

**MINUTES  
BUREAU MEETING  
Stockholm, Sweden  
28 May 2023**

**Present: Dan-Aria Sucuri (DAS), Ines Holzegger (IH), Tuuli Helind (TH), Laia Comerma (LC), Ellinor Juth (EJ), Alexandre Servais (AS), Tanzer Yuseinov (TY), Bálint Gyévai (BG) and Chiara Liguori (CL).**

**Meeting starts at 10 h am CEST.**

**Agenda**

**1)**

**A - Spring Congress follow-up and conclusions**

**- Final email to delegates:**

It will be sent out by the end of next week. Only the policy book renewal is still outstanding. LC will support BG with that. Minutes were shared with the Bureau already. Comments and reactions can be done until Wednesday.

**- Membership on-boarding and financial aspects:**

New members were invoiced, MO fees need to be paid. We also talked to our Ukrainian friends to see where we take it from here for next Congresses and overall cooperation.

We discussed follow-up with our new members also in terms of activities and proper induction in LYMEC.

**- Dissemination plan manifesto:**

**Advocacy:**

- LC explains that we had a productive meeting with Daniela from the ALDE Party Secretariat about this;
- We could send our document to the heads of thematic working groups in ALDE (through Daniela);
- The final manifesto was sent to Commissioner Reynders' team as well;
- We should send it to the key stakeholders we have around us as well: ALDE, YDE, Renew CoR, Renew Europe, ELF, JAM ...

**Communication:**

- Focus on the 'calls for' section;
- It has to be divided in 10 shorter chapters for online dissemination;
- It will be brought up with the communications team.

**- Delegation system - next steps?**

- DAS and IH thought about the follow-up;
- The plan is to do a working group with a call to nominate one person per organisation, not more. We can then start the discussion around this matter;



- Timeframe: communication and opening of the participatory process before the end of June. Discussions will take place over the summer.

- Resolution on involving Georgian youth follow-up:

- We have a contact now. We will talk with FNF and the ALDE Party members. We will start the discussion as requested in the Congress resolution.

## **B- Autumn Congress**

- Booking hotel and dinners:

We have a proposal from the hotel, so far everything would happen there. We are negotiating with our local members. TH will talk with the MEP and the team of our local hosts. The Bureau wants one of the evenings outside, the Saturday one preferably. No boat should be involved, we shouldn't have a debate after dinner, it would be on Friday with their MEP instead. We could have someone from a digital platform again like at the last YLM. Buffet like in Budapest on Saturday would be suitable.

- Booking flights:

We will do it before the summer, somewhere in June. Bureau members will check availability.

- Youth townhall with ALDE Party before our Congress in Riga, perhaps on Thursday/Friday. BG will reach out to Daniela from the ALDE party Secretariat to check. It would feed in the European Parliament campaign as well.

## **2) ALDE Congress**

- Feedback and assessment:

LC would want to bring up some comments with ALDE leadership to see how to develop some formats in the future. Suggestion to have the snap vote on the order of resolutions during Congress and not before for example. Membership points could also be developed further.

- Policy work:

The work on amendments has been done and a lot of amendments to amendments were proposed. The delegation was very active and visible. Some of the co-signed resolutions will pass. Unfortunately, our resolutions won't be addressed this time, so this is a blow. It's a pity, so much work was put into this action.

- Exhibition:

We had higher targets, but overall, not too bad. People asked for pink hoodies in general. In terms of incomes: Ukraine - 100 EUR, Merch - 120 EUR more or less. We will get coffee cups and rainbow pins also very soon. Maybe stickers should also be for free, some members suggest.

- Stop chat control awareness campaign (a new theme for each ALDE Congress?):

Proposal from DAS to have a new topic for each Congress we campaign on. This time campaign brought us to the rapporteur for a conversation on the topic. Our positions were highlighted, and they don't really match, it can happen. We are a bit late in the process this



time. The Bureau thinks it's a good idea for each ALDE Congress to come up with such a topic.

#### - Alumni event

We didn't have as many people as expected but some fundraising efforts were made. It was a nice moment to bring our members and former members together. We will continue with a follow-up campaign for Ukraine on social media in the coming weeks, on website and newsletter as well.

### 3) Finances

IH is asking for an internal guideline for the Bureau to know what cost is eligible for refund and covered in general, one rule for everyone. It is lacking at the moment, making it confusing. TH will work on that as requested by the Bureau for the next in-person meeting.

AS requests to clarify that he isn't asking for a refund for his ticket for the missed flight to come here. It's not something we could justify; it was his mistake. We should make sure this is also regulated to have a common understanding of what can be refunded in such cases and what not.

BG emphasises the unprecedented number of transactions and some unclear ones. He proposes to regulate the current situation first before engaging in further bookings and payments. He asks TH to work on this as soon as possible to enable smooth financial management of the organisation. It should be the priority for next week.

#### Further points were raised by TH:

- **Finances feedback from Budapest:**

- **Refund forms:** We continue to chase after some of the refund forms. If Bureau members experience any difficulties with filling out the form, please contact us ahead of time. Constantly asking for completed refund forms, often for weeks, is added pressure. The budget template was created by TH for the Project Fund is an example of what she would like to do with the refund form as the current refund form is outdated and does not correspond to current needs.

- **Invoices resulting from the Congress:**

**New full member:**

Mladi Progresivci - at the Autumn Congress, they asked for a fee reduction of 100 EUR. Therefore, they have not billed additionally as the 100 EUR has been paid.

**New associate members:**

All of the MOs below have been issued an invoice of 136.66 EUR for membership of May-December 2023: Gibanje Svoboda, CUB Junior, Project NEON, Liberal Alliance Youth.

- **Credit invoices resulting from the Congress:**

**No-show fees of 50 EUR:** Sarah Füncke - IMS, Jeunes Radicaux (1 delegate), YMRF (1 delegate), CUF (1 delegate), Joves Liberals d'Andorra (1 delegate).



**Reduced MO fees:** Nowoczesna Youth, European Youth of Ukraine, Alliance Youth.

**Debt forgiveness:** Armenian National Congress Youth 211.64 EUR, Mladi LDP 650 EUR, LiFT 350 EUR.

- **European Commission Grant:**

TH explains that we have continued to follow our set project plan. We have received 60 000 EUR of the total 75 000 EUR for 2023. We will get the remaining 15 000 EUR after we have submitted our yearly overview in early 2024 **if it is accepted**. Events related to this grant are vital to us continuing to receive this money **and the last part of the funding**.

- **Budget:**

TH explains further that we are following the set budget. She continues to encourage all to ask for refunds for any LYMEC-related costs as this is not a paid position and Bureau members should not use private funds to enable the **smooth work of the organisation**.

#### **4) LYMEC Project fund concept note**

CL explains that the taskforce made a great work on this. A timeline has been drafted for June and the assessment of applications is planned for July. We give time to the MOs to start their own process within the implementation period. CL will compile the applications and present them to the Bureau for online/written approval. We also have 6 topics from the programme of action like the ELF strategic vectors for the applications.

#### **5) Upcoming events and actions**

- LCN youth edition:

It is taking place next week. We managed to get all the speakers, two of them will be online, and couldn't travel there. The umbrella challenge was decided. Participants will be divided into teams of two and will have some topics they can pick up. We will select the participants based on this to join the ELF masterclass in the fall. Two people will be picked.

- Liberal Hack (including extra):

It's in 3 weeks. We have all the speakers, so the programme is confirmed. Participants were divided into 4 teams so they can prepare in advance. We will give certificates and medals to the participants. On the extra activity, we contacted Emma Wiesner MEP for the follow-up of the Liberal Hack, we should ask her directly if she could be available if we see her, otherwise follow-up via email. The winning team would have the meeting with her early July.

- European Trainers Academy - youth edition:

The event is taking place at the beginning of July. Participants were selected and 2 cancelled so CL will be joining. ELF made the bookings and informed participants about practicalities. The content is public speaking and moderation, one trainer cancelled so we still miss one person. We will check with ELF.

- Alliance of her Summer retreat (including extra):



It will be replaced by the Project Fund initiative for the EC grant. We will follow the info session on how to do this next week at the EC follow-up meeting.

## 6) ELF Concept Notes 2024 + Special agreement

- 21.375,00 EUR to ELF yearly and we get 75.000 EUR in return for projects in a year.

We will try a new system with ELF on a new platform. Concept notes and project proposals still need to be drafted and the process has started. The deadline to submit is 16 June 2023. AS and CL will be doing the overview in the coming weeks.

**The Bureau approves to sign and to engage in the process.**

## 7) Update on the intern position recruitment process

We got 30 applications so far. We still have 2 weeks left before closing the call. BG will make early assessments and present a shortlist to the Bureau for validation.

## 8) News from IMS and MOs

- In Greece, cooperation between liberal structures is in sight for the elections. LC will follow-up.
- In Portugal, the party wants to set up a youth. We will engage in a discussion with LC.

## 9) Invitations

N/A

## 10) AOB

- September Bureau meeting: It is requested to send flight options to BG and TH for the September meeting. We will set up a meeting with PM Kaja Kallas, visit the Estonian parliament but also the e-Estonia briefing centre. It's very relevant for our event in Berlin in October.
- AS followed up with ELF on the cooperation with Students for Liberty. Their deal is that they participate at the Liberty CON - stand and two panels. ELF will also participate to regional events when relevant subject is tackled. We could chip in with a small part of the EC Grant. We could apply for it for the 2024 SGA.
- Alumni Network General Assembly in Brussels at the end of June with TH flying in.
- TH explains that we engaged with some corporate actors for potential cooperation - Johnson and Johnson but also Vodafone. It was a first contact initiation. TH will also have bilateral meetings with MOs on this.

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