

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 one organisation for disaffiliation and one other organisations for suspension. Suspension means the organisation will not be invoiced for 2018 and will be put forward for disaffiliation during Spring Congress 2018, unless the organisation pays its debt or request a payment plan.

Thirdly, the Bureau proposes to write off all debts from 2014.

Disaffiliation: **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 showed Mladi Liberali still legally exists, but was hard to contact.

LYMEC Congress suspended Mladi Liberal last Congress. The Bureau has tried to contact the organisation in a final attempt to restore their ties with LYMEC. We sent several emails to the organisation in Slovakian (our assistant was Slovakian), but the organisation never responded.

The Bureau now concludes the organisation is not active anymore. We propose to disaffiliate Mladi Liberali and write off their debt.

Suspension: **Jungfreisinnige Schweiz**

Our member organisation from Switzerland, Jungfreisinnige Schweiz (JFS), is still a very active and vibrant organisation. However, it has not been active on an international level for years. JFS has repeatedly refused to pay their membership fee, as the current JFS board does not want to be active in LYMEC.

The Bureau proposes to suspend JFS. If JFS continues to refuse to pay their membership fees, the organisation must be disaffiliated during Spring Congress.

Write-off: **2014 membership fee invoices**

We propose to write off all debts from 2014 (total: €375,-). These are the following debts:

- Jeunes Radicaux de Gauche, France (€175,-)
- Norges Liberale Studentföbund, Norway (€25,-)
- Young Republicans, Georgia (€175,-)

These organisations have paid their membership fee in later years, so they cannot be suspended. Since more than three years have passed since the invoices were sent, chances are small that these debts will ever be paid. Therefore the Bureau proposes to write these debts off.

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.

Sincerely yours, on behalf of the LYMEC Bureau,

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