

**Svenja Hahn**  
Vice President

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Dear delegates,

Thank you very much for your trust in me for electing me as LYMEC Vice President in spring 2016. The general tasks of the Vice President is to support the President and the whole team but aside that the typical daily duties of a Vice President involve the internal coordination of everyday and long term tasks together with the President and the Secretary General. Whenever needed I supported other bureau members to deliver their tasks and took over responsibility in organizing events. I would especially like to thank President Sissel Kvist for the great teamwork in steering the organization.

## **Events**

A major event in 2016 was the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary congress and gala. Organizing the gala event was a huge but delightful task and in the end the fun we had and the memories we made were a huge reward. I am happy to again take over responsibility for Stockholm congress farewell dinner, which will be a Eurovision themed.

I took over the lead in the planning of the first LYMEC event in 2017 the seminar together with ELF. “The New Europeans” looked into migration and integration of people. 30 young liberals discussed steps for a new European asylum and integration system. Highlight of the event was the visit to a welcome center for refugees and a discussion with young new Europeans. All participants gained personal and political insights from this event that will result in an essay book published by ELF.

## **LYMEC as an organization**

Regarding my long term vision of making LYMEC as an organization more efficient we are getting there bit by bit. Major changes like voting and resolution tool as well as project management software for the bureau and Working Groups were established in 2016. Main topic for this year will be a concept for a visual identity, a topic Edgaras and me will work on. You might have already seen that LYMEC visual communication is getting more colourful and consequent like with the design of our Social media posts and the new newsletter. And we are working on new ideas and concepts for LYMEC events, the Hackathon on Youth unemployment will take part in Andorra in June – A modern form of finding solutions and shaping policies.

The idea for an alumni network had popped up in the last mandate and I am very proud that Marijn and I have continued the idea. Unfortunately it took longer than expected to work out the outline and statues and to set up the legal framework is still an ongoing process. But the concept is still the same: The alumni network will provide some high class events and bring former and current active LYMEC members together to share knowledge and to network.

As responsible bureau member for the European Liberals Students Network (ELSN) Working Group I am happy to see that the group came back to life with the new set up. The seminar in June 2016 “Bologna, Copenhagen and beyond” resulted in an intense and well prepared resolution on European education to be presented at this Spring Congress. The Working Group as well supported the bureau in everyday business like research and provided information on education and student related topics.

## **Communication**

Being a communication professional I am happy to support Campaign and Communications Officer Edgaras. As the whole team is responsible for Social Media I believe it has been a great team effort to make more effective use of the specific characters of our Social Media Channels. We used to use Facebook mostly to reach out to other Liberals to show what LYMEC is working on. But we started to make strategically use of Facebook advertisement to reach out to more people. Instagram is a great way to show the light and funny sides of politics, to offer a behind the scenes look by using Instagram stories and to reach out to interested but new people. We got involved in current political discussions on Twitter which helps to strengthen our political impact in the European political scene.

To continue that good work and to prepare for rough times like shitstorms or trolls Edgaras and me both will participate in a Social Media training by our partners FNF and ELF in the beginning of May in Berlin to gain new experiences and to prepare concepts with communication colleagues from other liberal organizations.

A major topic for the upcoming year on Social Media will be our campaign "Setting the agenda for Europe". By this campaign we want to set an eye on topics that are essential for young people that we need to work on to create an EU that offers this and the next generations a future.

If you have any questions concerning my work as LYMEC Vice President please feel free to contact me. I am looking forward to meeting you all in Stockholm.

Best regards, Svenja

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**Events attended:** Autumn Congress and Seminar, Tallinn; ALDE Party Congress, Warsaw; ALDE Winter Academy, Brussels; FNF EU conference, Berlin; LYMEC ELF Seminar The New European, Athens; JuLis Congress and Spring Lab, Oberhausen; FNF Roundtable Discussion, Moscow; St. Petersburg Dialogue, Youth Forum, St. Petersburg; FNF ELF Social Media Seminar, Berlin;