

Membership Issues

BUREAU PROPOSAL FOR DISAFFILIATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

LYMEC is a network of liberal youth organisations that are organised nationally throughout Europe. Some of our organisations have existed for decades, others have been formed more recently. Sometimes, unfortunately, organisations are struck by an unfavourable national political climate or by internal struggles. That can lead to shrinking organisations, which cease to be active on an international level or cease to exist altogether.

Mostly, LYMEC only becomes aware of an organisation collapsing when the organisation stops paying its membership fee. Such organisations, ultimately, have to be disaffiliated from LYMEC.

The Bureau proposes two organisations for disaffiliation. Furthermore, the Bureau proposes one other organisations for suspension, which means they will not be invoiced for 2017 and possibly be put forward for disaffiliation in the near future.

Disaffiliation: MLD (Slovenia)

LYMEC has not heard from MLD Slovenia for years. The organisation hasn't paid its membership fee for at least 3 years. It was suspended during our Autumn Congress in Tallinn.

For the past few months, the Bureau has tried to contact the organisation, without success. Sources in Slovenia tell us they can't determine if MLD Slovenia still exists, let alone determine who their officials are.

The Bureau concludes that MLD Slovenia is no longer active and therefore proposes to disaffiliate the organisation. With that, the total debt of the organisation (€688,44) shall be written off.

Disaffiliation: Youth of NMSP (Bulgaria)

Youth of NMSP is an associate member of LYMEC. It hasn't been active in LYMEC for years and hasn't paid its membership fees since 2013 or before.

Based on our sources in Bulgaria, the LYMEC Bureau concludes that Youth of NMSP is not an active organisation anymore. The Bureau therefore proposes to disaffiliate the organisation. The total debt of the organisation (€525,-) shall be written off.

Suspension: Mladi Liberali Slovakia

Our member organisation in Slovakia, Mladi Liberali, appears to be inactive. The organisation has a debt of €593,04 because it hasn't paid the LYMEC membership fee since 2014.

Our research shows the organisation still legally exists, but is hard to contact. LYMEC will try to contact the organisation in a final attempt to restore their ties with LYMEC.

The Bureau proposes to suspend Mladi Liberali Slovakia. By suspending the organisation, Mladi Liberali Slovakia will not be invoiced for 2017.

If this attempt fails or if further research shows the organisation is practically non-existent, the Bureau shall propose to disaffiliate Mladi Liberali Slovakia during our next congress.

Further information

Writing off these debts will not influence this year's budget. Old, 'bad' debts have already been financially covered by the Allowance for Doubtful Accounts which is shown on our balance sheet.

Please have a look at attachment 3 of the interim financial report for further details.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.