

Minutes Bureau meeting

26th and 28th April, Tallinn, Estonia

Present members: Jeroen Diepemaat
Vedrana Gujic
Igor Caldeira
Ed Sanderson
Sissel Kvist
Anne van der Graaf

Abstent members: Claudia Benschescu

Other present: Slaven Klobucar

1. Opening, regularia and adoption of the minutes from the previous meeting

JD has opened the Bureau meeting and established that the quorum has been reached. The minutes have been approved unanimously.

2. Preparations for the Congress

Technical details

Technically the event is organised and on schedule, we will save around 6.000 Euros on this event.

Chairs and scruteneers

Chairs are Srd Kisevic and Julia Leferman. JD will ask Ivo Thijsen to be the third chair as Priit Kallakas had to cancel. The chairs will ask for volunteer scruteneers during the second point of the agenda.

Reduced membership fees

LYMEC Bureau accepts all the applications with amendment that LSV's and LLJ's proposed fee will be 200 Euros, thus different from the original proposal.

ALDE Congress delegates

From the side of the Bureau candidates are VG, JD and IC.

Fringes

AvdG will lead the International Officers meeting and will ask them to fill in the questioner. VG will present lymec projects in 2013.

Brothers and Sisters fringe – Skvi will present the campaign exchange, but also the old brother and sister concept.

ELSN Fringe – Skvi will present it, but ELSN is not function at the moment. There will be a change of the communication from e-mail to facebook. A new project should be created that all our organisations who participate in this network

Electoral manifest – JD and IC will run it, Miisa Varinen will be the secretary.

Membership types – VG and SK will run it. IMS fringe – IC will run it

3. Evaluation of the Congress

SKI said that he is very pleased organisationally wise, everything went through smoothly, we saved a considerable amount of money for this event. VG said that she was approached by many who voiced their satisfaction with the events. SKv is very pleased with the outcome, she said that she would like

to see the amendment procedure improved. AvdG is very happy with the outcome and the fringes, we need to publish the two evaluation forms. AvdG would like to see more discussions.

JD was very happy with the fringes, there could be organisational improvements. He is happy with the Congress and with the online vote. He agrees with SKv that amendment procedure could be improved.

ES would like to see more people active on our congress. IC got a lot of compliments especially about no-paper policy and online voting. There could be some organisational improvements with the fringe meetings.

SKv suggested that we make a funny explanation for our Congress to encourage people to speak. ES in charge of it.

SKv/AvdG proposed a youtube video – how to write a resolution, combined with the organization of resolution writing workshop on the fringe of the next congress.

4. Events for 2014, Planning

Deadline for ELF events is in July and for ALDE in October.

SKI proposed one ELF project with two events, one YLM and the second Candidates meeting before elections. IC in charge of ELF project. SKI will do the financial side.

ALDE Party events, Congress in Germany(or Finland) and Zagreb. The Spring congress will be in Zagreb and the Autumn Congress will be in Germany or Finland. AvdG is in charge of Contacting Julius Germany.

ALDE Group summer academy should be before the elections. SKI will contact the ALDE Group. LYMEC Bureau will meet with ALDE CoR and try to establish the cooperation for next year. SKI is in charge of setting up the meeting with ALDE CoR. The event would take place in Krakow.

JD reported about a possibility of an event with Microsoft in 2014 but also for this year. IC suggested that we use this opportunity for Berlin IMS meeting, but only in form of a speaker.

5. Events for 2013

LYMEC and D66 Fringe meeting on ALDE Council

JD and VG reported on the organisation, all is organised. We will have MEPs as the guests. There will not be any expenses for us.

Training on Political Campaigning with IFLRY

VG and JD reported. Program is prepared, participants are selected. Trainers are also set. Organisationally all is prepared. SKI said that the cooperation with IFLRY on this event is very good.

ALDE Summer Academy

SKI reported. All is organised, participants selected. Only MEPs need to be confirmed. Program is set.

IMS Meeting in Berlin

IC reported, all is prepared, program is drafted, the speakers are soon to be confirmed. We will make considerable savings on this event. IMS delegates are helping in the organisation of the event and getting the speakers.

ELF Training in Florence

IC reported. Ermanno has the program set up and the trainer. ELF wants to send a trainer again, just like in Helsinki. We need to put the two trainers in contact to make the best possible program. There is no hotel booked at this moment.

Other events (Lisbon, Bruxelles, Bucharest)

IC reported about Lisbon event. Nothing has been booked yet but IC will contact the local organisers and start preparing the event. VG suggested we invite Marc Guerrero as a speaker.

ES is preparing the Press event in Bruxelles, there should be speakers set in next two weeks.

6. Projects for 2013

Blackhole project

IC reported. Four adds were launched on the facebook; Spain, Latvia, Austria and Portugal. We will try to get the same for Poland and Italy.

LYMEC days update

SKv was in Finland, she carried out the presentation as part of the LYMEC days. There will be the same with LHG in Hambourg. JD will go to LHG congress. AvdG and ES will go to JD Congress.

7. ALDE party

JD reported on the Bureau meeting. At the moment it is being discussed how and who to put forward as our candidate.

8. ALDE and LYMEC Campaign on Youth Unemployment

SK reported on the progress of the Campaign. There will be a conference in Dublin on 28th of May. SKI and ES are going. Couple of organisations signed up for the campaign and they will send a letter and translated resolution to their national governments.

9. Press

ES sent the mail to ALDE asking for contacts. We need to have our press releases a bit more structured and timely. ES proposed we have more comments and not just press releases. The E-libertas should be more promoted and more attractive. ES will draft a proposal for the changes of the e-libertas. IC proposed that there should be an official # for every event. ES proposed we try a tweetup.

SKv, VG and IC in charge of drafting the proposal for the Young Candidates Network. Deadline in two weeks.

The call for the Libertas Board of editors was sent. The best option is with the vice-editor of Libertas Paul Pryce. JD will ask JOVD about the application as the new way of publishing Libertas.

10. Campaigns

SKv said that we need to start planning the campaign for EP elections. IC and JD will make the first proposal of the manifesto.

Making postcards for Indian embassies on rape issue. SKv and SKI in charge. ES will find the addresses of the embassies. We will join the Vote 16 campaign. SKv in charge of it.

We will develop the "Like to vote campaign"

11. Finances

AvdG reported about the current situation with the Operational Grant with the European Commission. She will report to the Steering Committee about the possible problem with our fixed costs. She suggested that we have an intern with a stipend, or by some other organisation. SKI will contact Svensk Kultur Foundation about possible funding.

12. Statutes

VG reported about the fringe. The proposal from the fringe is to have observers/guests proposed by the Bureau and formally we would have associate and the full members, which would undergo a statutory procedure on congresses

13. Any other business

VG and IC in charge of the Working group on the Policy Book.

AvdG said that we need to developed the way how to translate our policies to the national level and also to develop the exchange online web site for our members. ED ans SKI in charge.

14. Next meeting and closing

Next bureau meeting will be a skype meeting. SKI will set up a doodle, for end of June.