



Bureau Report

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Dear delegates and liberal friends,

Time flies! The Bureau is already two-thirds through its mandate. The past 18 months have been a very pleasant experience and I want to thank my fellow Bureau members for being great Bureau colleagues and friends. And special thanks to Danica for the fact that she's always available for financial matters – and any other matter actually.

For financial topics, I kindly refer you to the interim financial report. In this Bureau report, I want to update you on other things I've been working on.

When I campaigned for the position of Treasurer, I distinguished three major goals for my mandate. In this Bureau report, I will update you on the status of those goals.

Goal 1: start an alumni network

An Alumni Network is a great way to increase donations – and to re-involve and reunite former LYMEC bureau members, auditors and other activists. In the first year of this Bureau mandate, we searched for ways of setting up the Alumni Network up as a legal entity. For example, we looked into options of setting it up in a different country than Belgium. We concluded that Belgium was the best option, however, and have made big steps over the past half year. The statutes were drafted over summer and only need minor adjustments before we can set up the Alumni Network. I want to extend my thanks to Bart Vanmarcke, whom some of you might still remember as the former international officer of Jong VLD. He has kindly helped us setting up the Alumni Network legally.

Goal 2: improve transparent reporting

My second goal was to improve the transparency of our finances, so that every congress attendee confidently understands and comprehends the financial reports. I am confident that the reports have reached a stage close to that goal, but I am still very much looking forward to hearing your feedback, so that I can continue to improve our reporting.

Goal 3: create crystal clear financial regulations

The financial protocols and regulations have not been reviewed since 2010. Several regulations are outdated or complicated. Furthermore, the two financial regulatory documents we now have should be merged into a single Financial Protocol.

The new financial protocol is being discussed during this Congress. If adopted, my third campaign goal has been reached.

Other

I have worked on two other project over the past 5 months.

- Migration of email servers. The email server of lymec (e.g. office@lymec.eu) has been migrated from our website provider Produweb to Google Suite. The reason for this is that the old email server was very slow and could not handle large emails.
- Discontinuation of newsletter server. LYMEC had used a newsletter service called GoalGorilla for years. Part of the contract was having a server at Oxilion, a Dutch provider. The newsletters are now sent through Mailchimp, and the Oxilion server has been discontinued. This saves LYMEC more than 60 euros per month.

Regional responsibility

My regional responsibility lies in the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Greece and Cyprus. During our Spring Congress, I facilitated a meeting between the organisations from the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg to discuss the options for organising a joint event early next year. I plan to have a similar meeting during our Autumn Congress to discuss the status of this event and to set a date.

Events and meetings attended

I have attended the following meetings and events since my latest Bureau report.

Dates	Place	Event / Purpose	Organisation(s)
25 April	Brussels Belgium	ALDE Party Financial Advisory Committee	ALDE Party
14 May	Stockholm Sweden	In-person Bureau Meeting	LYMEC
31 May – 4 June	Thessaloniki Greece	IFLRY General Assembly	IFLRY, JOVD
24 June	Brussels Belgium	Bookkeeping with SG	LYMEC
1 July	Mechelen Belgium	Meeting with Bart Vanmarcke and Svenja Hahn for Alumni Network	LYMEC
18 July	Brussels Belgium	Bookkeeping with SG	LYMEC
25 July	Brussels Belgium	Bookkeeping with SG	LYMEC
5 September	Brussels Belgium	ALDE Party Financial Advisory Committee	ALDE Party
16-17 September	Brussels Belgium	(Preparation of) internal audit	LYMEC
30 Sept. – 1 Oct.	Sint-Michielsgestel The Netherlands	JOVD Congress	JOVD

More information

Should you have any questions about this report, feel free to contact me through Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter or email: marijn@lymec.eu. I look forward to hearing your feedback, especially on the new financial reports.

Kind regards,

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