



Bureau Report

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Dear delegates and liberal fellows,

It is a privilege to welcome you here in Sofia for our autumn Congress and to present my report as LYMEC Bureau Member. Since last time we saw each other in Stockholm, I have been busy with my regional responsibilities: being present and supportive to our partners and member organizations from the area; setting up more events on building capacity issues; facilitating the exchange of experiences and twinning projects.

First, I want to mention my recent *Study Visit* to our Member Organizations in order to learn more about them and ensure a better implication in LYMEC activities. The purpose of the so-called Balkan mission was to gather latest information about MOs, their mother parties, changes in national politics and to connect on-site with leadership of MOs and their party IOs. A separate task was to disseminate useful information about LYMEC future activities, campaigns and engage the region to be more participative at our statutory events.

On the way to Young Leaders Meeting in Podgorica, I met with [TLDE in Bucharest](#), [Mladi LDP in Belgrade](#) and [Youth Forum Nasa Stranka in Sarajevo](#). All organizations I visited are new and/or in a rebuild state, with a great potential, but also with need of support in capacity building and guidance in the international work. In the same time, the *Freedom Found* was highly appreciated and proved itself to be of a great use for enabling MOs that are struggling with financial issues to participate at our events and therefore, to reengage with LYMEC.



On the same note, I visited YMRF Bulgaria and attending their [Summer School in Lukovit](#), supported my own organization – LYM, in setting up the [Liberal Caravan](#) and will attend TLDE’s Liberal Academy and National Permanent Bureau on 23 September in Alba-Iulia, Romania.

Together with ISEEL, we took a stand on Referendum in Turkey and said “NO” to abolishment of fundamental human rights and to obliterating democracy in Turkey. As the only Balkan network of young liberals, ISEEL MOs and Bureau members will also have the great opportunity to meet in person during our Congress in Sofia and discuss about the future. First step I intend make in this regard is to organize a workshop later this year or early next year aiming to strengthen our collaboration, elaborate a new strategy and plan the future activities of the network.

As part of my *Trainings Officer’s* responsibilities, I contributed as speaker at the [ELF Seminar](#) on the future of European education that took place before our Congress in Stockholm, Sweden. Also, spoke at the [Public discussion on Brexit and the Future of EU](#) organized by MEP Ilhan Kyuchyuk in Sofia, Bulgaria. There I stressed that the future of the EU is a serious conversation, which should go beyond the big strategies and think about how to align goals, tactics, and resources. Later on, I wrote an article for our [blog](#) about this topic.

Finally yet importantly, I am happy to announce you that LYMEC Tool Kit is already online on www.lymec.eu/toolkit. It has been a priority to develop an innovative organizational *Toolkit* based on the experiences of our member organizations. We designed it to serve both LYMEC and MO’s in their organizational development addressing several topics such as organizational structure, liberal programmatic work, motivation and recruitment of members, relationship to the mother party, finances and legal framework, etc. It contains important information and tools for new youth political organizations, but also methods and creative ideas for organizations that strive to improve their impact on young people.



All this, makes me feel confident that we are doing important steps 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.

In addition, my objectives for the future will be focused on establishing the LYMEC Pool of trainers that should help put in practice the *Toolkit* I developed and enable organization of more micro events on capacity building and sharing best practices among member organizations.

Here are the events and meetings attended in this half of year.

Dates	Place	Event / Purpose	Organisation(s)
11 – 12 May	Stockholm Sweden	Seminar "Educating Europe"	ELF & LYMEC
12 – 14 May	Stockholm Sweden	Spring Congress	LYMEC
28 – 30 June	Brussels Belgium	ALDE Summer Academy "Innovation and Efficiency: Building the Europe that Citizens Dream of"	ALDE Group LYMEC YDE
19 July	Sofia Bulgaria	Public discussion: Brexit and the Future of EU	ALDE Group MRF
20 July	Lukovit Bulgaria	Summer Academy	YMRF
August	Chisinau – Orhei – Nisporeni Moldova	Liberal Caravan	LYM FNF
5 – 8 September	Bucharest – Belgrad – Sarajevo	Study visit to new and potential MOs	LYMEC
8 – 10 September	Podgorica Montenegro	Young Leaders Meeting	LYMEC ELF
23 September	Bucharest Romania	Permanent Delegation Meeting Liberal Academy	TLDE

I will be happy to share more details on all of these during the Congress. Do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

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