

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 lose interest in LYMEC, are struck by an unfavourable national political climate or have internal struggles.

Mostly, LYMEC only becomes aware of this when the organisation stops paying its membership fee. Such organisations, ultimately, have to be disaffiliated from LYMEC. Suspensions and disaffiliations for financial reasons are regulated in the Financial Protocol (chapter 7, article d):

If an invoice regarding the membership fee of a member organisation is unpaid for at least two (2) consecutive years, the Congress can suspend the organisation.

And (chapter 7, article f):

The Bureau will propose to disaffiliate a suspended member organisation at the Congress following suspension, unless:

- the suspended organisation has requested a payment plan;
- the suspended organisation has paid its debts.

SUSPENSIONS

Suspension, according to the financial protocol, means that:

- the organisation will not be invoiced for the membership fee;
- representatives of the organisation cannot participate in LYMEC events other than Congress;
- the Bureau will do its utmost best to restore relations with the organisation and encourage the organisation to either pay the amounts or request a payment arrangement.

The Bureau proposes to suspend the following two organisations:

- Projekt:Polska (Full Member, Poland)
- Young Republicans (Associate Member, Georgia)

Projekt:Polska

Projekt:Polska has been active in LYMEC and IFLRY for many years. However, the organisation has not been active in LYMEC since 2015. The membership fees have remained unpaid since 2015, leading to a debt of €658,-.

Projekt:Polska has been active in IFLRY more recently. Despite contacting Projekt:Polska at IFLRY events and by email, the organisation has not paid their fees and has not requested a payment plan or debt reduction. Therefore, the Bureau proposes to suspend Projekt:Polska.

The Bureau will now make a final effort to encourage Projekt:Polska to rejoin LYMEC activities. If unsuccessful, Projekt:Polska will be proposed for disaffiliation at our next Congress.

Young Republicans

The Young Republicans are active in LYMEC and IFLRY on a regular basis. They have not paid for their 2015 membership fee, but did pay in 2016 when they were active again. The fees of 2017 (and 2018) have not been paid yet. The total debt of the Young Republicans (including their 2018 fee) is €525,-.

The Treasurer has contacted the most recent representative of Young Republicans on Facebook and he replied that he would discuss proposing a payment plan or debt reduction with his party. Currently, however, we have received no such plan. The Bureau proposes to suspend Young Republicans.

In the next six months, the Bureau will do its utmost best to encourage Young Republicans to join the next LYMEC Congress. The Freedom Fund can be helpful in this regard. If they cannot join the event, we will encourage Young Republicans to propose a payment plan or debt reduction at our next Congress.

CURRENT SUSPENSION: POSTPONE DISAFFILIATION

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. The total debt of JFS is 892 euros, which led to a suspension at our congress in Sofia.

JFS is participating in our Congress in Berlin. The Bureau proposes to postpone the decision on disaffiliation to our next Congress, so that JFS can get involved in LYMEC once again. By postponing the decision, a payment plan or debt reduction can be proposed at our Autumn Congress.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours, on behalf of the LYMEC Bureau,

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