



# Bureau Report

## Marijn de Pagter – Treasurer

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Dear delegates and liberal friends,

It's already been nearly six months since the Bureau elections were held in Vienna. As I said during my election speech, I very much enjoy working for LYMEC – and I am truly energised by our dear young liberal network. I continue to be very grateful to the Congress for giving me the opportunity to work on the finances of LYMEC as Treasurer.

During my campaign, I distinguished three major goals for my mandate. In this Bureau report, I will update you on my work to realise those goals.

### Goal 1: [start an alumni network](#)

An Alumni Network is a great way to increase donations – and to re-involve and reunite former LYMEC bureau members, auditors and other activists. In the last few months, I have worked with Svenja to explore the legal opportunities of this network. Also, we've built on experiences in our own organisations – JOVD and JuLis – both of which have an Alumni 'Club'. I am confident we will be able to announce the launch of our own Alumni Network during the Autumn Congress.

### Goal 2: [improve transparent reporting](#)

My second goal was to improve the transparency of our finances, so that every congress attendee confidently understands and comprehends the financial reports. The interim financial report is my first shot at improving transparency. In that report, I've tried to clarify the state of our finances as much as possible. But I'm sure there's room for improvement. I already have several ideas of further improving transparent reporting (see, for example, the 2017 Budget). I am very much looking forward to hearing your feedback, so that our reporting continues to improve in the future.

### Goal 3: [create crystal clear financial regulations](#)

The financial protocols and regulations have not been reviewed since 2010. Several regulations are outdated or complicated. Furthermore, the two financial regulatory documents we now have should be merged into a single Financial Protocol. I am already in the process of drafting the new Financial Protocol and expect to have it ready for adoption at our Spring Congress.

In the meantime, I have looked into our membership fees – which have not changed since 2008. I have proposed a new, more simple approach to determine our membership fees without major financial implications. It is proposed for adoption during this Autumn Congress.

As a more general point, I intended to work on new Rules of Procedure that make sure every political resolution can be discussed during a congress. During our Vienna Spring Congress, this problem was also addressed by several member organisations. They filed a motion to discuss resolutions in working groups from this Autumn Congress onwards. I have worked with Lena to accommodate that wish, however hard it is because of statutory obligations – and the programmatic obligations we have regarding our sponsors. Lena, me and the rest of the Bureau will work on further accommodating the wish of the Congress in 2017 and ultimately draft new Rules of Procedure to set the changes in stone.

#### Events and meetings attended

My regional responsibility lies with the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxemburg, Greece and Cyprus. As we have six organisations in the first three countries – and unfortunately none in Greece and Cyprus – I have mostly attended events and meetings in the Netherlands and Belgium. I look forward to attending more events of our member organisations, and especially in my own region.

Don't hesitate to invite LYMEC to your own congress, seminar or other event!

Dates	Place	Event / Purpose	Organisation(s)
<b>1 May 2016</b>	Vienna <b>Austria</b>	In-person Bureau Meeting	LYMEC
<b>13-14 May 2016</b>	Brussels <b>Belgium</b>	Brussels Pride	Jong VLD   Open VLD
<b>20-22 May 2016</b>	Strasbourg <b>France</b>	In-person Bureau Meeting	LYMEC
<b>29 June 2016</b>	Brussels <b>Belgium</b>	Financial Meeting with Secretary General	LYMEC
<b>23-24 July 2016</b>	Brussels <b>Belgium</b>	ELSN Seminar	LYMEC
<b>22 July 2016</b>	The Hague <b>The Netherlands</b>	IFLRY gathering	IFLRY
<b>28-31 July 2016</b>	Santa Maria de Palautordera <b>Catalonia</b>	Summer school	JNC
<b>6 August 2016</b>	Amsterdam <b>The Netherlands</b>	Europride 2016: Canal Parade	VVD
<b>27-28 Aug 2016</b>	Brussels <b>Belgium</b>	2016 Interim Audit	LYMEC
<b>2-4 Sept 2016</b>	Mol <b>Belgium</b>	'Zomerunief'	Jong VLD
<b>9-11 Sept 2016</b>	Dublin <b>Ireland</b>	Young Leaders Meeting & In-person Bureau Meeting	LYMEC
<b>1-2 October 2016</b>	Sint-Michielsgestel <b>The Netherlands</b>	Autumn Congress	JOVD
<b>13 October 2016</b>	Brussels <b>Belgium</b>	Financial Advisory Committee Meeting	ALDE Party

#### More information

Should you have any questions about this report, feel free to contact me through Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter or email: [marijn@lymec.eu](mailto:marijn@lymec.eu). I look forward to hearing your feedback, especially on the new financial reports.

Kind regards,

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