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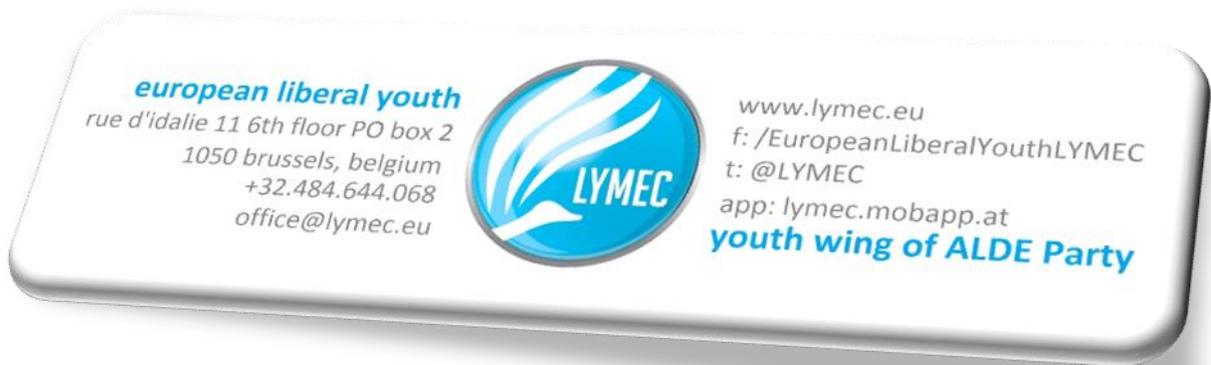
Dear friends,

Here we are again! Let's just jump into it and let me focus on several but extremely important projects and initiatives that I've been working for the last few months:

👉 **Successful launch of the Summit of Young Elected Local and Regional Leaders, Brussels, Belgium.**

On 27-28th August, Brussels [nearly twenty LYMEC and YDE local politicians from across Europe gathered in Brussels](#) for the [first Young Elected Leaders Summit](#), interacting with each other and ALDE members of the European Committee of the Regions during several workshops to address common challenges and solutions.

I am really happy and proud as we were able to successfully launch the pilot initiative that aims to provide a platform for young elected local and regional politicians of LYMEC to share knowledge and best practice as well as network. It took months and huge effort from both the Bureau and ALDE-CoR secretariat to put together this event. The participants expressed interest and need for further to develop the platform. There is a clear and added value of facilitating cooperation with ALDE Group in the European Committee of the Regions and we will continue to do so with an objective of providing more opportunities for young local and regional politicians of LYMEC.



👉 Getting the liberal message out – Gdansk, Poland.

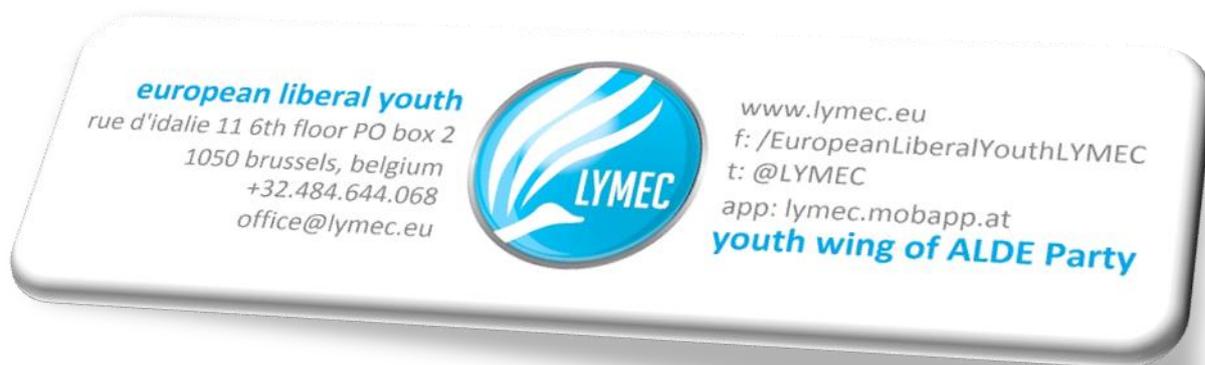
In order to support communication efforts of our member organizations and individual members on 14-16 July I have led a workshop on [communications and social media in Gdansk, Poland](#).

In summary, the event brought together about 20 young liberals from all over Europe representing a number of liberal organizations. During the 2 day event participants engaged in a variety of practical and theoretical trainings aimed at giving necessary skills to organize communications in a more organized and novel way. During the event participants had also opportunities to engage in debates and discussions on liberalism and how to promote liberalism in wake of rising populism make more convincing arguments for liberal movements. The participants agreed that liberalism provides a unique set of ideas and values which can be promoted and advanced with the use of new media and better communications. The workshop has provided a lot of content and ideas which will be summarized and prepared for a broader communications toolkit to be shared with member organizations and individual members in 2018. I would express my gratitude to our local partners Nowoczesna and **Rafał KUŹMICKI** for all the help in making the event a success.

👉 Setting the Agenda for Europe Campaign

There is no easy way of putting the: the campaign has stalled due to incredible administrative hurdles. Scheduling dialogues with Members of the European Parliament as well as creating content and visuals has been more challenging than I expected. Nevertheless, there is progress. We did manage to get in touch with [MEP Urmaz PAET](#) to engage in a dialogue and discuss [European security and defense, youth participation and migration](#). Furthermore, [Jasna GABRIČ](#), Mayor of Trbovlje was also available to sit down for a dialogue in which she explained the challenges young politicians face and how to encourage young people be more active in politics: all of which deeply resonates with our political objectives. At the time of writing this report, I am preparing another installment of the series with [MEP Ilhan KYUCHYUK](#).

A shout out to IMS delegates: **Benjamin FIEVET**, **Jorge de JESUS** and **Zeneda FERATLLARI** for putting together a complete overhaul of the Individual



Members Section. It has been quite a challenge on all sides but I am sure that the hours spent working on the IMS reform will make the section more autonomous and stronger in the future.

See you soon in Sofia!

Best wishes,
Edgaras

Events attended:

Dates	Place	Event / Purpose	Organisation(s)
2-3 June	Ljubljana Slovenia	Participant/Organiser: ALDE Party Council as part of ALDE-CoR and LYMEC.	ALDE family
9 June	Brussels Belgium	Meeting with Young Democrats from the Netherlands.	LYMEC/JD
28-30 June	Brussels Belgium	Participant: ALDE Summer Academy	ALDE/LYMEC/YDE
14-16 July	Gdansk Poland	Organiser of: "Getting the liberal message out" – practical communications training.	LYMEC/ELF
28 August	Brussels Belgium	Organiser of: "Summit of Young Elected Local and Regional Leaders".	LYMEC/ALDE-CoR/YDE
8-10 September	Podgorica Montenegro	Participant: Young Leaders Meeting.	LYMEC