



Bureau Report

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Dear delegates and liberal friends,

It is a great pleasure to be here with you in Stockholm for our Congress and to present my report as LYMEC Bureau Member. My feelings are doubled because I couldn't attend the Anniversary Congress in Tallin due to my most responsible duty - being father to my newborn daughter. Now, that I am in front of you, first thing I want to say is I missed you all!

The second, is about the work I have been involved in, that underlines my responsibilities within the Bureau as *Trainings Officer*. My priority was to develop an innovative organizational *Toolkit* based on the experience of our member organizations, in order to help new liberal movements and parties in their work. It proved to be a more comprehensive task that initially anticipated.

What makes a liberal political youth organization successful? On the one hand it is necessary to run and manage the organization efficiently and professionally – especially, because resources are usually limited and the work is based to a large extend on voluntary engagement. Here the *Toolkit* will provide a source of shared experiences and best practices. It addresses several topics: the organizational structure, liberal programmatic work, motivation and recruitment of members, relationship to a mother party / mother organization, finance and legal framework / legal restrictions of the organization's work.



However, the overall goal of a political youth organization is a political one. For having a political impact, it is necessary to develop a political strategy and to be clear about the organization's (political) goals. Some fundamental strategic understanding and practical skills on strategy development will also be a substantial part of this *Toolkit*.

This mid-term objective, I currently accomplished and will present during the Congress for debates and afterward it will be available on LYMEC website for free use. It is designed to serve both LYMEC and MO's in their organizational development; contains important information and tools for new youth political organizations, but also there a methods and new creative ideas for organizations that strive to improve their impact on young people. This makes an important step toward my belief that MO's and IMS should be well organized and act as local brunches of a party, so LYMEC voice is spread and heard in all regions and countries.

As part of my *regional responsibilities* (Republic of Moldova, Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Slovenia, Croatia, Albania, Kosovo, Macedonia) I facilitated the process of application and will be glad to present, later on agenda, the Bureau recommendation for the associate membership application of the [Youth Forum Naša stranka](#) from Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Looking forward, my objectives and activities for the future will be focused on: facilitating the exchange of experiences and developing new ideas on how to professionally organize and run a liberal political youth organization; planning more events on building capacity issues and twinning projects; improving my regional responsibilities, by being present and supportive to our partners and member organizations from the area.



Events attended:

[ALDE Congress in Warsaw](#) (1-3rd of December 2016) where two resolutions and many of LYMEC amendments were adopted.

[Workshop](#) on Core values & strategy building (9-11th of December 2016) that I facilitated for the Liberal Women Organization of Moldova.

[LIBSEEN Steering Committee in Sofia](#) (23-24th of January 2017), where for two days, Board Members and International Officers of the LIBSEEN member parties assessed the network's revival in the last years and elaborated viable steps towards the further consolidation of the cooperation among the [liberals](#) in Southeast Europe.

[The New Europeans seminar in Athens](#) (23-26th of February 2017) where participants shared their ideas for better integration of our new citizens and where we held a productive Bureau meeting by planning ahead our activity.

I will be happy to share more details on all of these during the Congress.

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