

# **CONGRESS MINUTES**

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### **1. Opening by the LYMEC president and guests**

Lymec president Sissel Kvist opened the congress, and the following persons gave speeches:

Erkki Keldo, President, ERPY

Arto Aas, Minister of Public Administration, Estonian Reformparty

Hans van Baalen, MEP, ALDE Party President (video)

Mart Vorklaev, Mayor, ALDE CoR

Igor Caldeira, Treasurer, ELF

Daniel Kaddik, Project Director, FNF

Krijn van Eeden, LIBEL Editor, IFLRY (with video message from Pauline Kastermans)

Vincent Delhomme, Secretary General, YDE  
 Sarah Lapp and Akilah Ensley, YDA

## 2. Roll call and voting rights

Secretary General Danica Vihinen proceeds with the roll call

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Jong VLD	Belgium	6
Youth Movement for Rights and Freedom	Bulgaria	10
Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya	Catalunya	8
Mladi Hrvatske Narodne Stranke - Liberalni Demokrati	Croatia	8
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Radikal Ungdom	Denmark	4
Venstres Ungdom	Denmark	6
Estonian Reform Party Youth	Estonia	6
Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto	Finland	4
Suomen Keskustanuoret	Finland	9
Swedish Youth - SU	Finland	5
Junge Liberale - JuLis	Germany	9
LHG - Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen	Germany	5
Ogra Fianna Fail	Ireland	8
Latvijas attīstībai Junatnes nodaļa ( Attistibai Youth)	Latvia	3
Lietuvos Liberalus Jaunimas - LLJ	Lithuania	5
Jonge Democraten - JD	Netherlands	7
Jongeren Organisatie Vrijheid & Democratie - JOVD	Netherlands	6
Norges Unge Venstre - NUV	Norway	5
Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund - CUF	Sweden	5
Centerstudenter - CS	Sweden	4
Liberala Ungdomsförbundet - LUF	Sweden	6
Liberal Youth	United Kingdom	6
Benedikt Bente IMS	Europe	1
Friso Bonga IMS	Europe	1
Jorge de Jesus IMS	Europe	1
Total		157
Quorum (1/3)		53
Majority (1/2)		79
Qualified majority (2/3)		105

### **3. Appointment of Congress bodies (Chairs, secretaries, scrutineers)**

Bureau proposes as Congress chairs Mette Lykke Nielsen, former LYMEC Vice-President, Jeroen Diepemaat, former LYMEC President and Joonas Vanto, former ERPY President.

Congress accepts

Proposed secretaries are  
Fenia Lymperopoulou, LYMEC Assistant  
Anett Numa, ERPY

Congress accepts

Proposed scrutineers are

Hans Maes, LYMEC internal auditor, JONG-VLD  
Niklas Milthers, LYMEC internal auditor, VU  
Carl Coste, JuLis  
Elis Henell, SU  
Theo Post, JOVD

Congress accepts

### **4. Adoption of the agenda**

Friso Bonga, IMS, raises a point of order and suggests that the bureau reports are presented in the reverse order and the president should be the last one presenting. Political issues separated from financial.

Agenda adopted with changes

### **5. Adoption of minutes from the Congress in Vienna**

Marit van der Pol, IMS points out that Jelle van Nuland did not attend the Congress in Vienna and his name should be replaced by Jim van Mourik.

Congress adopts the minutes from the previous Congress with this change.

### **6. Urgency of Resolutions**

A more democratic approach for approval of European trading deals (Radikal Ungdom, Alexander Bjørn Jensen)

and

In defence of CETA and free trade (Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya, Alistair Spearing)

have been merged into one. Congress voted to accept the merged resolution as an urgent

resolution.

Igor Caldeira proposed a new urgent resolution: New challenges for defence of Europe – the election of Trump

Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD: not urgent topic

Vote: The resolution was deemed urgent and added to the list of resolutions.

Friso Bonga, IMS: new resolution on gay rights and EU values - European Commission Accepted - will be added to the list of resolutions.

## 7. Snap vote on the order of resolutions

Secretary General Danica Vihinen presents the new voting tool

Chair Mette Lykke Nielsen sets 18.45 as deadline for voting.

After repeatedly extended deadline the result was the following:

**Turnout:** 120 (80.5%) of 149 electors voted in this ballot.

### Choose five options

Option	Votes
Towards European Military Cooperation	72 (12.0%)
Britain and the European Union	65 (10.8%)
Improving technology in favor of education	56 (9.3%)
Resolution on privacy and data protection	45 (7.5%)
Future of relations between EU and the European Neighborhood	38 (6.3%)
Resolution on LULUCF sector regulation	37 (6.2%)
More bzzz in the food!	36 (6.0%)
In defence of CETA and free trade	29 (4.8%)
Resolution on the matter of antimicrobial resistance in Europe	28 (4.7%)
Resolution on Ethical Hacking	24 (4.0%)
Resolution on increasing vocational education and entrepreneurship training in development policy	24 (4.0%)
A common effort to stop the genocide of the Yazidis	21 (3.5%)
Dousing the hateful flame from East	21 (3.5%)
Go West – Urgency Resolution on a European strategy for information war	21 (3.5%)
More money for United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	21 (3.5%)
Resolution on Intelligence Cooperation	18 (3.0%)
Securing Freedom	14 (2.3%)
Working Group Paper on CAP	11 (1.8%)
Vessels and not Missiles from Kaliningrad	10 (1.7%)
No place for racists in EU High Office	9 (1.5%)

## **8. LYMEC Bureau reports and debate**

Congress accepts to start with the Treasurer but Marijn de Pagter, the Treasurer, is not present, therefore Mette Lykke Nielsen, Congress chair suggests the Secretary General Danica Vihinen to start first.

Congress accepts the change.

## **9. Secretary General report and debate**

Secretary General Danica Vihinen presents first her report in order to save time for the voting of the Congress.

Timo Roeleveld, IMS asks for a new management tool for IMS and LYMEC to keep track on members list.

Danica Vihinen replies.

## **8. LYMEC Bureau reports and debate**

Before President Sissel Kvist starts her presentation, Benedict Bente, IMS said that some of the reports were not sent on time.

Sissel Kvist answered: Deadline for submission was a Friday and reports were published on Monday because of the weekend.

President Sissel Kvist presented her report

Q/A:

Q1. Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD, asks a question on the criteria for LYMEC to pay events.

A1. President Sissel Kvist replies that LYMEC needs to consider the way of spending money.

Q2. Hans Maes, Jong VLD, asks for update regarding the Young Liberal Parliamentarians project.

A2. President Sissel Kvist replies that not many wrote back so the event was called off. She pointed out the importance of being more creative to attract them.

Hans Maes, Jong VLD, suggested a full bureau report than separate ones because of the lack of consistency. The report should include strategic plans for the following year. A full report would increase transparency.

Q3. Alexander Bjørn Jensen, Radikal Ungdom, asks how a better ownership of LYMEC can be managed.

A3. President Sissel Kvist answered that more organized campaigns are needed, such as live streaming.

Q4. Friso Bonga, IMS, has questions about line between political activism and party. He asked about LYMEC's bureau presence at the VVD boat during the Europride in Amsterdam

in August 2016 and why LYMEC would pay for bureau members' party.

A4. President Sissel Kvist replies that LYMEC did participate in the celebrations of the Europride as this is promoting our core values. Last year it was in Riga, this year it was in Amsterdam. The bureau decided to cut costs by only the ones living close to Amsterdam participating. She admits that there was a bar on the boat, but this was not why the bureau participated and her personally was not even aware of this before they entered the boat. They asked the organisers for a breakdown of the costs after the event and found out that only about 8 percent went to refreshments, the majority of the expenses was the renting and decoration of the boat as well as extra security. The bureau delegation was focused on the parade and not the open bar.

Trainings officer Sergiu Boghean is not present and his report will be presented later.

Vice President Svenja Hahn presented her report

No Q/A.

Policy Officer Lena Höglund presented her report

Q/A:

Q1. Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD, asks regarding populism and its rising, what is the plan to reach the wider public.

A1. Policy officer Lena Höglund replies that they are looking for a message also for individual member. She acknowledges the importance of having true and simple messages.

Q2. Friso Bonga, IMS, ask who has the last word for LYMEC statements, her or the President?

A2. Policy officer Lena Höglund answers that President Sissel Kvist has the last word but the bureau works dynamically and they all discuss together. The communication between them is frequent because it is necessary although it requires time. At the same time politics happens quickly so the bureau needs to act quickly too.

Q3. Benedikt Bente, IMS, states regarding the new resolution tool that there is space for improvement.

Campaign and Communications Officer Edgaras Mascinskas presented his report  
Mette Lykke Nielsen, Congress chair, makes a technical announcement that the Secretary General Danica is not sending emails for the voting because of a technical issue and they will inform the congress about new deadline of voting.

Q/A: (for Edgaras Mascinskas' report)

Q1. Hans Maes, Jong VLD, asks what are the other topics of the upcoming campaign that Edgaras is responsible for, besides youth unemployment.

A1. Campaign and Communications Officer Edgaras Mascinskas answers that the bureau is still deciding on the focus points.

Q2. Hans Maes, Jong VLD, asks if members will be able to use the LYMEC application in the future.

A2. Campaign and Communications Officer Edgaras replies that LYMEC is working on the application and its difficulties.

Hans Maes, Jong VLD, suggests a social media platforms guidance and the bureau sending a reminder to international officers for LYMEC campaigns.

Campaign and Communications Officer Edgaras Mascinskas thinks they are good ideas and they will be considered.

Digital Officer Kevin Tammearu presented his report

No Q/A

President Sissel Kvist explains that Trainings Officer Sergiu Boghean was not present because of family reasons. Sissel Kvist presented his report.

Q/A:

Q1. Marc Naether, Jeunes MR, asks for a clarification on the report and suggests not only building on capacity but also training of new individual young liberals, for example on how to run the campaigns.

A1. President Sissel Kvists talks about the effort to achieve this.

Mette Lykke Nielsen announces that the technical problem regarding the voting was solved and sets 7.15 as the new deadline for the snap vote on order of resolutions.

## **10. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Marijn de Pagter presented his report

Q/A:

Q1. Friso Bonga, IMS, asks about the status of the Alumni initiative.

A1. Treasures Marijn de Pagte replied that the bureau is looking at the legal details regarding its setting up.

Q2. Lars van den Broek, JD, asks why Marijn visited only visited six organisations.

A2. Treasurer Marijn de Pagte replied that he did his best to attend as many conferences as possible and he tries to be available to visit other organizations too.

Q3. Benedikt Bente, IMS, asks a question regarding the estimated additional cost and if other people are involved in the finances, either from the bureau or LYMEC members.

A3. Mette Lykke Nielsen explains that this will be discussed in the financial report.

Treasurer Marijn de Pagte answers that he is willing to involve anyone who wants to be involved in the financial regulations and asks for specific financial questions to email him.

End of the first day of the Congress.

At the beginning of the second day of the Congress, Secretary General Danica Vihinen did the roll call:

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Jonge Democraten - JD	Netherlands	7
Jongeren Organisatie Vrijheid & Democratie - JOVD	Netherlands	6
Norges Unge Venstre - NUV	Norway	absent
Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund - CUF	Sweden	5
Centerstudenter - CS	Sweden	absent
Liberala Ungdomsförbundet - LUF	Sweden	6
Liberal Youth	United Kingdom	absent
Benedikt Bente IMS	Europe	1
Friso Bonga IMS	Europe	1
Jorge de Jesus IMS	Europe	1
Total		102
Quorum (1/3)		34
Majority (1/2)		51
Qualified majority (2/3)		68

Matte Lykke Nielsen made an announcement regarding the snap vote.



As many organisations showed up the secretary General repeated the roll call:

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Benedikt Bente IMS	Europe	1
Friso Bonga IMS	Europe	1
Jorge de Jesus IMS	Europe	1
Total		138
Quorum (1/3)		46
Majority (1/2)		69
Qualified majority (2/3)		92

Joonas Väntö introduced the financial part of the Congress

## 11. Finances

### a. Interim financial report 2016

Treasurer Marijn de Pagter presented the report

No Q/A

#### **b. Interim internal audit 2016**

The internal Auditors Hans Maes and Niklas Milthers presented their report

Q/A:

Q1. Friso Bonga, IMS, asks about the double payment to the Belgian government.

A1. Secretary General Danica Vihinen answers that unfortunately it's not to the Belgian government but to a company.

Hans Maes explains the payments of LYMEC for lunch vouchers.

Friso Bonga comments that this is an example of the most illiberal system to pay the employees.

Mette Lykke Nielsen, chair of the Congress, says that this question is not to be asked to the Congress.

Treasurer Marijn de Pagter explains that boarding passes will be taken into consideration. Telecom process will be checked together with the Secretary General Danica

#### **c. Requests for reduction of Membership Fees**

No requests were received

#### **d. Proposal for membership fees 2017**

Treasurer Marijn de Pagter presented the proposal

Q/A:

Q1. Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD, asks about the difference in the amount of membership.

A1. Treasurer Marijn de Pagte replies that in the past it was 16000, then 15000 and now after the increase 15800.

Proposal is accepted.

#### **e. Draft budget 2017**

Treasurer Marijn de Pagter presented the draft budget

Q/A:

Q1. Igor Caldeira, ELF Treasurer and LYMEC representative in IFLRY, asked as many ELF projects as possible to take place in the first half of the year.

A1. Treasurer Marijn de Pagter replied that they are trying as much as they can.

Q2. Timo Roeleveld, IMS, notes that if someone registers as IMS it takes 2-3 weeks for the process and having membership management system would help from extra work to manage the membership. Also, there is no reminder at the end of the membership.

Timo Roeleveld, IMS, suggests an amendment of a separate budget line for 500 euros for next year's budget from IFLRY.

A2. Treasurer Marijn de Pagter disagrees with the amendment and explains why.

Q3. Timo Roeleveld, IMS, repeats that IMS don't get a notification at the end of their membership. He asks about the possibility of crowdfunding for specific projects.

A3. Treasurer Marijn de Pagter took responsibility for reporting in the Spring Congress.

Draft budget for 2017 adopted without modifications.

## **12. Program of Action 2017-2018**

President Sissel Kvist presented the PoA.

The three goals set are the following: fine tuning LYMEC's organisation, strengthening LYMEC's political voice and lay a solid foundation for the 2019 elections.

Q/A:

Q1. Jorge de Jesus, IMS, asks if the President and the bureau want to work in consultation with IMS towards these goals.

A1. President Sissel Kvist answers that they are looking forward.

Q2. Laura Neijenhuis, JD, asks regarding the second goal, what are the topics on which LYMEC wants to strengthen its political voice in the current period.

A2. President Sissel Kvist asks for ideas.

Q3. Hans Maes, Jong VLD, explained that by tackling both youth unemployment and other issues at the same time the message will be lost

A3. President Sissel Kvist acknowledges the point and proposes a seminar on youth unemployment as part of the campaign.

PoA is accepted.

## **13. Membership issues**

### **a. Disaffiliations**

Treasurer Marijn de Pagter presents his proposals:

1. The Italian organization *Giovani dell'Italia dei Valori GIV* is proposed to be disaffiliated.

There has been no contact and their website is outdated.

2. Debt reduction: Write off debts from 2013.

3. He proposes no invoice for the next year to the organizations of Serbia (Mladi LDP-a) and Slovenia (Mladi Liberali), however they will get re-involved.

Proposals accepted.

#### **14. Committee of Discipline and Arbitrage**

Mette Lykke Nielsen, congress chair presents the bureau proposal.

Gyulfie Arnaudova (YMRF), Ivan Bertovic (MHL) and Sofia Molin (CS) present themselves

President Sissel Kvist presents Marit van der Pol (IMS) and Ed Sanderson (IMS)

#### **13. (Back to) Membership issues**

##### **b. Applications for membership**

Jeroen Diepermat, Congress Chair, presents the process:

There are four applications for membership. The floor will be first given to the applicants, questions and answers will follow. Afterwards, the applicants leave the room, the bureau makes a suggestion and the congress votes.

##### **European Youth Movement, Ukraine**

Tatiana Ieremenko, European Youth Movement Ukraine, presents the organization. She says that they appreciate the opportunity and mentions how difficult is the period for Ukraine. She presented the main purpose of the organization which is the European integration of Ukraine. She explained their activities and mentioned that the number of members they have is 800 in 5 regions.

Q/A:

Q1. Katharina Schreiner, JuLis, asked about the relationship of the organization with the European Youth of Ukraine.

A1. (All answers are after translation by Daria Kirianova, IMS) Tatiana Ieremenko, EYMU, replied that they do not cooperate but they are aware of their actions and they would be happy to cooperate in the future.

Q2. Benedikt Bente, IMS, asks about the finances of the organization.

A2. Tatiana Ieremenko, EYMU, replied that specific fees not fixed yet. The European party of Ukraine helps in any way possible. She mentions that it is complicated in Ukraine to follow any structure. If they become members of LYMEC things may change.

Q3. Laura Neijenhuis, JD, asks about the members of the organization and what 14-35 and older means. She asks about the maximum age.

A3. Tatiana Ieremenko, EYMU, replied that there is a limited number of people over 35 and there is a special procedure on how to accept them.

Q4. Dietmar Hertsen, Jong VLD, asks why the manifesto of the EYMU is all about unemployment. He wants to know more about their ideas regarding the salaries they mention in their report.

A4. Tatiana Ieremenko, EYMU, replies that unemployment is the most important issue as they see it especially for youth. There is a forum taking place in Ukraine where they invited social sector companies to whom they are planning to present their solution to the problem of unemployment. The salaries part in their report is not included from a socialist point of view but they believe that youth should have a proper salary and she mentions the different social status in Ukraine compared to other EU countries.

Q5. Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD, asks what makes them different from the other liberal youth organization in Ukraine, the European Youth of Ukraine

Q6. Joris also asks about the level of English in the organization and if this would cause any problems.

A6. Tatiana Ieremenko, EYMU apologises for her English and promises to improve.

A5. Tatiana Ieremenko, EYMU, says that the idea of the two youth organizations is the same but they have different activities. However, they would like to cooperate with them.

Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD, asks again his questions because he was not covered.

Tatiana Ieremenko, EYMU, replies that they are not very familiar with their agenda.

Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD, insists about the differences between the two organizations.

Tatiana Ieremenko, EYMU, replies that they belong to the European party connected to the ALDE party. Regarding the English language there are a lot of difficulties but members are doing their best to improve.

Q7. Elis Henell, SU, asks if the organization is member of other international organizations or if they are planning to apply to any.

A7. Tatiana Ieremenko, EYMU, replies that they only applied for LYMEC membership.

Q8. Ida Schauman, SU, asks about the organization's stance on value issues for LYMEC, such as LGTB rights or abortion.

A8. Tatiana Ieremenko, EYMU, answers that situation in Ukraine is difficult on those topics. For the past years, the organization has tried to put these values in the society by raising these questions. On governmental level these values are not being respected now so they try to make a difference.

Internal discussion, after which the membership application is put to a vote.

Membership accepted

### **Alliance Youth, Northern Ireland**

Neidin Hendron, Alliance Youth (participating over Skype), presents the organization and their values. She also mentions Brexit.

Q/A:

Q1. Aurian Delli Pizzi, Jeunes MR, mentioned his disappointment on their organization's manifesto because it is the same with the party's.

A1. Neidin Hendron, Alliance Youth, admits that they don't have their own manifesto but they are currently working on their own policies.

Q2. Aurian Delli Pizzi, Jeunes MR, asks about their policy on same sex marriage compared to their party's.

A2. Neidin Hendron, Alliance Youth, explains their policy on same sex marriage.

Q3. Benedikt Bente, IMS, asks if they are willing to put LYMEC in their statutes.

A3. Neidin Hendron, Alliance Youth, replies yes.

Q4. Deimante Rimkute, LLJ, asked why is it important to be in LYMEC.

A4. Neidin Hendron, Alliance Youth, points out the need for a united liberal voice in Europe. She mentions the US elections' result.

Q5. Deimante Rimkute, LLJ, asks about their activities.

A5. Neidin Hendron, Alliance Youth, replies that they are having discussions on certain issues.

Q6. Christian Pipal, JUNOS, mentions that the amount of money they receive is not high and asks how are they going to pay their membership.

A6. Neidin Hendron, Alliance Youth, acknowledges the problem and says it will be solved with more members.

Internal discussion, after which the membership application is put to a vote.

Membership accepted

### **SMC Youth Slovenia**

Rok Novak, SMC Youth, presents the organisation and their values. He mentions that they receive financing from their party and later they will introduce membership fees.

Q/A:

Q1. Marc Naether, Jeunes MR, asks about their opinion on migration and the fence between Croatia and Slovenia.

A1. Rok Novak, SMC Youth, answers that they support free flow of people in a way that doesn't influence the living standards of the country. Regarding the fence he said that the country has not rejected anyone and its purpose was to control the flow not to impede it.

Q2. Lars van den Broek, JD, asks about the limited number of members – 25 – in the organization.

A2. Rok Novak, SMC Youth, answers that they have 35 members now and this is because

they only want active people.

Q3. Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD, asked about their main political focus as a party.

A3. Rok Novak, SMC Youth, mentions social issues, such as the legalization of marijuana.

Q4. Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD, asks if they are in favor of legalization of MDMA.

A4. Rok Novak, SMC Youth, replies yes, but they haven't discussed this yet.

Internal discussion, after which the membership application is put to a vote.

Membership accepted

### **Congress is interrupted.**

Taavi Tõivas, PM of Estonia, gives a speech.

## **14. (Back to) Applications for membership**

### **Youth Forum of AKR, Kosovo**

Besart Vllahinja, Youth Forum of AKR, presents the organisation and their values. They want to spread the liberal values among the youth community.

Q/A:

Q1. Katharina Schreiner, JuLis, asked what took them 10 years to apply to LYMEC.

A1. Besart Vllahinja, Youth Forum of AKR, acknowledges the delay but noted that it's never too late to become part of LYMEC.

Q2. Dietmar Hertsen, Jong VLD, asks about their stance on the Serbian minorities in Kosovo.

A2. Besart Vllahinja, Youth Forum of AKR, replies that there are no minorities, all people are equal. He added that they cooperate with the liberal party of Serbia.

Q3. Lukas Schweiger, IMS, asks about their relations with minorities and how they will fight corruption.

A3. Besart Vllahinja, Youth Forum of AKR, explained that these questions have been answered above.

Q4. Victor Solé Ferioli, JNC, asks for a more concrete manifesto regarding LGBT rights, women and children.

A4. Besart Vllahinja, Youth Forum of AKR, replied that their aim is to make individual organisations join us.

Internal discussion, after which the membership application is put to a vote.

Membership accepted

## **15. RESOLUTIONS**

Secretary General, Danica Vihinen, did the roll call.

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Estonian Reform Party Youth	Estonia	6
Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto	Finland	4
Suomen Keskustanuoret	Finland	9
Swedish Youth - SU	Finland	5
Junge Liberale - JuLis	Germany	9
LHG - Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen	Germany	5
Ogra Fianna Fail	Ireland	absent
Latvijas attīstībai Junatnes nodaļa ( Attistibai Youth)	Latvia	3
Lietuvos Liberalus Jaunimas - LLJ	Lithuania	5
Jonge Democraten - JD	Netherlands	7
Jongeren Organisatie Vrijheid & Democratie - JOVD	Netherlands	6
Norges Unge Venstre - NUV	Norway	5
Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund - CUF	Sweden	5
Centerstudenter - CS	Sweden	4
Liberala Ungdomsförbundet - LUF	Sweden	6
Liberal Youth	United Kingdom	6
Benedikt Bente IMS	Europe	1
Friso Bonga IMS	Europe	1
Jorge de Jesus IMS	Europe	1
Total		151
Quorum (1/3)		50,33333
Majority (1/2)		75,5
Qualified majority (2/3)		100,6667

JNC puts forward a motion to reopen the urgency of resolutions; congress votes in favour of reopening after which JNC submits and presents an urgent resolution due to recent developments: The resolution is to remove the three first bullet points from resolution 10.18 in the policy book.



Hans Maes, Jong VLD: point of order: He asks to change the order of resolutions put the last one at first.

Suggestion accepted.

## **1. JNC presents Resolution 10.18**

presents 10.18, there is no need for specific mention of these parties

Hans Maes, Jong VLD speaks in favour of this resolution. Do Ciudadanos agree with it?  
Ciudadanos answer: yes.

Vote for resolution  
Accepted

Antoaneta Asenova: point of order. Explains why we can't discuss the resolution  
Mette Lykke Nielsen replies we can still discuss the resolution  
Laura Neijenhuis asks a question  
Congress replies

## **2. Resolution Towards European Military Cooperation, by Jonge Democraten and Svensk Ungdom**

Rutger Broer, Jonge Democraten presents the resolution.  
Friso Bonga, IMS, speaks in favour  
Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD, speaks against

Amendment n.1 is withdrawn

Amendment n.2 put on discussion  
Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD, speaks in favour  
Friso Bonga, IMS, speaks against  
Put on vote  
Rejected

Amendment n.3 presented by Bálint Gyévai, FEL  
Friso Bonga, IMS, speaks in favour  
Amendment accepted by mover

Amendment n.4 accepted by mover

Amendment n.5 presented by Juho Kekäläinen, KOL, for FCY  
Friso Bonga, IMS, speaks against  
Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD, speaks in favour  
Put on vote  
Rejected

Amendment n.6 presented by Juho Kekäläinen, KOL, for FCY  
Rutger Broer, Jonge Democraten, speaks against  
Antoinette Bakker, JOVD, speaks in favour  
Put on vote  
Rejected

Amendments n.7-10 accepted by mover

Amendment n.11 presented by Nils Utens, Jong VLD  
Friso Bonga, IMS, speaks against  
Nils Utens, Jong VLD, speaks in favour  
Put on vote  
Rejected

Amendment n.12 accepted by mover

Amendment n.13 presented by Nils Utens, Jong VLD  
Alistair Spearing, JNC, speaks against  
Jorge de Jesus speaks in favour  
Put on vote  
Accepted

Amendment n.14 withdrawn

Amendment n.15 presented by Nils Utens, Jong VLD  
Friso Bonga, IMS, speaks against  
Nils Utens, Jong VLD, speaks in favour asks Friso Bonga, IMS, for clarification  
Friso Bonga, IMS, replies  
Put on vote  
Rejected

Amendment n.16 presented by Jeunes MR  
Rutger Broer, Jonge Democraten, speaks against  
Ivan Bertović, MHL, speaks in favour  
Put on vote  
Accepted

Amendment n.17 presented by Victor Solé Ferioli, JNC Against James Doyle  
Benjamin Fievet, IMS, speaks in favour  
Put on vote  
Rejected

Amendment n.18 presented by IMS  
Accepted by mover

**General vote on resolution:**

Nils Utens, Jong VLD, speaks in favour

Ivan Bertović, MHL, speaks against

Friso Bonga, IMS, raises a point of order and asks to have a larger debate on the resolution  
Accepted

Friso Bonga, IMS, speaks in favour

Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD, speaks against

Jorge de Jesus, IMS, speaks in favour

Benjamin Fievet, IMS, speaks in favour

Alexander Bjørn Jensen, Radikal Ungdom, speaks against

Ben Whitlock, Liberal Youth, speaks against

Nils Utens, Jong VLD, speaks in favour

### **Vote for Resolution**

Resolution is carried

### **Resolution 3. Resolution on Britain and the EU by Liberal Youth UK**

Alexander Harding, Liberal Youth, presents the resolution

Noone speaks against

Keith Henry, Ógra FF, speaks in favour

Amendment n.1 presented by Jeunes MR

Andrew Martin, Liberal Youth, speaks against

Noone speaks in favour

Accepted

Amendment n.2 presented by Benedict Bente, IMS

James Doyle, Ógra FF, speaks against

Noone speaks in favour

Accepted

Amendment n.3 presented by Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD

Keith Henry, Ógra FF, speaks against

JuLis raise a point of order and ask for a larger discussion

Accepted

Timo Roeleveld, IMS, speaks in favour

Alexander Harding, Liberal Youth, speaks in favour

James Doyle, Ógra FF, speaks against

Ria Schröder, JuLis, speaks against

Marianne Schäfer, JuLis, speaks against

Benjamin Fievet, IMS, speaks against

Alistair Spearing, JNC, speaks against

Nils Utens, Jong VLD, speaks in favour

Andrew Martin, Liberal Youth, speaks against  
Put on vote  
Rejected

Amendment n.4 presented by Junos  
Andrew Martin, Liberal Youth, speaks against  
Noone speaks in favour  
Accepted

Amendment n.5 accepted by mover

Amendment n.6 accepted by mover

Amendment n.7 presented by Nils Utens, Jong VLD  
Alistair Spearing, JNC, speaks against  
Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD, speaks in favour  
Put on vote  
Rejected

Amendment n.8 presented by Nils Utens, Jong VLD  
Marianne Schäfer, JuLis, speaks against  
Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD, speaks in favour  
Put on vote  
Rejected

Amendment n.9 presented by Nils Utens, Jong VLD  
Marianne Schäfer, JuLis, speaks against  
Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD, speaks in favour  
Put on vote  
Rejected

Amendment n.10 presented by Nils Utens, Jong VLD  
Alexander Harding, Liberal Youth, speaks against  
Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD, speaks in favour  
Put on vote  
Rejected

Amendment n.11 presented by Ria Schröder, JuLis  
James Doyle, Ógra FF, speaks against  
Benjamin Fievet, IMS, speaks in favour  
Put on vote  
Accepted

Amendment n.12 accepted by the mover

Amendment n.13 accepted by the mover

Amendment n.14 accepted by the mover

Amendment n.15 accepted by the mover

Amendment n.16 accepted by the mover

Amendment n.17 presented by Nils Utens, Jong VLD

Keith Henry, Ógra FF, speaks against

Noone speaks in favour

Put on vote

Rejected

Amendment n.18 presented by Ria Schröder, JuLis

Alexander Harding, Liberal Youth, speaks against

Carl Coste, Julis, speaks in favour

Put on vote

Rejected

Amendment n.19 presented by Nils Utens, Jong VLD

Andrew Martin, Liberal Youth, speaks against

Nils Utens, Jong VLD, speaks in favour

Put on vote

Rejected

Amendment n.20, Jeunes MR

Alexander Harding, Liberal Youth, speaks against

Benedikt Bente, IMS, speaks in favour

Put on vote

Accepted

Amendment n.21 withdrawn

Amendment n.22 withdrawn

Amendment n.23 withdrawn

General vote for resolution

Point of order raised and congress asks for further discussion on the resolution

Aurian Delli Pizzi, Jeunes MR, speaks against

Andrew Martin, Liberal Youth, speaks in favour

Nils Utens, Jong VLD, speaks against

Ivan Bertovičm, MHL, speaks in favour

Gaspar Shabad, ERPY, speaks against

Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD, speaks against

Anni Dahlén, SU, speaks against

Benedikt Bente, IMS, speaks in favour

Timo Roeleveld, IMS, speaks against

### **Back to vote for resolution**

Rejected

Lukas Schweiger, IMS, raised a point of order: Resolutions should be on the screen  
Mette Lykke Nielsen, chair of Congress, answered it will be taken into account

## **4. Resolution on Education**

Marianne Schäfer, JuLis, presented the resolution

Dietmar Hertsen, Jong VLD speaks against  
Laura Thiesing, BLH, speaks in favour

Amendment n.1 presented by Dietmar Hertsen, Jong VLD  
Marianne Schäfer, JuLis, speaks against  
Leander de Vlieger, JOVD, speaks in favour  
Put on vote  
Accepted

Amendment n.2 is withdrawn

Amendment n.3 is withdrawn

Amendment n.4 accepted by mover

Amendment n.5 presented by Dietmar Hertsen, Jong VLD  
Noone spoke in favour/against  
Pute on vote  
Rejected

Amendment n.6 accepted by mover

Amendment n.7 presented by Jeunes MR  
Bàlint Gyévai, FEL, speaks against  
Aurian Delli Pizzi, Jeunes MR, speaks in favour  
Put on vote  
Rejected

Amendment n.8 accepted my mover

Amendment n.9 presented by Aurian Delli Pizzi, Jeunes MR  
Marianne Schäfer, JuLis, speaks against  
Friso Bonga, IMS, speaks in favour of amendment and against resolution  
Ivan Bertović, MHL, raised a point of order to speak against  
Rejected

Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD, raised a point of order and suggested that the congress should only talk about the resolution after the amendments.

Amendment put on vote

Accepted

Amendment n.10 presented by Ida Schauman, Svensk Ungtom

Marianne Schäfer, JuLis, speaks against

Ida Schauman, SU, speaks in favour

Put on vote

Rejected

Amendment n.11 accepted by mover

Amendment n.12 accepted by mover

Ivan Bertović, MHL, raised a point of order and mentioned that the discussion should focus on the quality not the quantity of the resolutions

Joris Zevenbergen, JOVD, raised a point of order and suggested two people talking in favour of the resolutions and two against maximum.

Benjamin Fievet, IMS, raised a point of order and commented.

Discussion on resolution:

Leander de Vlieger, JOVD, speaks in favour

Dietmar Hertsen, Jong VLD, speaks in favour

Ivan Bertović, MHL, speaks against

Dan-Aria Sucuri, LU, speaks against

### **Vote on resolution**

Accepted

## **5. Resolution on Privacy and Data Protection**

Resolution presented by Charlotte Dupon, Jong VLD

Noone speaks in favour/against

Amendment n.1 presented by Lars van den Broek, Junge Democraten

Charlotte Dupon, Jong VLD, speaks against

Noone speaks in favour

Point of order by Chairs: the Congress will last until 19:00

Amendment n.1 put on vote

Rejected

Amendment n.2 presented by Jeunes MR

Charlotte Dupon, Jong VLD, speaks against  
Theo Post, JVD, speaks in favour  
Put on vote  
Accepted

Amendment n.3 accepted by mover

Amendment n.4 accepted by mover

Amendment n.5 presented by Mark Naether, Jeunes MR  
Niklas Drexler, JuLis, speaks against  
Theo Post, JVD, asks a question  
Mark Naether, Jeunes MR, replies  
Put on vote  
Rejected

Amendment n.6 is withdrawn

Amendment n.7 presented by Aurian Delli Pizzi, Jeunes MR  
Charlotte Dupon, Jong VLD, speaks against  
Noone speaks in favour  
Put on vote  
Rejected

Amendment n.8 presented by Niklas Drexler, JuLis  
Charlotte Dupon, Jong VLD, wants to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> bullet point and not the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Niklas Drexler suggests to vote on the 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet point  
2<sup>nd</sup> bullet point put on vote  
Rejected

Discussion on resolution:

Ivan Bertović, MHL, speaks against  
Theo Post, JVD, speaks in favour  
Lars van den Broek, Jonge Democraten, speaks in favour  
Jose Forslund, SU, speaks against

### **Vote on resolution**

Accepted

## **6. Resolution on Future of relations between EU and the European Neighbourhood**

Antoinette Bakker, IMS, & Friso Bonga, IMS, present the resolution

All amendments are accepted by mover.

Vote on the resolution  
Carried



## **7. Resolution on LULUCF sector regulation**

Hilkka Kemppe, FCY, presents resolution

Friso asks for clarification about the abbreviation of LULUCF

FCY replies

Amendment n.1 presented by Jerry Van Echelpoel, Jong VLD

Accepted by mover

Amendment n.2 withdrawn by Jong VLD

Amendment n.3 presented by Jerry Van Echelpoel, Jong VLD

Accepted by mover

Amendment n.4 withdrawn by Jong VLD

Amendment n.5 withdrawn by JOVD

Amendment n.6 by SU

Accepted by mover

Amendment n.7 withdrawn by Jong VLD

Discussion on resolution:

Laura Hämäläinen, Finnish Center Youth, speaks in favour

Lukas Schweiger, IMS, speaks against

Ida Schulman, SU, speaks in favour

Noone else spoke against

Vote for Resolution

Adopted

## **8. Resolution More Bzzz in the food! presented by Elis Henell, SU**

All Amendments accepted by mover

Discussion on resolution:

Antoinette Bakker, JOVD, raised a question

Elis Henell, SU, replied

Ivan Bertović, MHL, raised question

Elis Henell, SU, replied

Vote on resolution

Adopted

**9. Resolution in defence of CETA and free trade, presented by Alistair Spearing, JNC and RU**

Amendment n.1 by FEL adopted by movers

Amendment n.2 presented by Aurian Delli Pizzi, Jeunes MR, adopted by movers

Amendment n. 3 adopted by movers

Amendment n. 4 adopted by movers

Amendment n.5 presented by Aurian Delli Pizzi, Jeunes MR  
Alistair Spearing, JNC, speaks against  
Put on vote  
Rejected

Amendment n.6 by Jeunes MR was withdrawn

Amendment n.7 presented by Olivier Schmetz, FEL  
Noone spoke in favour/against  
Put on vote  
Accepted

Amendment n. 8 is withdrawn

Amendment n.9 presented by Olivier Schmetz, FEL  
Alexander Bjørn Jensen spoke against  
Friso Bonga, IMS, spoke in favour  
Put on vote  
Accepted

Amendment n.10 by Jeunes MR is withdrawn

Amendment n.11 by Jeunes MR is withdrawn

Amendment n.12 by Jeunes MR is withdrawn

Vote on resolution  
Adopted

**10. Resolution on the matter of antimicrobial resistance in Europe presented by Petter Thorin, Centerstudenter**

Amendment n.1 adopted by mover

Amendment n.2 adopted by mover

Amendment n.3 presented by Alistair Spearing, JNC  
Petter Thorin, Centerstudenter, speaks against  
Put on vote  
Rejected

**point of order** Petter Thorin

Amendment n.4 is withdrawn

Amendment n.5 adopted by mover

Amendment n.6 adopted by mover

Amendment n.7 is withdrawn

Amendment n.8 is withdrawn

Amendment n.9 adopted by mover

Discussion on resolution:

Dietmar Hertsen, Jong VLD, speaks in favour

Vote on resolution:

Adopted

## **Reports from Member organisations**

JuLis presented their report

Alistair Spearing presented the report of JNC

Jong VLD presented their report

Friso Bonga presented the IMS report

Marina Sedlo presented the report of Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen

Aurian Delli Pizzi presented the report of Jeunes MR

Gyulfie Arnaudova presented the report of Youth Movement for Rights and Freedoms

Joris Zevenbergen presented the report of JOVD

Laura Neijenhuis presented the report of Jonge Democraten

Keith Henry presented the report of Ógra FF

Sofia Molin presented the report of Center Studenter

Robert Steffens presented the report of Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund

Andrew Martin presented the report of the Liberal Youth

Ida Schuman presented the report of SU

### **Reports from LYMEC working groups**

Jorge de Jesus, IMS, presented the report on populism

Keith Henry, Ógra FF, presented the report on CAP

Marina Sedlo, Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen, presentation on ELSN

### **Any Other Business**

Mark Naether, Jeunes MR, asks the bureau for a working group to discuss Brexit and form a resolution

Center Studenter wishes LYMEC happy anniversary

### **Closing**

Official closing by President Sissel Kvist.