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Bureau Report

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Hello folks,

It's been a great ride.

Estonians (Kevin, I) tend to be retrospective people with a deep sense of reflection over the past. I'm happy to keep those reflections to myself. That's another Estonian (Kevin) thing to do.

But I do have to write this report and so here we are. You reading what I wrote and me writing what I write. I'm happy that we are sharing this moment together, for after this Congress we quite possibly might not share moments together anymore. It's a sad thought. So let's keep it to ourselves.

That's why I'd like to say, fair and square, that I've enjoyed these past 2 years as Bureau Member of LYMEC. I hope you've enjoyed me as your Bureau Member as well. If that is so, then we are a jolly old gang.

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During the past 6 months, I've been to a couple of events representing LYMEC and that's mainly been my focus for the final leg of this mandate. I spoke to the Portuguese liberals about youth unemployment and education and I oversaw the opening of the Zagreb seminar on voting systems.

I might have done something else as well, but as retrospective as I am, I tend to forget.

I'd like to give my thank you to the outgoing Bureau for being an absolute pleasure to work with and for all the positive, can-do-minded LYMEC delegations and members of MOs throughout these years.

Surely many of you have come across the impactful graze of someone hinting that going to these events is all fun and dashing flames. And most of the time it is.

But getting up in the morning at 8 to go for breakfast, to be ready by 9 for the opening of the day can be tough on a regular day. Especially after you've made it back from drinking orange juice (responsibly) to your room at 3 (more like 5am, but who keeps count anyway) in the morning and can't really remember if you've slept or not when you wake up (I've heard from some person this happened to someone sometime ago somewhere only once and definitely not almost every single time).

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Based on this, there are three points I want to bring out that I believe make us who we are and take us where we want to go.

Dedication. I strongly believe that it is the commitment of our office and members that makes LYMEC what it is. It's getting up and going forward no matter the difficulties you've endured along the way. It's keeping the end goal in mind through thick and thin.

Good vibes. Gary Vaynerchuk (a Belarusian American entrepreneur, you should really check him out if you haven't already) has listed "Good vibes only" as one of his [rules to win the day](#). I think LYMEC events should be declared a Good Vibes Only zone. Among the positive benefits to our overall motivation, positivity is in my belief one of the cornerstones of liberalism.

Friendship and family. That's what we get in the end of the day (or beginning, depends on what's your cup of tea. I'm more of a coffee person, but I try to moderate myself to 3 cups of coffee a day and not to have any after 3pm - that's when I go to tea, which is a great alternative. And I generally try to drink lots of water as well. Because, you know... water is important.) and should strive for. A feeling of [comradery](#) that you get after spending 10 hours together in a box.

These are the values, in my view, that make for LYMECs culture. These are values that have been part of us, if we've acknowledged it or not. And I trust they'll be carried on whether we know it or not (in which case,

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might as well know. I mean if it's going to happen then we'd prefer to know it's going to happen).

Anyways, I just wanted you to be part of this retrospect. I'll see you in Berlin. And then somewhere else possibly, if we happen to see each other after congress in a place that is not Berlin.

Below are the events I've been to. Packaged in a nice framework with the help of Marijn.

Attended events:

Dates	Place	Event / Purpose	Organisation
24-26 November 2017	Porto Portugal	Youth Unemployment seminar	ELF/Iniciativa Liberal
30 November -03 December 2017	Amsterdam Netherlands	ALDE Congress	ALDE
03 December 2017	Amsterdam Netherlands	In-person Bureau Meeting	LYMEC
16-18 February 2018	Zagreb Croatia	Seminar	LYMEC/ELF
18 April 2018	Zagreb Croatia	In-person Bureau Meeting	LYMEC
5-8 April 2018	Berlin Germany	LYMEC Congress	LYMEC

Best wishes,

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