

# LYMEC Autumn Congress Minutes

Vilnius, Lithuania 12th - 14th October 2018

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## 1. Opening by the LYMEC President and Guests

**Svenja Hahn, LYMEC President**, opened Congress with a speech highlighting the strength of cooperation between Europeans both within and beyond the European Union, and working together to shape the continents' future. Hahn highlighted the importance of renewing as an organisation and of the friendships delegates will make through LYMEC and LYMEC Congress.

**Aušrinė Armonaitė, Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania**, welcomed Congress to her city of Vilnius, and spoke of her own LYMEC experiences that brought her lasting professional and personal relationship. Armonaitė called upon Young Liberals to action, urging them to stand for election and to defend LYMEC's core values against the growing attempts to attack liberal democracy.

**Mykolas Knyza, President of Lithuanian Liberal Youth**, welcomed Congress and spoke about the growing restrictions to Liberalism within Lithuania. Knyza talked about LLJ's role in fighting illiberalism. Knyza thanked both the Local and European Organisers for allowing LYMEC Congress to happen in Vilnius, and wished everyone a good Congress.

**Begoña Garteizurrekoa Azua, President of Young Democrats for Europe**, gave a speech about the long term relationship between YDE and LYMEC. As ALDE Group's two Youth organisations, Garteizurrekoa Azua spoke of the importance of leading a common European approach at a time of political radicalisation both internally and externally to the EU.

**Luboš Konečný, Program Officer for Europe, International Republican Institute**, gave a speech regarding the hard work needed to forge electoral success, and how international cooperation can foster future electoral successes.

**Remigijus Šimašius, Mayor of Vilnius**, gave a speech about the host city's history of freedom and innovation; he noted Edmund Burke's belief that The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing, encouraging young liberals to be active and stand in and campaign during elections, he welcomed Congress to his city.

**Arnoldas Pranckevičius, head of the European Commission in Lithuania**, gave a speech about Lithuania, a country which he said both lied in the heart of Europe and has Europe within its heart. Pranckevičius said that within the last five years the European Union has faced a member state leaving (The British Exit from the European Union); and massive migration crisis that has tested the Union in terms of solidarity, unity, tolerance, and the capacity of the Union's border services to respond to its challenges. Pranckevičius commented on his disappointment in US President Trump's activities both internationally and on a domestic level. Pranckevičius warned of the possibility of European political disintegration unless the EU consolidated and embraced free trade, which will not only tackle this disintegration but transform the EU into a political superpower. Pranckevičius spoke of the importance of tackling totalitarian regimes that neglect the rule of law, he said that the upcoming European Elections would be a litmus test of the Future of The European Union and that LYMEC's strong presence in Europe should give us hope for a bright future. Pranckevičius ended on a final note that liberals' fundamental values must be defended by a new generation of leaders, and by storytellers who can translate our these values into a strong and emotional message.

## 2. Roll Call and Voting Rights

**Danica Vininen, General Secretary of LYMEC**, carried out the roll call, and established the quorum, 150 of 156 votes were present. (on the second day 156 votes were present and after the new full members were accepted this number raised to 162 votes.)

Joves Liberals d'Andorra	3
Junos Junge Liberale Neos	4
Fédération des Etudiants Libéraux	4
Jeunes Mouvement Réformateur	10
Youth Movement for Rights and Freedoms	10
Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya	7
Venstres Ungdom	6
Radikal Ungdom	4
Estonian Reform Party Youth	6
Suomen Keskustanuoret	7
Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto	4
Svensk Ungdom	6
Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen	5
Junge Liberale	10
Ógra Fianna Fáil	8
Attistibai Youth	3
Lietuvos Liberalus Jaunimas	6
Jonge Democraten	8
JOVD	Not present
Norges Unge Venstre	5
Jungfreisinnige Schweiz	6
Liberala Ungdomsförbundet	5
Centerstudenter	4
Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund	6
European Youth of Ukraine	3
Young Liberals	7
IMS Benjamin Fievet	1
IMS Marina Sedlo	1
IMS Guillermo Passas Varo	1
	<b>150</b>
Simple majority of those present	75
Two thirds of present	100

### 3. Appointment of Congress Bodies

**Svenja Hahn, LYMEC President**, proposed that Lukas Schweiger, Johanna Lönn and Lukas Stravinskas be appointed as Congress Chairs: **Congress approved.**

**Lukas Schweiger, Johanna Lönn and Lukas Stravinskas, Congress Chairs**, took their places and gave some introductory guidelines

**Lukas Schweiger, Johanna Lönn and Lukas Stravinskas, Congress Chairs**, proposed that Huw James, LYMEC Administrative Assistant, and Skirmantas Baikauskas, LLJ, were appointed as Congress Secretaries: **Congress approved.**

**Lukas Schweiger, Johanna Lönn and Lukas Stravinskas, Congress Chairs**, proposed that Niklas Milthers and Erki Raja, were appointed as internal auditors; **Congress approved.**

**Lukas Schweiger, Johanna Lönn and Lukas Stravinskas, Congress Chairs**, proposed that Laura Danilas, Christopher Schaffel, Jakob Olsson, and Alexandre Servais, were appointed as scrutineers; **Congress approved.**

### 4. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

### 5. Adoption of minutes from Spring Congress in Berlin

The draft minutes from the Spring Congress in Berlin were adopted with the following changes:

**Andre Gruber, JUNOS**, said he was not the International Officer for JUNOS , he was part of the elected delegates for ALDE Congress. The Secretary General noted the correction.

### 6. Urgency of Resolutions

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, defined the meaning of urgency for Congress, responding to events that take place after the deadline for resolutions on September 14th 2018.

**Alistair Spearing, JNC**, presented the case for accepting urgent resolution “Liberal voices working together” to Congress. He explained the urgency was based upon the fact that only on 27th September ALDE Bureau Vote to have a council where PoDCAT’s membership would be debated, alongside the fact that this resolution can not be debated at a later time.

**Guillermo Passas Varo, Individual Member**, presented his argument against the resolution's urgency, based upon the need for further consultation.

The resolution **was declared urgent** as the vote was 146 votes in favour exceeding the 2/3rds majority needed of 100.

## 7. Snap vote on the order of resolutions

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, explained the order of agenda point 14 (motions and resolutions). The statutory changes will be the first point, followed by internal motions and the electoral manifesto and only after that resolutions. That, therefore, the vote on the order is only for the resolutions.

**Niklas Milthers and Erki Raja, Internal Auditors**, explained the electronic voting procedure and set the deadline for 18:00.

## 8. LYMEC Bureau reports

**Svenja Hahn, LYMEC President, and Edgaras Mascinskas, LYMEC Vice-President**, presented the Bureau's activities since the Spring Congress.

**Hahn** said that the Bureau's aim was to transform LYMEC into a more political organisation with six member led priorities, these were:

- Democracy and reform
- Defence and cyber security
- Digitalisation
- Trade
- Climate
- Education

**Hahn** said that LYMEC Bureau's early success was their lobbying of ALDE MEPs against the EU Copyright Directive, and that their early successes in doing so present a mechanism for future such political action.

**Mascinskas** stressed the importance of modernising LYMEC's communications, particularly in the form of a communications strategy and a solid new visual identity (which was revealed later in the Congress).

**Mascinskas** added that their greatest growth was found on Twitter, although LYMEC has recently embraced Instagram as a new platform to be using to target young people within Europe.

**Hahn** introduced the Bureau's priorities after Congress, this included the Young Candidates' Programme (Later renamed to the Young Changemakers' Academy), Pau's

negotiations regarding new membership tools, implementing structures that would help include new members, contacting journalists, and preparation of ALDE Manifesto.

### Questions and Answers to the Bureau

**Marten Porte, JD**, asked the LYMEC President a question on the Bureau's relationship with a Member of Parliament.

**Svenja Hahn, LYMEC President**, responded that the situation was very delicate and asked the questioner to accept the situation which is now resolved.

**Marten Porte, JD**, thanked **Hahn** for her explanation.

**Svenja Hahn, LYMEC President**, added that Members of Parliament should be able to know that they can speak to her in confidence and privately.

A question was posed to LYMEC Vice-President how the new bureau were getting on.

**Edgaras Mascinskas, LYMEC Vice-President**, replied that the Bureau were working very well, and have managed well. He said that they have very good professional chemistry but also a good personal connection. He said that they have a lot of fun.

## 9. Secretary General's Report

**Danica Vihinen, Secretary General**, said she assumes everyone has read the report so she will just take questions to save time.

**Marten Porte, JD**, asked why information about this Congress was "pretty bad", what happened? He added that "For us it was a bit too late"

**Danica Vihinen, Secretary General**, answered that the date of Congress was announced in the newsletter in June. The practical info was sent a bit late. 1.5 week before.

**Vihinen** added that LYMEC try to communicate dates as soon as possible. For the upcoming Congress, **Vihinen** said that LYMEC will try to make it better.

## 10. Finances

**Lena Höglund, LYMEC Treasurer**, presented the interim financial report to Congress.

**Höglund** commented that going into her office as LYMEC Treasurer was a journey, and that now she is doing things that she really likes to do in order to develop LYMEC as an organisation.

**Höglund** highlighted that the European Commission's Grant to LYMEC as an organisation decreased. Due to statutory events that were held in non-eligible

countries, LYMEC did not get its full Erasmus+ Grant. However, as a results of increased partnerships, and strengthened engagement with existing partners, LYMEC have a larger budget with which they can do more and put on more events.

**Höglund** underlined the importance of European Parliamentary Elections in the allocation of next year's budget, presenting both a possible risk and opportunity to LYMEC.

**Höglund** gave the example of this Congress, which was mostly funded by sponsors, such as ELF and ALDE, whose budgets will also be affected by the election results.

**Höglund** summarised the following:

Money in: EC grant, ALDE grant; membership fees, participation fees

Money out: events, Visual identity costs (16,000 Euro), staffing costs

#### Questions and Answers to the Treasurer

**Gaspar Shabad, ERPY**, asked what major donations we give and receive?

**Lena Höglund, LYMEC Treasurer**, responded that each year we pay a 20,000 Euro contribution to ELF who in turn give us 66,600 Euro in terms of event sponsorship; We receive 35,000 Euro from ALDE Group and 60,000 Euro from ALDE Party.

A question regarding the stability of the Erasmus+ grant. **Höglund** explained that due to the Commission not recognising all our statutory events in 2017 as eligible we did not get the full amount of the 10000 euro in June (20 % of the 2017 grant). We have already taken measures to make sure we will qualify fo the full grant in 2018 and 2019.

**Höglund** noted that LYMEC will be given an extra 10,000 Euro in the next year, however if ALDE decreases in numbers at the European Parliament next year, so will the budget for LYMEC. We are not profit organisation, we need to find our own money.

#### **Reduced Member Organisation Fees**

**ERPY** applied for reduced membership fees from 410 to 50 Euro.

**LYMEC Bureau** recommended this fee reduction, as all the paperwork was in order and the reasons for the reduction in fees were sound. **Congress voted in favour of the proposal.**

**Mladi LDP** applied for reduced membership fees from 433,22 Euro to 150 Euro.

**LYMEC Bureau** recommended this fee reduction, as the reasons were well explained and heartfelt **Congress voted in favour of the proposal.**

**Lena Höglund, LYMEC Treasurer** noted: Associate Members Cannot Apply for Reduced Membership.

Question regarding Associate members: they aren't associated for long without becoming disaffiliated or full members - if we don't hear from them there's no point in them being an associate member. Can we have a procedure for that?

**Höglund:** there is a procedure, in the next meeting there will be a list for suspensions. Our rules are clear on this. It's a long process but it's in place.

### **Debt Payment Plans**

**Jungfreisinnige Schwiez** applied to cancel their debt.

**Lena Höglund, LYMEC Treasurer**, explained that they were not aware of their membership for several years so the debt was accumulated.

**Michel Tschank, JFS**, explained their situation.

**Congress voted in favour of the proposal.**

**Höglund** explained **Mladi LDP's** payment plan, by presenting the situation and the plan.

**Congress voted in favour of the proposal.**

### **Interim internal audit report**

**Niklas Milthers and Erki Raja, Internal Auditors**, presented their report.

### **Proposed membership fees 2019**

**Lena Höglund, LYMEC Treasurer**, presented the proposal for membership fees for 2019.

Member organisations, both full and associate, will have the same fee calculation as in 2018.

There was a proposal to increase the fees for Individual Members.

This fee would increase membership costs to 15 euro for one year, 50 euro for 5 years and 100 euro for lifetime membership.

**Marina Sedlo, IMS**

Speaks against

**Guillermo Passas Varo, IMS**

Speaks against

**Sjors van Wickeren, JD**

Speaks in favour

**Benjamin Fievet, IMS**

Gives comments, will abstain

**Edgaras Mascinskas, LYMEC Vice-President,**  
Speaks in favour

**Niklas Milthers, Auditor and IMS**  
Speaks in favour

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair,** put the proposal to a vote:

In favor: 109, Against: 26, Abstained: 15

**Congress voted in favour of the proposal.**

Draft budget 2019

**Lena Höglund, LYMEC Treasurer,** presented the draft budget 2019 and explained the changes to this year.

**Congress voted in favour of the Budget.**

Updated Financial protocol

**Lena Höglund, LYMEC Treasurer,** presented the updated protocol and explained the reasoning behind the changes.

**Sjors van Wickeren, JD,** commented about the financial protocol.

## 11. Programme of Action 2018-2020

**Svenja Hahn, LYMEC President, and Edgaras Mascinskas, LYMEC Vice-President,** presented the Programme of Action.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair,** put the programme to a vote: **Congress voted in favour of the proposal.**

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair,** adjourned the Congress until 9 am Saturday 13 October.

**Congress resumed at 9am Saturday 13 October.**

**Danica Vihinen, Secretary General,** performed the roll call

Full Members	
Joves Liberals d'Andorra	3
Junos Junge Liberale Neos	4

Fédération des Etudiants Libéraux	4
Jeunes Mouvement Réformateur	10
Youth Movement for Rights and Freedoms	10
Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya	7
Venstres Ungdom	6
Radikal Ungdom	4
Estonian Reform Party Youth	6
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Liberala Ungdomsförbundet	5
Centerstudenter	4
Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund	6
European Youth of Ukraine	3
Young Liberals	7
IMS Benjamin Fievet	1
IMS Marina Sedlo	1
IMS Guillermo Passas Varo	0
	<b>155</b>
Simple majority of those present	77.5
	103.3333
Two thirds of present	333

155 votes present, (78 simple majority, 104  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority)

**Petras Austrevicius MEP, ALDE**, gave a speech to Congress about international cooperation with our European neighbours, cautioning Congress not to turn our backs on the individual citizens that live within illiberal democracies and totalitarian regimes.

## 12. Membership Issues

### Changes to Member Organisations

**Jeunes Radicaux de Gauche** & **Jeunes Radicaux Valoisians** have merged into a single organisation called **Jeunes Radicaux**.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, proposed to accept the merger by acclamation, as it is between two organisations that already were members and put it to a vote:

**Congress voted in favour of the proposal.**

### Applications for Membership

#### Associate Membership

**Martin Mlynár, Young Progressives (Slovakia)**, presented his organisation as one that believe in equal rights and opportunities. Martin Mlynár presented the organisation values.

**[Guillermo Passas Varo, IMS, entered the Congress hall and was added to the roll call at 09:40, bringing the total amount of votes present to 156]**

There were no questions, **Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, proposed to put it to a vote:  
In favor: 156, Against: 0, Abstained: 0

**Congress accepted the application for associate membership unanimously**

**Andras Sztanef, Momentum TizenX (Hungary)**, presented his organisation

Tizen X's mother party was formed last year following successful petitions and marches in the country for progressive issues. The youth party formed in January 2018 and have 280 members who run regular events including campaigns and social events. Their manifesto stands for a strong liberal democracy within Hungary, upholding progressive values embracing European Identity. The organisation do not have member fees but are instead funded through private donors and donations from their mother party.

There were no questions. **Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, proposed to put it to a vote:  
In favor: 156, Against: 0, Abstained: 0

**Congress accepted the application for associate membership unanimously**

#### Full Membership

**Rémi Guastalli and Morgane Goudjil, Jeunes Radicaux (France)** presented their organisation. Remi talked about the historic tradition of radicalism, and his organisation's priorities of human rights, especially LGBTQ and Women's Rights. There were no questions.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, proposed to put it to a vote:

In favor: 156, Against: 0, Abstained: 0

**Congress accepted the application for full membership unanimously**

**Arthur Kharytonov, Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine (Ukraine)**, presented his organisation.

**Kharytonov** said that LDLU are Independent, not linked to a political party, however as an organisation are an alliance of liberals and pro-europeans with strong beliefs in preserving Human Rights.

**Sjors van Wickeren, JD**, asked a question regarding the war in Eastern Ukraine.

**Kharytonov** answered that his organisation support refugees, and additionally argue for a strong european future opposed to a russian future.

**Alistair Spearing, JNC**, asked a question on the voting mechanisms within the organisation, are their plans for secret ballots?

**Kharytonov** : We are very small organisation, and our Congress decides the more practical way to vote.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, proposed to put it to a vote:

In favor: 153, Against: 0, Abstained: 3

**Congress accepted the application for full membership**

**Claudiu Catana, Raphael Nazaruk and Tudor-Tim Ionescu, TLDE Romania**, presented their organisation.

**Nazaruk** said that his organisation were the only supporters of liberalism, pluralism and strong rule of law within the region.

**Catana** explained TLDE's structure.

**Nazaruk** explained his organisations' longstanding relation with LYMEC.

**Tudor-Tim** explained TLDE's values and vision for the future, with over 100 elected young liberals, pushing for youth councils and scholarships on a municipal level.

**Melvin Montizaan, JD**, asked what was the relationship between TLDE and their mother party and what their position was on the referendum of same-sex marriage, and their neutral position of this, allowing each member to decide for themselves

**Tudor-Tim** answered that they had to acknowledge a civil initiative in the form of a petition and therefore a referendum was necessary. He added that they did not want to promote either straight nor LGB relations and therefore stayed neutral on the referendum, where as the former liberal party were actively For the referendum

**Montizaan** responded, asking: What their position was on the referendum as they were on their manifesto For the referendum and should have stood up for their values against their mother party.

**Tudor-Tim** counter-responded that LGBTQ NGOs supported the stance of their party, and that historically they have supported LGBTQ rights for example by allowing for an LGBTQ Centre in local areas.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, asked Tudor-Tim to answer the Question, clarified by Montizaan .

**Tudor-Tim**, responded that it was their decision to leave the decision for their members

**Montizaan** pointed out that as an organisation they had the ability to Come Out in favour of LGBT rights and they actively didn't take it.

**Tudor-Tim**, clarified that as a political party taking part in elections they did not wish to actively take part in the referendum.

This was then re-clarified.

**Tudor-Tim** pointed out that they at least did not promote the referendum.

**Anna Komziuk, LDLU** asked TLDE: How do you support the free press?

**Tudor-Tim:** We support the press very much, there are people criticising us, their party tried to support a more civil

**Andre Gruber, JUNOS**, asked a question on their position on their mother parties' coalition partners, especially regarding their position on LGBTQ Rights.

**Tudor-Tim:** we are not neutral, we have taken stances to clearly support LGBTQ Rights - we are in a coalition with the social democrats yes however the former liberal party are worse.

**Guillermo Passas Varo, IMS**, asked that although the party supported freedom they did not strongly enough support judicial independence and asked for their position on corruption in the judiciary.

**Tudor-Tim** answered that judicial independence was very important to his organisation and gave an example of politicians being spied upon in their own homes. He argued that his party were doing things to try and change this, showing their strong stance for judicial independence.

**Guillermo Passas Varo, IMS**, asked a Follow-Up, do you condemn this action

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, intervened as there was not enough time

**Terese Skutaite, LLJ**, asked why do you think raising the minimum wage is a liberal thing to do?

**Tudor-Tim** answered that the minimum wage in Romania is 200 euros, and it is a huge problem in their country

**Andre Gruber, JUNOS**, asked are you in favour of marriage equality?

**Tudor-Tim**: We are pushing the law of civil partnership in our country.

**Nemir Ali, JuLIs**, asked what their personal stance was on marriage equality?

**Tudor-Tim**: for civil partnership [not marriage]

**Gaspar Shabad, ERPY**, asked about the referendum further, however **Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair** pointed out it was more a statement than a question

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair** asked for questions to end, **Franziska Brandmann, JuLIs**, had a question

**\*\* POINT OF ORDER\*\***

**Benjamin Fievet, IMS**: the chair has no right to intervene on questions, there is no provision in the Congress rules to allow the chairs to close the speakers list, it has to be a motion to close the speakers lists voted by the Congress.

**\*\* Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, accepted this point of order. **\*\***

**Franziska Brandmann, JuLIs**: Why do you want to become a full member?

**Tudor-Tim**: because we've been members for a long time (since 2002), their party wanted to leave and join EPP, however the youth organisations decided to rejoin LYMEC. Organisationally he points out, they are the same members but with a different name.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, proposed to put it to a vote:

**Congress declined the application for full membership**

### Suspensions and Disaffiliations

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, announced that there were no suspension or disaffiliation proposals.

### **13. Committee of discipline and arbitration**

**Svenja Hahn, LYMEC President**, took the floor to present the Bureau proposal.

The Bureau proposed the following people for the committee of discipline and arbitration: Christopher Rohl Andersen (RU), Friso Bonga (IMS, Netherlands), Bálint Gyévai (FEL), Jelena Jesajana (Attistibai Youth) and Monika Zajkov (LiDeM).

All of the people have been approached on beforehand and have accepted the nomination.

**Björn Bonsdorff, SU**, endorsed the proposals.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, proposed to put it to a vote:  
**Congress accepted the proposals.**

### **14. Motions and Resolutions**

#### Statutory Changes

##### Proposal 001

**Danica Vininen, General Secretary of LYMEC**, explained that the changes were to delete the word autumn from the statute in line with LYMEC practice.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, proposed to put it to a vote:

In favor: 156, Against: 0, Abstained: 0

**Congress accepted the proposal unanimously**

##### Proposal 002

**Danica Vininen, General Secretary of LYMEC**, explained that the changes were to allow the Secretary General to perform the roll call in line with current practice.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, proposed to put it to a vote:

In favor: 156, Against: 0, Abstained: 0

**Congress accepted the proposal unanimously**

##### Proposal 003

**Benjamin Fievet, IMS**, explained that the changes were to create a steering committee with 2 year terms parallel to the Bureau including 2 elected IMS delegates and 1 Bureau nominated delegate. The other change would allow for automatic suspension of IMS members that do not pay their memberships fees.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, proposed to put it to a vote:

In favor: 156, Against: 0, Abstained: 0

**Congress accepted the proposal unanimously**

Proposal 004

**Benjamin Fievet, IMS**, explained the changes would remove a deadline from the annex. **Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, proposed to put it to a vote:

In favor: 156, Against: 0, Abstained: 0

**Congress accepted the proposal unanimously**

Internal Motions

1001: Creating a Code of Conduct for LYMEC Officials

**Svenja Hahn, LYMEC President**, explained that this Code of Conduct would be a working document for the organisation.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, proposed to put it to a vote:

In favor: 150, Against: 0, Abstained: 6

**Congress accepted the proposal**

1002: Implementation of IMS Reform

**Benjamin Fievet, IMS**, explained the changes would implement the working groups' aims. **Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, proposed to put it to a vote:

In favor: 156, Against: 0, Abstained: 0

**Congress accepted the application for associate membership unanimously**

LYMEC Electoral Manifesto 2019

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, explained that there would be three readings, the first on the Manifesto unamended, the second on the amendments and amendments to the amendments and then the amendments as a whole and finally on the amended Manifesto.

First Reading

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, thanked delegates for their contributions that led to the manifestos creation. She explained that the manifesto was created by working groups that were made up from representatives based in most member organisations. She explained that some amendments were accepted where politically sensitive so that they would stay as a policy but would not be reiterated in the manifesto and she explained that the manifesto was not a product of the Bureau but of LYMEC

**Gaspar Shabad, ERPY**, spoke against the Manifesto, arguing that the Policy Book the document is not forward looking and involves populist slogans and grand statements

over substance. His recommendation was for the Congress to vote against the Manifesto as a whole.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, proposed to put it to a vote:

**Congress accepted the First Reading of the Manifesto**

#### Second Reading

**\*\*Point of Order\*\***

**Franziska, JuLis**, puts forward a motion to disregard deadline for amendments to amendments as they have a compromise changing their proposed deletion to a different wording instead.

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair accepts the motion**

#### Amendment 1

**A JuLis member**, argued that we should not just be talking about openness but proudly referring to our hopes of a liberal Europe.

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair called the amendment to a vote.**

**The amendment carried**

Therefore: amendments 21 falls.

#### Amendment 2

The amendment was proposed by **SU** and presented by **Ida-Maria Skytte**.

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, accepts the amendment,

**The amendment is carried by mover**

#### Amendment 3

The amendment was proposed by **LYMEC Bureau**.

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, argued that this was to better reflect the reality of the EU

**The amendment is carried by mover**

#### Amendment 4

The amendment was proposed by **SU** and presented by **Laura Fagerlund**.

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, accepted the amendment in the working group

**The amendment is carried by mover**

#### Amendment 5

The amendment was proposed by **JUNOS**

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, accepted the amendment in the working group

**The amendment is carried by mover**

#### Amendment 6

The amendment was proposed by **JNC**.

**Alistair Spearing, JNC**, argued for the amendment.

**Guillermo Passas Varo, IMS**, spoke against the amendment.  
**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair** called the amendment to a vote.

#### Amendment 7

The amendment was proposed by **SU** and presented by **Laura Fagerlund**.  
**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, accepted the amendment in the working group  
**The amendment is carried by mover**

#### Amendment 8

The amendment was proposed by **SU** and presented by **Laura Fagerlund**.  
**Laura Fagerlund, SU**, argued for the amendment.  
**Sjors van Wickeren, JD**, argued for the amendment.  
**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair** called the amendment to a vote.  
**Congress accepted the amendment.**

#### Amendment 9

The amendment was proposed by **SU** and presented by **Laura Fagerlund**.  
**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, accepted the amendment in the working group  
**The amendment is carried by mover**

#### Amendment 10

The amendment was proposed by **SU** and presented by **Laura Fagerlund**.  
**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, accepted the amendment in the working group  
**The amendment is carried by mover**

#### Amendment 11

The amendment was proposed by **SU** and presented by **Laura Fagerlund**.  
**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, accepted the amendment in the working group  
**The amendment is carried by mover**

#### Amendment 12

The amendment was proposed by **JUNOS**.  
**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, accepted the amendment in the working group  
**The amendment is carried by mover**

#### Amendment 13

The amendment was split into two parts:

- Part One was agreed to be: *“the European Union and their member states to gradually reduce the EU agricultural policies”*
- Part Two was agreed to be *“and to eventually completely abandon them within the next 20 years”*

**Andre Gruber, JUNOS**, argued for the amendment as a whole

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, talked about the effect of the amendment.  
**Andre Gruber, JUNOS**, clarified that this was also proposed by JuLis.  
**Nemir Ali, JuLis**, spoke in favour of the amendment.  
**Guillermo Passas Varo, IMS**, spoke against the second part of the amendment.  
**Franziska, JuLis**, spoke in favor of the amendment  
**Laura Hamailainres, KOL**, spoke against the amendment  
**Benjamin Fievet, IMS**, spoke against the amendment  
**Andre Gruber, JUNOS**, argued for the amendment  
**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair called the amendments to a vote.**  
**Congress voted for the amendment part 1**  
**Congress voted for the amendment part 2. (70 for, 46 against, 44 absentions)**

#### Amendment 14/15

These were withdrawn by the proposers, **SU**.

#### Amendment 16 (Identical to 38)

**Jenny Vuorenlinna, SU**, spoke for the amendment.  
**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair called the amendments to a vote.**  
**Congress voted in favour of the amendment.**  
Therefore: amendments 17, 39, 40 falls.

#### Amendment 18

**Ida-Maria Skytte, SU**, spoke for the amendment.  
**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, told Congress the effect of the amendment would be to not reference our policy, however the policy would stay.  
**Phil Hackemann, JuLis**, spoke against the amendment  
**Marten Porte, JD**, spoke against the amendment  
**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair called the amendments to a vote.**  
**Congress voted against the amendment**

#### Amendment 19

**Laura Fagerlund, SU**, proposed the amendment.  
**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, accepted the amendment in the working group  
**The amendment is carried by mover**

#### Amendment 20

**JuLis** proposed the amendment.  
**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, accepted the amendment in the working group  
**The amendment is carried by mover**

**\*\*Point of order\*\***

**Marten Porte, JD**: is it still possible to have a debate on this?  
**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**: it is not

#### Amendment 22

**Laura Fagerlund, SU**, proposed the amendment.

**Franziska Brandmann, JuLis**, presented an amendment to the amendment.

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, clarified that Franziska is talking about the amendment to amendment 22 rather than the amendment itself.

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, called the amendments to a vote.

**Congress voted against the amendment**

#### Amendment 23

This amendment was withdrawn by the proposers, **JuLis**.

#### Amendment 24

**Franziska Brandmann, JuLis**, spoke for the amendment

**Sjors van Wickeren, JD**, spoke asked a question about the amendment.

**Franziska Brandmann, JuLis** responded.

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, explained the working groups rationale in the original wording.

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, called the amendments to a vote.

**Congress voted against amendment 24**

#### Amendment 25

spoke for the amendment.

**Björn Bonsdorff, SU** spoke in favor of the amendment.

**Gaspar Shabad, ERPY,,** spoke against the amendment.

**Moritz Körner, JuLis**, spoke in favor of the amendment

**Benjamin Fievet, IMS**, suggested theoral amendment to the amendment and it was carried by the Congress, reading: "add "and accountable to the European parliament" after "a common defence intelligence body under the authority of the Commission""

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, called the amendments to a vote.

**Congress voted in favor of the oral amendment**

**Congress voted in favour of the amendment as amended.**

#### Amendment 26

This amendment was withdrawn by its proposers, **JuLis**.

#### Amendment 27

**Andre Gruber, JUNOS**, spoke for the amendment.

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, explained the Manifesto and spoke against the amendment.

**Andre Gruber, JUNOS**, spoke for the amendment

**Björn Bonsdorff, SU**, spoke in favor

**John De Coster, FEL**, spoke in favor

**Myumyun Myumyun, YMRF**, spoke against the amendment

**Nemir Ali, JuLIs**, spoke in favour of the amendment  
**Andre Gruber, JUNOS**, spoke in favour of the amendment  
**Björn Bonsdorff, SU**, spoke in favour of amending the amendment

**\*Point of Order\***

**Marten Porte, JD**, pointed out this sought to amend the word instead of delete the sentence

**JUNOS** accepted the amendment, which said "*The focus of security strategies to be on prevention of conflict and conflict prevention*"

**\*Point of Order\***

**Marten Porte, JD**, pointed out the entire point of the amendment has now changed. The Chairs clarified that

**Björn Bonsdorff, SU**, clarified that instead of deleting the phrase as proposed by JuLIs, his amendment was not to change the text to add "and" rather than "rather than".

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, called the amendments to a vote.

**Congress voted in favor of the oral amendment**

**Congress voted in favour of the amendment as amended.**

Amendment 28

**Andre Gruber, JUNOS**, explained the amendment and spoke in favor of the amendment.

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, explained that the policy book already has lots of different terms such as "defence" "security" and "army, the terminology of this is aligned with that of the EU.

**Gaspar Shabad, ERPY**, spoke against the amendment

**Benjamin Fievet, IMS**, spoke against the

**Marten Porte, JD**, spoke against the amendment.

**Franziska Brandmann, JuLIs**, spoke for the amendment.

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, called the amendment to a vote,

**Congress voted against the amendment.**

Amendment 29

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, announced that this was accepted by the movers.

Amendment 30

This amendment was withdrawn by the proposers **JuLIs**.

**\*\*Point of order\*\***

There was an amendment made by **Franziska Brandmann, JuLIs**,

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**: we'll deal with it later

Amendment 31

This amendment was withdrawn by the proposers **JuLIs**.

Amendment 32

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, the mover accepted the amendment.

Amendment 33

**Andre Gruber, JUNOS**, spoke for the amendment proposed.

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, LYMEC explained the original text

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, called for silence in the hall.

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, continued

**Sjors van Wickeren, JD**, spoke in favour of the amendment

**Philip Tarning-Andersen, RU** - spoke against the amendment

**Laura Fagerlund, SU** spoke against the amendment

**Laura Hämäläinen, Kol** spoke against the amendment

**Gaspar Shabad, ERPY**, spoke for the amendment

**Andre Gruber, JUNOS**, spoke for the amendment

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, put the amendment to a vote.

**Congress voted against the amendment**

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Amendment 34

This amendment was withdrawn by its proposers, **JUNOS**.

Amendment 35

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, the mover accepted the amendment.

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, adjourned the debate.

**Luis Alvarado Martinez, President of European Youth Forum**, addressed LYMEC Congress with a speech on the role of European Youth Forum in amplifying young voices to a European Level. **Alvarado Martinez** praised the work of Secretary General Danica in helping EYF with their financial management. He talked about the disruptive revolution ongoing in Europe and the importance of the survival of the EU and of tackling populism as the first EU-born generation. **Alvarado Martinez** addressed the common power imbalances and intergenerational inequality faced by young people across the political spectrum in Europe. **Alvarado Martinez** said of the failure of all parties to engage young people, and challenged Congress to do everything it could to engage Young People. **Alvarado Martinez** particularly praised the radical campaigning of D66's youth organisation. EYF are taking legal action against the Belgian Government for violating young people's rights. He challenged LYMEC to enforce our youthful vision for a liberal Europe within our political institutions, to get on electoral lists, to get young and winning characters, and for liberals to "get their shit together" through stronger leadership and better alliances, doing more to connect politics to people. He says LYMEC's role is to disrupt, innovate, and to challenge our mother parties - rather than letting them stagnate. **Alvarado Martinez** encouraged delegates to engage with the opportunities that EYF present.

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, resumed the debate.

Amendment 36

**Ines Holzegger, JUNOS**, argued for the amendment

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, responded with the rationale of including the text within the manifesto.

**Nemir Ali, JuLIs**, argued for the amendment.

**Guillermo Passas Varo, IMS**, argued for the amendment.

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, called for a vote.

**Congress voted for the amendment.**

**\*\*Point of Order\*\***

**Laia Comerma Calatayud, JNC**: call for a count

For 84, Against 65, Abstain 13

Amendment 41

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, the mover accepted the amendment.

Amendment 42

**Nemir Ali, JuLIs**, explained that this was a compromise position

**Sjors van Wickeren, JD**, would you also want to debate this how would you implement it?

**Phil Hackemann, JuLIs** Introduced an oral amendment explains how we hope to actually accomplish the How do we accomplish this?

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, Procedure point - our policy book has two conflicting policies at the moment,

**Phil Hackemann, JuLIs** explained how he believed it wasn't.

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, called for a vote.

**Congress voted for amending the amendment.**

**Congress voted for the amendment as amended.**

Amendment 43 and Amendment 44

withdrawn by **JUNOS**

Amendment 45, 46, and 47

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, the mover accepted the amendments.

Amendment 48

**Andre Gruber, JUNOS**, explained the amendment

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, explained the rationale for the original text.

**Phil Hackemann, JuLIs** : spoke in favour of the amendment

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, challenged Phil's speech

**Andre Gruber, JUNOS**, spoke in favor of the amendment

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, sought a compromise

**Andre Gruber, JUNOS**, rejected AA's compromise

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, called for a vote.

**Congress voted against**

**Andre Gruber, JUNOS**, called for a count

Congress counted For 29 ; Against 50 ; Abstentions 83

#### Amendment 49

The amendment was carried by the movers, **Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**.

**\*\*Point of Order\*\***

**Marten Porte, JD**: what are we voting on?

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**: There's an amendment to the amendment **JuLIs (the proposers)** have requested to delete the last two words - Bureau accepted the change, the question is whether to insert the first sentence "countries which do not support these values should not be part of the european union"

**Victoria Hentzen, JuLIs** spoke for the amendment of the amendment

**Hassel Kneppelsm JOVD**, asked whether this was existing LYMEC Policy that was being changed

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**: confirmed that this was in the policy book, and spoke as a bulgarian national about the problematic with naming and shaming a specific third country in the context of a bulgarian anti turkish rhetoric.

**Hassel Kneppelsm JOVD**, spoke against the amendment and asked what the added value of the sentence was.

**Franziska Brandmann, JuLIs**, spoke in favour of the amendment talking about the added value the sentence brings to the manifesto.

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, moved the vote, conference voted in favour of the A49 as amended.

#### Amendment 50

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, the mover accepted the amendments.

#### Amendment 52

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, the mover accepted the amendments.

#### Amendment 53

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, the mover accepted the amendments.

#### Amendment 54

**Julien Liegeois, Jeunes MR** explained the amendment

**Phil Hackemann, JuLIs** spoke against the amendment and for the line

**Sjors van Wickeren, JD**, spoke against the amendment and for the original text.

**Björn Bonsdorff, SU**, spoke in favor of the amendment.

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, moved the vote,

**Conference voted against the amendment and it was not carried.**

#### Amendment 55

**Esther Steverding, LHG**, introduced the amendment  
**Nemir Ali, JuLis**, spoke for the amendment  
**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, moved the vote,  
**Congress voted for the amendment**

#### Amendment 56

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, the mover accepted the amendments.

#### Amendment 57

**Esther Steverding, LHG**, introduced the amendment  
**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, explained the rationale of the original text  
**Sjors van Wickeren, JD**, spoke in favour of the amendment  
**Johannes Boch, LHG**, explained the rationale of the amendment  
**Sjors van Wickeren, JD**, did not agree  
**Esther Steverding, LHG**, argued for the amendment  
**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, moved the vote,  
**Congress against the amendment**

For: 53 against: 77 abstain: 32

#### Amendment 58

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, the mover accepted the amendments.

#### Amendment 60

**Esther Steverding, LHG**, introduced the amendment  
**Gaspar Shabad, ERPY**, spoke in favor amendment  
**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, moved the vote,  
**Congress against the amendment**

#### Amendment 61

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, the mover accepted the amendments.

#### Amendment 62

**Julien Liegeois, Jeunes MR** explained the amendment  
**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, admitted to living in Belgium for 5 years and speaking no french or flemish.

[Congress booed **Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**]

**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, continued

**Phil Hackemann, JuLis**, was originally in favour of the amendment and has since withdrawn his support.

**Johannes Boch, LHG**, spoke against the amendment  
**Victoria Hentzen, JuLis** spoke against the amendment  
**Nemir Ali, JuLis**, spoke against the amendment

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, noted that speakers seem to be in consensus  
**Andre Gruber, JUNOS**, spoke against the amendment  
**Benjamin Fievet, IMS**, spoke against the amendment  
**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, gave her support to **Fievet's** statement  
**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, asked whether **Liegeois** had anything to add  
**Julien Liegeois, Jeunes MR** did not  
**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, called for a vote.  
**The Congress voted against the amendment**, the chair made a joke.

### Third Reading

**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, opened the debate for the third reading  
**Franziska Brandmann, JuLis**, voiced her thanks to AA LYMEC  
**Sjors van Wickeren, JD**, voiced his thanks to AA LYMEC, although asked to evaluate the process as professionalise it  
**Sjors van Wickeren, JD**, said that the procedure gave the bureau too much power  
**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, explained that everything could be changed according to the Statute.  
**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, explained that this was all according to the statute.  
**Sjors van Wickeren, JD**, said that the amendment process was too opaque  
**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, said all of this was public and available to delegates on the documentation page  
**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, backed this up  
**Sjors van Wickeren, JD**: this is confusing to first timers  
**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, : this can be discussed with the bureau later to make to process smoother in the future  
**Gaspar Shabad, ERPY**, recommendation that people spoke against the manifesto, and questioned whether LYMEC was a socialist Congress.  
**Phil Hackemann, JuLis**, spoke in favor of the Manifesto and the Manifesto process.  
**Gaspar Shabad, ERPY**, responded less so favourably.  
**Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC**, thanked Congress, the working group, the young leaders meeting delegates, and spoke of the importance of a common manifesto for European youth parties to use during the european manifesto.  
**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, opened e-voting  
**\*\*Point of order\*\***  
**Unknown**: please vote via cards opposed to e-voting  
**Lukas Schweiger, Congress Chair**, called for a manual vote:  
 For: 104, Against: 12, Abstain: 33  
**The Manifesto was adopted.**

### Resolutions

#### 1.205 Expanding Freedom of Speech

**Mariona Bernaus Jovell, JNC**. introduced the motion

There were no further comments.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, called for a vote.

**Congress voted to adopt the resolution**

1.208 Establishing a Formal Definition and Protection System for Climate Refugees

**Laura Fagerlund, SU**, introduced the resolution and urged Congress to vote for it.

Amendment 1

**Laura Fagerlund, SU** presented the amendment

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair** called for a vote on the amendment, it was carried.

Amendment 2

**Laura Fagerlund, SU** presented the amendment

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair** called for a vote on the amendment, it was carried.

**\*Point of order\***

**Franziska Brandmann, JuLIs**, made point of order that she submitted an amendment

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, did not know of this amendment

**Franziska Brandmann, JuLIs**, presented her amendment

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, called for a vote on the amendment, it was carried.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, called for a vote on the resolution, it was carried.

Urgency Motions

In Varietate Concordia - Liberal Voices Working Together

**Alistair Spearing, JNC**, presented the Urgency resolution and highlighted that there is a widespread fear that the decision to expel PDCAT is politically motivated rather than a result of the corruption charges against their predecessor. Not the proper way to address political disagreements. Last Congress he urged the Congress to accept a resolution that would make it easier for JCs to become LYMEC members, to make sure the liberal family is open for all, now he asks for the same. Ask for support for the resolutions so we can bring the cooperation we have in LYMEC to ALDE Party

**Ben Whitlock, YL**, seconded the resolution, and spoke about the importance of liberals working with each other and supporting each other beyond party differences. Voiced concern about the decision by ALDE Party Bureau.

Amendment 1

**Guillermo Passas Varo, IMS**, who proposed the amendment, spoke against the resolution line "media reports state that certain ALDE MEPs had already been promised a vote to expel PDECAT 25 at least two months before the ruling came out" because he considers there is a need to avoid attacking a political party within the ALDE Party, also

he believed that it presented a false argument as this was not the only reason for PDECAT being expelled.

**Bjorn Bonsdorff, SU**, asked whether it would be easier to display the text on the screen.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair** replied that it is technically not possible.

**Bàlint Gyévai, IMS**, asks for a clarification on who puts this amendment forward as the Individual Members section was not consulted and therefore he would like to state for the record that this was not an amendment from the IM section.

**Guillermo Passas Varo, IMS**, delegate explained that as it is an urgency resolution it was not possible to discuss in the section.

**Alistair Spearing, JNC**, did not accept the amendment because he said that the line could be supported.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair** called for a vote on the amendment.

**Congress voted against the amendment.**

#### Amendment 6

**Franziska Brandmann, JuLIs**, who proposed the amendment, explained the amendment: doesn't want LYMEC Bureau to lobby for a certain party, LYMEC is the umbrella of so many youth organisations so it wouldn't be sustainable if this would become a precedent

The amendment was accepted by the mover, **Alistair Spearing, JNC**.

#### Amendment 7

**Marina Seldo, IMS**, presented the amendment, which underlined that whatever the outcome is LYEMC condemns corruption.

The amendment was accepted by the mover, **Alistair Spearing, JNC**.

#### Amendment 5

**Franziska Brandmann, JuLIs**, presented the amendment, which she said underlined that we value both parties and want to hear all voices.

The amendment was accepted by the mover, **Alistair Spearing, JNC**.

#### Amendment 4

**Franziska Brandmann, JuLIs**, presented the amendment. Her rationale was that we do not have all the information, so the amendment is a compromise saying we support anti-corruption measurements without talking about facts we haven't seen.

The amendment was accepted by the mover, **Alistair Spearing, JNC**.

#### Amendment 2

**Guillermo Passas Varo, IMS delegate** presented his amendment: Wants to be constructive, thinks this amendment better describes the measures taken by PDECAT. Alistair Spearing, JNC (mover) doesn't recall which line this refers to.

**Franziska Brandmann, JuLIs**, made a point of order that this was redundant as it repeated a statement Congress just voted against.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**: refers to different lines so open for discussion

**Alistair Spearing, JNC:** Although mostly agree with the proposal, and would have accepted as an addition, this changes some important parts so can't accept the amendment. Could accept as an amended amendment as an addition after the lines in question.

**Guillermo Passas Varo, IMS:** Doesn't accept to change the amendment to an addition

**Alistair Spearing, JNC:** For the record this amendment was put forward by an IMS delegate but it was not discussed in IM section.

**Marina Seldo, IMS,** said that it was not LYMEC's place to judge this as a pan-european organisation.

**Franziska Brandmann, JuLIs,** We do not know the exact facts so can't vote in favour  
**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair** called for a vote on the amendment.

**Congress voted against the amendment.**

#### Amendment 1

**Guillermo Passas Varo, IMS delegate** presented the amendment, explains that the party has been corrupt for a long time even if the resolution is recent

**Alistair Spearing, JNC:** Goes into detail about the ruling that affected a case from 2009, so that ended almost a decade ago. Will accept the amendment but want to underline that even if the resolution came up earlier this year it refers to old events and measures have been taken.

The amendment was accepted by the mover, **Alistair Spearing, JNC.**

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair,** opened the discussion on the resolution as amended.

**Laurent Costas Martin, FEL:** Spoke against the resolution, think this discussion should be internal to ALDE and not taken in LYMEC

**Benjamin Fievet, IMS:** Reminds that LYMEC has a vote in ALDE Council so should have a position on this.

**Alistair Spearing, JNC:** For the Bureau to be able to take a decision on this matter in the ALDE Council it is important that we discuss this together at Congress, thanks for input and collaboration.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair,** opened the vote online.

Result: 98 votes in favour, 21 votes against, 34 abstentions.

**The resolution has been carried.**

#### 201 "Towards the dismantlement of the Pink and Tampon Taxes"

**John De Coster, FEL,** presented his motion, and accepted Amendments 1 and 2.

**Esther Steverding, LHG,** presented amendment 65, which spoke against redistributive taxes.

**Jenny Vuorenlinna, SU,** supported the amendment

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair,** called for a vote on the amendment

**Congress voted against the amendment**

**Andre Eduard Gruber, JUNOS,** called for a count  
(64 For, 46 Against, Abstentions 43)

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, called for delegates to be aware when they're voting as there was a clear difference between the count and the non-counted votes.

### **Amendment 66**

**Julie Pauch Nymark, VU**, presented the amendment  
**Gaspar Shabad, ERPY**, spoke against this amendment  
**Johannes Boch, LHG**, spoke against the amendment  
**Franziska Brandmann, JuLIs**, spoke against the amendment  
**Sjors van Wickeren, JD**, spoke against this debate  
**Tim Robinson, YL**, spoke in favor of the amendment  
**Eleanor Jones, YL**, spoke in favor of the amendment  
**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, called for a vote.  
**Congress voted against the amendment.**

**Julie Pauch Nymark, VU**, supported the resolution  
**Benjamin Fievet, IMS**, spoke in favour of the resolution  
**Sjors van Wickeren, JD**, spoke against the resolution  
**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, called for a vote on the whole resolution.  
**The resolution was carried.**

### **1001: Gender Equality Within LYMEC**

**Ida-Maria Skytte, SU**, presented to resolution on gender equality within LYMEC.  
**Sjors van Wickeren, JD**, asked the proposer about why it didn't propose for a LYMEC Women's Network.  
**Ida-Maria Skytte, SU**, agreed with was a good idea but that it wasn't in the motion.  
**Julie Pauch Nymark, VU**, argued that the best person for the jobs was more important than gender.  
**Ida-Maria Skytte, SU**, argued that whilst this was true there are plenty of competent women.  
**John De Coster, FEL**, spoke about the dangers of singling out a group.  
**Melvin Montizaan, JD**, suggested an alternative opportunity  
**Ida-Maria Skytte, SU**, a said this is something they were interested in but it wasn't in this motion.

### **Amendment (gender quotas)**

**Ida-Maria Skytte, SU**, disagreed and argued that gender quotas can be part of a liberal solution  
**Esther Steverding, LHG**, spoke for the motion arguing that equality should be a priority  
**Teresè Škutaitė, LLJ**, spoke for the amendment but for the motion.  
**A JuLIs member**, said that the quotas could never be part of a liberal solution to gender equality.  
**Benjamin Fievet, IMS**, asked proposer on specifics of "encouragement".  
**Ida-Maria Skytte, SU**, gave an answer.  
**Björn Bonsdorff, SU**, gave the example of stopping all male panels.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, called for a vote.

The votes were recorded as:

For: 96

Against 50:

Abstain: 16

**Amendment was carried**

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, called to vote for the resolution as a whole.

**The Congress voted in favor of the resolution**

301: Taking Responsibility on Protecting Our Health with Vaccinations

**Sonja Kouvo, FCY**, presented the resolution to Congress

The proposer accepted an amendment.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, called the debate

**Björn Bonsdorff, SU**, spoke in favor of the resolution

**Sjors van Wickeren, JD**, spoke in favor of the resolution

**Björn Bonsdorff, SU**, asked for amendments to amendments to be visible on the screen

**General Secretary, Danica**, expressed the importance for delegates not to have

private discussions as it strong the secretaries from being able to hear the debate.

Amendments to the amendment

**Nemir Ali, JuLIs**, presented an amendment to the amendment.

The proposer, **Sonja Kouvo, FCY**, did not accept the amendment to the amendment.

**Sonja Kouvo, FCY**, declared that the resolution is full as it is now

**Victoria Hentzen, JuLIs**, spoke in favor of the amendment

**Andre Gruber, JUNOS** spoke in favor of the amendment

**Laura Fagerlund, SU**, spoke in against the amendment.

**Nemir Ali, JuLIs**, spoke for the amendment.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, called for a vote:

For: 48

Against: 66

**Congress voted against the resolution**

**Chair called the vote of the resolution as a whole**

**The Resolution was carried.**

303: Recognition of Upper-Secondary Qualifications Across Europe.

**Eric Lundvall, CS**, presented the resolution to Congress.

**Esther Steverding, LHG**, spoke in favour of the resolution, as it's already in the manifesto

**Melvin Montizaan, JD**, spoke in favour of the resolution.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, called for the vote of the resolution

**The resolution was carried.**

601: Stop Nord Stream 2

**Philip Tarning-Andersen, RU** presented the resolution and explained that this pipeline was being used as a soft power mechanism against both central Europe and eastern European countries,

**\*Point of Order\***

**Björn Bonsdorff, SU**, asked for the text of amendments to be on the screen,

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, replied, that after the first reading, yes that would be fine,

**Tim Robinson, YL**, spoke for the resolution as it would provide an effective sanction.

**Anhelina Vaskovska, EYU**, spoke in favor of the resolution

**Johannes Boch, LHG**, spoke against the resolution as he believed it was anti-free trade.

An amendment by Junge liberale (JuLis) was accepted by the mover.

**Sjors van Wickeren, JD**, Point of order to bring back the deadline on amendments.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**: this will close from now on but this will not be applied retroactively.

**Yaroslav Vasylyuk, EYU**, spoke in favour of the resolution.

**Umberto Massi, LLJ**, spoke in favour of the resolution.

**Andre Gruber, JUNOS**, rebuts LHG and argues that this is about international strategies rather than free trade.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, called for the vote of the resolution

**Congress accepted the resolution**

202: Xenophobia and Racism

**Víctor Solé Ferioli, JNC**, presented the resolution

Amendment 67 was accepted by the mover.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, called for a vote for the whole resolution

**The resolution was carried.**

901: EU Support for Sustainability and Democracy in Tunisia

**Alistair Spearing, JNC**, presented the resolution.

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, called for a vote on the resolution.

**Congress voted for the resolution**

401: Menstruation: Breaking the Taboo

**Ines Holzegger, JUNOS**, presented the resolution

Oral Amendment: Delete Line Page 1 Line 17 to page 1 line 18

**\*Point of Order\***

**Gaspar Shabad, ERPY**: does this conflict with the pink tax resolution?

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, consulted the resolutions and replied: it did because they one comments that tax must be under 5% and the other calls for it to be at 0% - short discussion on how this would fit in within the EU VAT Directive

\*Point of Order\*

**Sjors van Wickeren, JD**, disagreeing with the findings.

\*Point of Order\*

**Andre Gruber, JUNOS**, these technically do not conflict

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**: Therefore this is permitted, if this one is successful the other one falls.

#### Amendment 86

**Laura Fagerlund, SU**, presented the amendment

**Ines Holzegger, JUNOS**, explains why it won't be deleted

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, opens the discussion

**Julie Pauch Nymark, VU**, spoke in favor of the amendment

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, calls for the vote of the amendment

**The amendment was accepted**

[Second amendment to this resolution falls as the lines were deleted.]

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, called for the vote of the resolution as amended

**Congress voted in favor of the resolution**

#### 306 Digital European University

**Esther Steverding, LHG**, presented the resolution

**Gaspar Shabad, ERPY**, spoke in favor of the resolution

#### Amendment 1

**Nemir Ali, JuLis**, presented the amendment

**Esther Steverding, LHG**, argued about the amendment

**Tim Robinson, YL**, spoke in favor of this amendment

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, called for the vote on the amendment

For: 71

Against: 44

**The amendment was carried**

#### Amendment 2

**Melvin Montizaan, JD** presents the amendment

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, called for the vote on the amendment

**The amendment was carried**

**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, called for the vote on the resolution as amended

**Congress voted in favor of the resolution**

#### 101: Shut Down Turkey's EU Accession Talks

**Junge liberale (JuLIs)**, presented the resolution  
**Umberto Massi, LLJ** spoke against the resolution  
**A JuLIs Member** spoke in favor of the resolution  
**Marina Sedlo, IMS**, spoke that the resolution does not proposes a solution, just shutting down the negotiation, and states that everybody should vote against it.  
**Nemir Ali, JuLIs**, spoke against the motion, quite strongly  
**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, limited talks to 1 minute  
**Gaspar Shabad, ERPY**, spoke against the resolution  
**Franziska Brandmann, JuLIs**, spoke for the resolution  
**Eleanor Jones, YL**, spoke against the proposal, urging us not to turn our backs on Turkey's chances of becoming more liberal  
**Syuleyman Syuleyman, YMRF**, spoke against the resolution  
**Björn Bonsdorff, SU**, spoke against the motion and expressed that our own migration policy should be more of a priority.  
**Franziska Brandmann, JuLIs**, summarized that LYMEC can be united in its opposition to the turkish government.  
**Johanna Lönn, Congress Chair**, called for the e-vote. It will be open for 5 minutes  
 For: 59  
 Against: 63  
 Abstain: 30  
**The resolution was rejected by the Congress**

Other Resolutions fell outside the guillotine.

## 15. Reports from Member Organisations

**Alexandre Servais, FEL**: Started a paper, elections in Hessen soon (to be advertised in newsletter)  
**IMS**: the previous iMS delegate had to resign **Guillermo Passas Varo** is the new IMS Delegate, please turn up to IMS meetings and get involved in IMS and LYMEC working groups

## 16. AOB

**Belgian MOs**: next Congress will be held in Brussels, come along.

**Sergiu Boghean, IFLRY representative**, gave a speech to Congress about the General Assembly to be held in Barcelona and welcomed members to come join them.

**Svenja Hahn, LYMEC President**, addressed LYMEC to close Congress and expressed the importance of making friendships. She thanked our sponsors, the IRI for sponsoring the dinner last night, and Petras for helping sponsoring the event also. Svenja thanked the

three chairs for their tremendous job in chairing the Congress. Svenja thanked the local organisers in LLJ.