

Location Brussels, Belgium  
Date 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011

**1) Opening, regularia (adoption of the agenda / legality of the meeting)**

AP opened the meeting. All bureau members are present on the meeting. AP proposed to add an additional point to the agenda; "Report from visit to Ogra Fianna Fail by JD and CB". The amended agenda was adopted unanimously.

**2) ELDR - report from Council and Bureau meeting**

AP and VG reported from the ELDR Council meeting held in Dresden, Germany. There was one important agenda point, a possible future reform and formalization of the ELDR Steering Committee. The composition of the Steering Committee at the moment is not formally determined and LYMEC has had a representative solely because of ELDR's good will. ELDR will change its regulations and formally determine how the composition will be formed in its statutes or via a new internal resolution, and AP asked that LYMEC is given a formal spot in the committee which seemed to have a majority. The regulation will be drafted for one of the next ELDR Bureau meetings and later approved at a statutory event. LibDems, UK offered to host 2012 congress in London. LYMEC and D66 submitted a resolution on Schengen regime, in favor of not rolling back the system. It was backed by FDP but opposed by VVD and Venstre. Reference on Denmark has been deleted but the resolution has been adopted.

**3) Upcoming events 2011**

MHS gave a report of the current state of the upcoming events

**a) YLM**

MHS talked to Julius Lizanus, the draft contract has been sent. Due to the new VAT regulations SK and MF will draft a new contract and sign it with JJJ. The event will take place 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> of September in Vilnius, Lithuania. Seminar team: Kseniya Shvedova, Ed Sanderson, Boris Vadev and Daniela Sund in addition to two locals. The call for the participants should be sent within next 2 weeks. MHS will contact the seminar team members and start the preparations.

**b) Barcelona Seminar & Congress**

MHS said that the hotel will be booked soon; all the technical details have been arranged. Deposit of 10% will have to be made on the hotel account. Lead organizer will be Ivette Riera and seminar team member Victor Puig. The delegates will also visit Barcelona city hall and have a reception with the newly elected Mayor. JNC will organize a political debate in Catalan government building with other political youths organizations. President of CDC will be one of the speakers. Proposal for the Congress chair: Jordi Ricart. VG said that Marc Guerrero I Tarrago will be present as well.

**c) Possible IMS event Croatia**

The event is still on hold until we get green light from ELF.

**4) Preparation of the meeting with Verhofstadt tomorrow morning**

The meeting was cancelled by MEP Verhofstadt and therefore this agenda point was skipped.

**5) Follow-up of decisions taken at the last Bureau meeting**

MLN gave an overview of the duties delegated on the last Bureau meeting in Utrecht. Buddy program has not yet been drafted. New Libertas is seriously delayed and it needs to be done as soon as possible.

#### **6) Where do we stand? What projects are on time, which are delayed?**

The working plan needs to be updated. AP should be mentioned as the person in charge of ELF, not MLN. Reminders to the debtors should be sent again by the Office. MF and SK should make the new invoices for LibDEm from Macedonia. AP, JD and SK are in charge of new social media. Mention of Dries as our representative in IFLRY board needs to be changed to Ivo Thijsen. Nothing has been done on trainings so training should be organized in 2012. JD should meet with communication officers of partner organizations.

Streaming of our events should be organized at all upcoming statutory events, and best practices from twinning events should be gathered by MHS and published on the web site. SK should publish events guide on the web site. CB should create the network of campaigns officers from our member organizations. VG was in charged of sending information about current EP topics, but it was agreed the LYMEC Assistant will do this from now on. LYMEC Assistant will expand the weekly overview with weekly top news on following topics: Data retention directive, Budget, Internal market, Schengen agreement and web site blocking.

#### **7) Finances - current situation**

MF reported on the financial situation. The situation is stabile, we received all the grants. We are underspending on some budget lines. The Bureau once again confirmed its decision to considerably reduce the participation fee for upcoming LYMEC events. It made a decision to buy a new computer for the Office. Bureau members can, when appropriate, claim their real, LYMEC-related communication costs, also if more than the in the Bureau Refund Guidelines assigned sum (proofs of spending needed). A possible extra Bureau meeting this year is considered based on necessity. MF emphasized that Bureau members should visit our MOs more frequently. MF and AP proposed produce some additional promotional materials, as we do not have a general leaflet about LYMEC anymore. They argued that the leaflet should not contain any current Bureau, as to make it time-lasting. The Bureau took the decision to do so, SKlo will get offers.

#### **8) Planning for events 2012 and grant applications**

AP proposed that we split the yearly theme in two thematic sub-parts, one on civil liberties in society and other civil liberties and information society. VG said that LDP, Serbia proposed hosting one event in 2012. MLN said that VU and RU from Denmark offered to host the electoral Congress in 2012. AP said that we should have 2 Congresses, YLM, Summer Academy and one more event. After a debate the following plan has been made:

- Seminar on Campaigning, communication and projects skills and training, Porec, Croatia, March 2012, Application to ELDR, VG in charge
- Spring Congress and seminar on European Digital Agenda, Copenhagen, Denmark, May 2012, Application to ELF, MLN in charge
- Seminar/IMS event on Prostitution, Belgrade, Serbia, June 2012, Application to ELDR, VG in Charge
- YLM on Digital Civil Liberties, Poland, September 2012, Application to ELF, AP in charge
- ALDE Autumn Academy, Brussels, Belgium, October 2012, Application to ALDE
- Autumn Congress and seminar on Freedom of the press, separation of powers, Bulgaria or Estonia, November 2012, Application to ELDR and NED, CB and MF in charge

### **9) New Libertas**

AP criticized that this issue is severely delayed and it needs to be published ASAP. It has been agreed that JD finished this issue asap. After the upcoming issue a call for an external New Libertas editor should be published and the New Libertas Board should be lead by a person who is not a member of the Bureau. JD is in charge of drafting the call. VG proposed that we publish the anniversary issue which would be only LYMEC orientated, this was adopted. AP will go to FNF archive in Gummersbach and gather historical LYMEC materials for this special issue.

### **10) Website**

Web site is done and launched. JD will do a press release on the launch of the new web site. Short explanation on the use of the web site should be drafted for the Bureau. JD is in charge of drafting it. There are some issues that are pending and need to be sorted out as soon as possible. Biggest problem is the lack of the newsletter module. GoalGorilla needs to be chased on that.

### **11) Campaigns**

SK and AP are in charge of making a web site for the campaign "Intergenerational theft". General LYMEC leaflet needs to be produced; AP, VG and SK are in charge. SK is in charge of cutting of the LYMEC stickers. If they cannot be cut with reasonable financial effort, the Bureau will look into whether ordering stickers in Belgium might be cheaper. SK is in charge of ordering new pens. VG proposed production of 150 USB sticks for 2012. The office will get offers, then a decision will be made on that basis. MLN would like to contact Digital Europe to co finance the USB sticks and possibly more.

### **12) ELSN - status**

Nothing new has happened since our last meeting.

### **13) IMS - current developments**

AP reported on a Skype IMS council meeting where present members discussed IMS charter, IMS Clubs and the IMS Smith Society was founded. SK should put information on this club online. Ben Burgers proposed creation of IMS Caucasus club but it was not approved. IMS aim to draft a leaflet about LYMEC individual membership in coordination with SK. Next IMS council is in July or August.

### **14) IFLRY - upcoming EC**

Joint Bureau meeting in Timisoara will not happen, however AP and CB will be present. Ivo Thijsen is doing a good job in the Bureau of IFLRY, AP wants to fine-tune a bit the procedures further. VG's role in the organization of this seminar is just to oversee the content development. VG said that Musavat Youth asked for a political statement on arrests of their leadership that would be cosigned by IFLRY and LYMEC. So far no feedback from IFLRY, even though we approached them on it. This could be brought up in Timisoara in talks with the IFLRY leadership.

MF will further look into negotiating and agreeing on a long-term financial agreement with IFLRY that is substantially below the old one. So far no feedback from IFLRY, so MF will chase.

### **15) Date and place of next meeting**

Proposal: Luxembourg at the beginning of September. AP is in charge of contacting our member organization in Luxembourg for the possible dates.

### **16) Report from visit to Ogra Fianna Fail in Ireland**

JD and CB visited Ogra Fianna Fail. The organization has reformed considerably from the time they first applied for the membership in LYMEC, however their President is still appointed by the mother party Fianna Fail. They do not collect the membership fees. JD and CB are of opinion that policy wise they would fit in well in LYMEC. AP suggest to continue inviting some of their members as external guests to our events to see if and how the organization evolves over time.

#### **16) AOB**

SK should ask the bank for new debit card for AP, as his does not work.

JD participated on the NDSV Congress in Bulgaria. They are at the moment going through difficult times as their mother party is struggling on the political scene of Bulgaria.

CB was on the local elections in Chisinau where our member organisation's mother party managed to win the majority in the city council of Chisinau. OTMN should be formally disaffiliated on the first occasion as they have merged with the conservative party of Moldova (which automatically voids their membership in LYMEC).

MF has been elected in the think tank Future Lab Europe which is a non political network of foundations.

VG attended IDY Congress in Pula, Croatia.

CB attended Council of Europe's Council for Democracy.