

Minutes of Congress

26th and 27th of April 2013, Tallinn, Estonia

1. Opening by the LYMEC Bureau

LYMEC President, Jeroen Diepemaat opens the Congress. He notes that the Congress has been called in accordance with the regulations laid out in the statutes. Welcome speeche is given by Minister of Social Affairs Taavi Rõivas.

2. Elections of Congress bodies

The Bureau proposes the following persons to be the chairs of the Congress:

1. Srd Kisevic
2. Julia Leferman
3. Ivo Thijssen

The proposal is put on vote and adopted unanimously

Proposed Congress minute takers by the Bureau are:

1. Miisa Varinen
2. Kristjan Hameae

The proposal is put on vote and adopted unanimously.

Proposed Congress scrutineers by the Bureau are:

1. Christian Kjølhede
2. Timo Roeleveld
3. Etienne Verschuren

The proposal is put on vote and adopted unanimously.

3. Roll call and voting rights

LYMEC Secretary General, Slaven Klobucar, starts the roll call. The voting cards are distributed as follows:

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| 1 | Jelena Jesajana |
| 1 | Ermanno Martignetti |
| 3 | JULIS Austria |
| 9 | Jeunes Movement Réformateur |
| 6 | Jong VLD |

4	Liberaal Vlaams Studenten Verbond (Later in the Congress)
7	Mladi Hrvatske Narodne Stranke (Later in the Congress)
4	Radikal Ungdom
6	Venstres Ungdom
3	Eesti Keskerakonna Noortekogu
6	Estonian Reform Party Youth
4	Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto
10	Suomen Keskustanuoret
9	Junge Liberale – JuLis
5	LHG - Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen
7	Jonge Democraten – JD
6	Jongeren Organisatie Vrijheid & Democratie – JOVD
5	Norges Unge Venstre – NUV
3	Projekt:Polska - Project: Poland Association
3	Centerstudenter – CS
5	Liberala Ungdomsförbundet – LUF
6	Liberal Youth

Total number of votes 113. The quorum is reached. The Congress started of with 103 votes present and the number of votes was increased with payment of the fees of mHNS and LVSV bringing up to total of 113 votes.

4. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was presented by the chairs of the congress. The agenda was adopted unanimously.

5. Urgency of resolutions

Proposed and accepted urgency resolutions are as it follows:

1. Resolution on Banks
2. Resolution on Institutions
3. Resolution on ETS

Following persons took the floor:

1. Christopher Roeld
2. Christian Kjølhede
3. Dirkjan Tijs

The vote on the urgency resolutions is taken.
All the urgent resolutions were adopted.

6. Adoption of minutes from the Congress in Sofia

The minutes are adopted with unanimously.

Following persons took the floor:

1. Marijn de Pagter

7. Snap vote on order of resolutions

Secretary General, Slaven Klobucar makes a new roll call to distribute voting ballots for the vote on the order of resolutions. Vote is taken and the result of the online vote is as follows:

1. 37 votes - Resoultion on Bank reform (JOVD, NL)
2. 33 votes - Resolution on Institutions, Seminar Team
3. 32 votes - Resolution on Financial crisis (LYMEC Working group)
4. 30 votes - Resolutions on Drones and Privacy (JOVD, NL)
5. 22 votes - Resolution on ETS, RU, Denmark
6. 19 votes - Nuclear free world (LY, GB)
7. 15 votes - End Female Genital Mutilation (Jeunes MR, BE)
8. 11 votes - Resolution on Innovative solutions (JD, NL)
9. 10 votes - Resolution on Turkish interference in fosterage
10. 10 votes - Resolution about women and rape in India (NUV,NO)
11. 10 votes - Resolution on Banks, Seminar Team
12. 8 votes - Condemn the Pressure on Civil Society in Russia (SU, FI)

8. Annual Report

Vedrana Gujic, LYMEC's Vice President presented the Annual Report.

9. Bureau Members reports – for information

Bureau member, Sissel Kvist, reports about her activities in the Bureau.
Bureau member, Igor Caldeira, reports about his activities in the Bureau.
Bureau member, Ed Sanderson, reports about his activities in the Bureau.
Vice President, Vedrana Gujic, reports about her activities in the Bureau.
President, Jeroen Diepemaat, reports about his activities in the Bureau.

Our representative at IFLRY, Ivo Thijssen, reports about his activities in the IFLRY Bureau.

10. Secretary-general report

Secretary General, Slaven Klobucar, gave his report on the work of LYMEC secretariat from the last Congress.

11. Treasurer's report

LYMEC's Treasurer Anne van der Graaf gave the financial report for 2012 and the first half of 2013.

12. Debates about the reports

The following persons took the floor:

1. Christopher Roeld
2. Allan Siao Ming Whiterick
3. George Potter
4. Pauline Kastermans
5. Daniel George
6. Erik van der Meij
7. Benedikt Yavuz

13. Finances

Internal Auditors Daniel George and Danica Vihinen took the floor and presented the internal auditor's report.

The following persons took the floor:

1. Allan Siao Ming Whiterick
2. Christopher Roeld

LYMEC's Treasurer Anne van der Graaf took the floor and presented the requests for the reduced membership fees. She also presented the Bureau's view.

The following persons took the floor:

1. Thaïs Verhoeven
2. Benedikt Yavuz
3. Daniel George
4. Pauline Kastermans
5. Timo Roeleveld
6. Erik Carter
7. Dirkjan Tijds
8. Markus Ylimaa
9. Florent Baudewyns
10. Robin van der Wal
11. Vedrana Gujic

The reduced membership fees were adopted with as follows:

1. Musavat Youth, Azerbaijan with the fee of 1 Euro with 83 votes in favor
2. ANM, Armenia with the fee of 25 Euros with 91 votes in favor
3. MLBiH, Bosnia and Herzegovina with the fee of 10 Euros with 82 votes in favor
4. Civil Forum, Belarus with the fee of 40,24 Euros with 82 votes in favor
5. Mladi HNS, Croatia with the fee of 100 Euros with 75 votes in favor
6. LVSV, Belgium with the fee of 145 Euros with 63 votes in favor
7. Mladi LDP, Serbia with the fee of 441.48 Euros with 75 votes in favor

The reduced membership fee were not adopted for the following organisations:

1. MLD, Slovenia with 49 votes in favor
2. LLY, Lithuania with 51 votes in favor

The required number of votes was 52.

LYMEC's Treasurer Anne van der Graaf took the floor and presented the amended budget for 2013. The proposal was accepted unanimously

Current budget is:

	Income		Expenditures	
Commission Admin Grant	€	50 000,00		
Member Organisations MF	€	18 132,56		
ALDE Party	€	40 000,00	€	3 500,00
ALDE Group	€	35 000,00		
Other Grants				
Seminar - Florence	€	2 250,00	€	3 700,00
Seminar - Helsinki	€	1 714,95	€	3 987,55
Young Leaders Meeting	€	1 500,00	€	2 500,00
Congress Tallinn	€	26 000,00	€	26 000,00
Congress Bucharest	€	24 000,00	€	24 000,00
Summer Academy	€	-	€	-
Event Georgia ALDE-IFLRY-LYMEC	€	1 142,00	€	1 142,00
Extra ordinary revenu	€	500,00		
IMS fees	€	600,00		
Other Refund	€	100,00		
Travel Refund - ELDR	€	800,00		
Travel Refund - IFLRY	€	300,00		
Travel Refund - YFJ	€	500,00		
Donations	€	100,00		
Previous financial year	€	50,00	€	200,00
Bank - Interest	€	150,00		
Bank - Cost			€	800,00
Rounding	€	1,00		
Staff			€	62 000,00
Office - Rent			€	9 600,00
Office - other standard cost			€	1 000,00
Office Communication Cost			€	480,00
Association Fees - YFJ			€	1 550,00
Association Fees - ELF			€	500,00
Audit expenses			€	4 000,00

Bureau Communication Cost		€	1 500,00	
Bureau Meetings		€	4 500,00	
Bureau - Other Expenses		€	1 000,00	
IFLRY - Association Fee		€	2 500,00	
IFLRY- Representation		€	1 500,00	
Membership Representation	€	400,00	€	4 000,00
Representation Youth Forum		€	500,00	
Insurance		€	632,93	
Unrealizable Claims		€	1 200,00	
Other expenses		€	500,00	
Website		€	2 800,00	
Mailing expenses		€	1 000,00	
Printed Material		€	5 500,00	
Promo Material and e-marketing		€	10 000,00	
Project - Press		€	5 000,00	
Project - Blackhole and white paper		€	5 000,00	
Project - IMS meeting		€	4 500,00	
Project - LYMEC Days		€	3 000,00	
Total	€	203 240,51	€	199 592,48

14. Resolutions

Resolution 1: Resoultion on Bank reform proposed by JOVD, NL

Following persons took the floor:

- Jarico Vos
- Christian Kjølhede
- Stefan de Koning
- Marino Komes
- Robin van der Wal
- Ermanno Martignetti
- Markus Ylimaa
- Fintan Phelan
- Florent Baudewyns

The resolution had no amendments and it was CARRIED.

Resolution 2: Resolution on Institutions proposed by Seminar Team, EU

Following persons took the floor:

- Dirkjan Tijs
- Jarico Vos
- Ermanno Martignetti
- Jelena Jesejana
- George Potter

Amendment 1 by JOVD – Delete:

-the European citizens have few possibilities to influence the political composition of the Commission as a whole, reducing the democratic legitimacy and the accountability of the body;

Accepted by the mover.

Amendment 2 by JOVD – Delete:

- European elections' turnouts can be improved if citizens feel like the composition of the Parliament has an influence on the Commission's political composition;

NOT CARRIED

Amendment 3 by JOVD – Delete:

- a new process where a majority of political groups in the European Parliament form a coalition, which political color will decide the composition of the Commission.

NOT CARRIED

The amended resolution was put on the vote and it was CARRIED.

Resolution 3: Resolution on Financial crisis, Proposed by Working group, EU

Following persons took the floor:

- Jarico Vos
- Dirkjan Tijs
- Ermanno Martignetti
- Florent Baudewyns
- George Potter

Amendment 1 – JD – Replace with : Taking into account the externalities that occur in an highly integrated framework of European member state economies, when combating recession through discretionary policy by individual EU member states.

CARRIED

Amendment 2 – LY – delete : Considering also that sound public finances are a key component of addressing issues concerning to growing deficits and spiralling debt;

NOT CARRIED

Amendment 3– LY - Delete: which must be driven by the private sector;

NOT CARRIED

Amendment 4 – LY - Delete

with the incontrovertible goal of balanced or surplus budgets, so as not to create a situation of spiralling deficits and unsustainable public debt levels

NOT CARRIED

Amendment 5 – LY – Add: and economic

CARRIED

Amendment 6 – LY – add this text : Weak economic growth or economic contraction also has a significant impact on public finances, and should therefore be considered a crucial part of restoring fiscal sustainability.

CARRIED

Amendment 7 – LY – add : in the long run

CARRIED

Amendment 8– LY – delete : public expenditure cuts to free up resources for productive endeavours,

NOT CARRIED

Amendment 9 – LY – add : Economic growth can also and must be supported by governments where possible in times of recession and economic weakness, for social as well as economic and fiscal reasons, including through state investment;

CARRIED

Amendment 10 – JD : Add this :

15 The Private sector should be reaping the rewards of innovation that ultimately comes from investments by the public sector in R&D and higher education.

16 European member states must improve the productivity of their labour forces, by:

a. Combating early school leaving

b. Maintaining high quality of education

c. Improving and expanding vocational training programmes

d. Installing effective and intelligent systems of vocational rehabilitation of the unemployed population, in order to constantly adjust the work force to the needs of the private sector;

CARRIED

Amendment 11– LY – Add : The European Central Bank should also be prepared in times of economic emergency to act as a lender of last resort, as reflected by Mario Draghi’s July 2012 comments to do “whatever it takes” to save the euro;”

NOT CARRIED

Amendment 12 – JD – Delete: The idea of further tax harmonisation amongst Member States must be rejected as tax competition should remain a key component of European competitiveness.

NOT CARRIED

Amended resolution was put on vote and it was CARRIED.

Resolution 4: Resolutions on Drones and Privacy (JOVD, NL)

Following persons took the floor:

- Marijn de Pagter

Amendment 1 – JMR – add “in the EU” in the title – accepted by the mover

Amendment 2 – JMR - Change questions the desirability to: with affirms the undesirability – accepted by the mover

The amended resolution was put on vote and CARRIED

Resolution 5: Resolution on ETS, RU, Denmark

Following persons took the floor:

- Igor Caldeira
- Stefan de Koning
- Ermanno Martignetti

Amendment 1 - JOVD and FCY – Delete:

- National interests such as reduced GNI resources hinder the budget negotiations.

CARRIED

Amendment 2 - JOVD and FCY – Delete:

- The auction of allowances could bring the needed profits to cover most of the GNI resources currently financing in the EU budget.

CARRIED

Amendment 3 - JOVD and FCY – Delete:

- The budget of the European Union needs to be more independent of GNI resources to support the European agenda.

CARRIED

Amendment 4 - JOVD and FCY – Delete:

-The revenue of the ETS auctions of allowances should go to the European Union and not the individual member states.

CARRIED

Amendment 4 - FCY – Delete:

and making the EU budget more independent of GNI resource

CARRIED

Amended resolution was put on vote and CARRIED

Resolution 6: Nuclear free world (LY, GB)

Following persons took the floor:

- Andrew Clemo
- Igor Caldeira
- George Potter
- Timo Roeleveld
- Erik Carter
- Ermanno Martignetti

Amendment 1 by FCY and JMR : Add to the title “weapons”. The amendment was accepted by the mover.

The amended resolution was put on vote and CARRIED.

Resolution 7: End Female Genital Mutilation (Jeunes MR, BE)

Following persons took the floor:

- Andrew Clemo
- Erik Carter
- Dirkjan Tijs
- Timo Roeleveld
- George Potter

Amendment 1 – JD

Replace

Considering that countries with a tradition of FGM – almost outside of the EU – also face a high rate of AIDS transmission, tetanos and other sexually transmitted diseases;

with :

Considering that countries with a tradition of FGM – almost all outside of the EU – also face a high rate of AIDS transmission, tetanos and other sexually transmitted diseases;

Carried by the mover.

Amended resolution was put on vote and CARRIED

Resolution 8: Resolution on Innovative solutions (JD, NL)

Following persons took the floor:

- Robin van der Wal
- Reece Edmends
- Andrew Clemo
- George Potter
- Erik Carter
- Stefan de Koning
- Timo Roeleveld
- Dirkjan Tijs

Amendment 1 – JOVD – change

the European focus to include more creative and innovative solutions, as to improve not only the short-term situation, but also focus on long-term structural improvements;

with:

the European focus to include more creative and innovative solutions, as to improve not only the short-term situation, but also focus on long-term yet financially neutral structural improvements;

CARRIED

Amended resolution was put on vote and CARRIED.

Resolution 9: Resolution on Turkish interference in fosterage

Following persons took the floor:

- Reece Edmends
- Igor Caldeira
- Marijn de Pagter

Amendment 1 – JMR: Add to Considering that:

Stressing out that the child's rights and protection should be the only concern of State's authorities in case of fosterage

Carried by the mover

Amended resolution was put on vote and CARRIED.

Resolution 10: Resolution about women and rape in India (NUV,NO)

Following persons took the floor:

- Christopher Roeld
- Teppo Sakkinen
- Marijn de Pagter

Resolution was CARRIED

Resolution 11: Resolution on Banks, Seminar Team , EU

Following persons took the floor:

- Reece Edmends
- Florent Baudewyns
- Pauline Kastermans
- Tom Leijte
- George Potter
- Dirkjan Tijs
- Jelena Jesejana
- Ermanno Martignetti
- Stefan de Koning
- Allan Siao Ming Whiterick
- Marijn de Pagter

Resolution was CARRIED

Resolution 12: Condemn the Pressure on Civil Society in Russia and end the raids upon NGO (SU, FI)

Following persons took the floor:

- Alva Amalie Eide
- Anne van der Graaf
- Florent Baudewyns
- Christopher Roeld
- Sunniva Rebekka Skjeggstad
- Marijn de Pagter
- George Potter
- Jelena Jesejana
- Christian Kjølhede
- Pauline Kastermans

Resolution was CARRIED

15. Election of ALDE Party Congress delegates

Following persons were nominated:

1. Diepemaat, Jeroen (LYMEC Bureau)
2. Gujic, Vedrana (LYMEC Bureau)
3. Roeleveld, Timo (JOVD, The Netherlands)
4. Caldeira, Igor (LYMEC Bureau)
5. Benedikt Yavuz (Julis, Germany)
6. Martignetti, Ermanno (IMS)
7. Dirkjan Tijs (JD, The Netherlands)
8. Andreas Møller (IMS, Denmark)
9. Sakkinen, Teppo (FCY, Finland)
10. Erik Carter (RU, DK)
11. Leon Ploegstra (JD, The Netherlands)
12. Jarico Vos, JOVD

The results of the online vote are the following:

1. 82 votes Diepemaat, Jeroen (LYMEC Bureau)
2. 81 votes Gujic, Vedrana (LYMEC Bureau)
3. 79 votes Roeleveld, Timo (JOVD, The Netherlands)
4. 76 votes Caldeira, Igor (LYMEC Bureau)
5. 75 votes Benedikt Yavuz (Julis, Germany)
6. 72 votes Martignetti, Ermanno (IMS)
7. 67 votes Dirkjan Tijs (JD, The Netherlands)
8. 61 votes Andreas Møller (IMS, Denmark)
9. 60 votes Sakkinen, Teppo (FCY, Finland)
10. 59 votes Erik Carter (RU, DK)

Not elected - reserve list

54 votes Leon Ploegstra (JD, The Netherlands)

54 votes Jarico Vos, JOVD

Second ballot was held to determine the order on the reserve list and the results are the following:

1. 40 votes Jarico Vos, JOVD
2. 30 votes Leon Ploegstra (JD, The Netherlands)

16. Election of the Drafting committee for the Policy book

Following persons were nominated:

1. Ralph Aerts (JOVD)
2. Vedrana Gujic (LYMEC)
3. Igor Caldeira (LYMEC)
4. Lorenzo Machese (IMS)
5. Lukas Schweiger (IMS)
6. Christopher Røhl Andersen (Radikal Ungdom)
7. João Mendes (IMS)
8. Julian Scholtes (Julis)
9. Niklas Milthers (VU)
10. Ermanno Martignetti (IMS)
11. Dirkjan Tijds (JD)
12. Florent Baudewyns (FEL)
13. Medina Adilova (CS)

LYMEC's Vice President Vedrana Gujic presented the view of the Bureau that all the persons nominated should be accepted.

The proposal was put on vote and adopted unanimously.

17. Reports from the member organisations

The following persons took the floor:

1. Marijn de Pagter
2. George Potter
3. Pauline Kastermans
4. Sunniva Rebekka Skjeggstad
5. Jussi Sallinen
6. Christopher Roeld
7. Benedikt Bente
8. Christian Pipal
9. Enda Costello
10. Radu Dan Paltan
11. Allan Siao Ming Whiterick
12. Maximilian Heilmann

18. Any Other business

Nothing was brought up under this point.

19. Closing

President, Jeroen Diepemaat takes the floor and closes the Congress.