leadership. Thanks Vedrana and the Chairs for steering the Congress. And Svenja for her work as President. I will explore more ways to engage members and meet to keep up the good work. The COVID-19 crisis is a challenge in many different levels: health, economy and above all democracy. The anti-democratic measures taken by some governments challenges our belief in a democratic liberal Europe. We need to rise up to the challenge and I will work for it as LYMEC's new President.

Danica Vihinen (Chair of the Congress) wishes best of luck to Antoaneta for the new mandate. Congrats to all newly elected positions. Last agenda point and end of a first online Congress. Thanks office and Bureau for great preparation and organisation. We all made it true today. Honour to be the chairs during this first ever online Congress of LYMEC. Thanks to all chairs and Balint for keeping everything together. Stay safe and see you soon!

The Online Spring Congress 2020 officially ends at around 18 h 00.