

Lena Höglund – Treasurer

BUREAU REPORT October 2018 – March 2019

Dear Liberal Friends,

I now present to you my second Bureau report as the LYMEC Treasurer.

Keeping up the single event budgeting, setting up an Alumni Event at the ALDE Congress and finalizing the end of year 2018 in financial terms are the three tasks that have taken up my time the past months.

After the last LYMEC Congress in Vilnius, I commenced the work with preparing an Alumni Event during the days of the ALDE Congress in Madrid, Spain. Unfortunately, we were not granted space at the Congress venue and thus the attendance was not what it could have been, but I was happy with us raising almost double the sum of 2017 in donations from the event. Also, starting 2019, LYMEC will be able to process card payments, which makes for more secure payments on the spot from now on. This payment system was looked into by myself and the Secretary General Danica Vihinen, but will be in place for the Spring of 2019.

My next task during these months has been setting the budgets for the ELF events, communicating with potential partners for the second LYMEC Intern. The former task means I follow each and every event, despite not attending it, in order to make a tight enough budget to ensure that LYMEC gets as much as possible out of each event financially. This oversight will be even closer tended to the coming year, as the reporting back from the European Liberal Forum on the events has been very slow and hard to do any revision based on.

Unfortunately, the end of the year went by fast and in the haste of our own Autumn Congress and the ALDE Congress, I missed out on applying for the European Youth Foundation Grant, as promised. For that I am utterly sorry, but it is also a witness of the high-paced tempo I, the Bureau and Office move in. This grant will be applied for before Spring Congress.

Election year and two congresses in costly locations has meant budgeting and booking both venues earlier than ever (the Autumn Congress). On the other hand, the early booking for the Autumn Congress gives us better opportunity to find more external funding and sponsors for the event.

Finally, I would like to thank my colleagues in the Bureau for hectic past six months!

Please feel free to get in touch before, during or after the Brussels Congress if you have any questions or comments concerning my work as LYMEC Treasurer. I look forward to meeting you all in Brussels!

Liberally yours,

Lena

| Time | Place | Event / Purpose | Organisation(s) |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 8-11 November 2018 | Madrid <i>Spain</i> | ALDE Party Congress, Alumni Event and Bureau Meeting | ALDE Party/LYMEC |
| 14-16 December 2018 | Bratislava <i>Slovakia</i> | International Republican Institute, LEAP Event | International Republican Institute |
| 20 January 2019 | Reykjavik <i>Iceland</i> | Meeting with applicant organisation Upreisn representatives at their party office | LYMEC |
| 1-3 February 2019 | Brussels <i>Belgium</i> | Internal Audit | LYMEC |
| 9-10 February 2019 | Berlin <i>Germany</i> | ALDE Council Meeting | LYMEC |
| 14-16 February 2019 | Brussels <i>Belgium</i> | External Audit | LYMEC |
| 15-17 March 2019 | Lipnice <i>Czech Republic</i> | Mladé ANO Congress | LYMEC |
| 29-31 March 2019 | Helsinki <i>Finland</i> | Young European Socialists' Congress | LYMEC |
| 3 April 2019 | Brussels <i>Belgium</i> | ALDE Financial Advisory Council meeting | ALDE Party/LYMEC |
| 5-7 April 2019 | Brussels <i>Belgium</i> | LYMEC Spring Congress and Bureau Meeting | LYMEC |