

Bureau meeting Brussels 07/04/2019

Present: Svenja Hahn, President (HH), Edgaras Mascinkas, Vice President (EM), Lena Höglund, Treasurer (LH), Dan-Aria Sucuri, Bureau Member (DAS), Antoaneta Asenova, Bureau Member (AA), Pau Castellvi Canet, Bureau Member (PCC).

Not Present: Deimante Rimkute, Bureau Member (DR).

Also present: Danica Vihinen, Secretary General (DV); Sergiu 13:15-13:30 for update on the Moldova event.

Wrap up of seminar and congress (all)

Discussion on the fact that many participants don't know what to do in general, decision that PCC will make IO information document.

SH: Congress OK, chairs OK, YFJ part OK, party not well organised. Need to have something planned.

DV: It was already said at the Monday online meeting that we only have the venue until midnight. Office too busy with practical and logistical preparations for the seminar and congress itself plus this time also the Youth Day, no time to plan a party. Has to be a Bureau Member taking that responsibility.

SH: Also for the future need to make sure that at least one meal is proper, now we had the fries on Friday evening (which was fine as that was Belgian culture and a cool thing), but then also the lunch on Saturday was quite little and the dinner on Saturday was also not enough.

LH: Seminar was also OK, good speakers, especially the D66 speaker.

SH: Happy to hear it was good, though we have preliminary already planned to stop doing the pre-congress seminars from next year as they require too much extra resources and do not play an integral role in the congress.

Election campaign (EM)

EM: we launched the campaign, got quite good exposure on social media, content is under construction, everything will kick off more intensively in a week and a half

DAS: the schedule is ready for the campaign, just not very many young candidates signed up. Myth busting is also in the making, will try to have it done asap.

Promotional material (EM)

Planning a challenge for (especially) IMS, collecting points to get goodies. So what and how can we get?

SH: How much did we pay for the pins, and what are we selling them for? LH: We now sold them for (minimum) 2,5 € which is a slight profit, many people gladly paid more to contribute as donations.

EM: Eleni is working on coming up with the different challenges

PCC: Can we also rank people? EM: yes

SH: So we will order one or two gadgets, depending on the cost, in order to have something to give to challenge participants?

Decision to look into different gadgets, LH will give budget.

ELF application 2020 (DV, SH)

SH: DV shared the Google document with the plan. The aim is to cut down on the number of events to put quality over quantity, and to get rid of the pre-congress seminars as they don't contribute nearly as much as before neither monetary nor topicwise. This way we can guarantee a higher budget per event resulting in high-quality speakers and proper travel reimbursements. In exchange we would focus on properly working online working groups on different policy areas, as a means to having more members engaged.

Finances

LH: ALDE FAC made a comment on the decision to stop all sponsorships. Gave an update on the non-EU parties membership fees.

LH is in discussions with the Open Society Foundation for the YLM in Bratislava

LH: needs to get a go ahead to look into how to register so that we can apply for francophone state subsidies in Belgium. Granted.

ALDE Council in June

SH: DV, SH, EM, AA not available. Can LH go as it is heavily about finances?

LH: Yes.

Moldova event (DAS)

DAS: first event he is in charge of, Sergiu has misunderstood his responsibility so has put most on DAS and Eleni. During Congress Sergiu told DAS he has found a venue, one speaker. DAS and Eleni have drafted a programme and made speaker proposals.

DV: has to be launched asap, this week, as people need to book flights.

DAS: we have many people interested so will not be a problem to get participants.

SH: FNF are sponsoring this event.

Sergiu: Has two different locations in mind, also budget for flying in a few speakers etc. FNF needs to buy the tickets. Needs a concept note now and a report afterwards. SH: Let's go for the less expensive hotel to have more budget for flying in speakers.

Politathon with FNF (DV, PCC)

SH gave update. Asked DV to please contact THA on Monday to double check that we understood right that there are no extra costs for LYMEC except possible no-show fees if we don't get 35 participants.

Possibly change responsibilities from PCC to someone else if we need to deliver the final programme in the coming weeks. DV will double check with THA when the deadline is.

Book event (DV)

DV: We have done absolutely nothing for this event yet.

AA: wants to have all set by end of April. Will sit down with DV to plan and get an understanding of the division of tasks.

DV: Could also check with the Boris Divkovic Foundation (Anela Lemes) if they have any suggestions for venues etc.

Application procedure for congresses (DV)

Laurenz made a draft that was shared with all ahead of the online meeting on Monday. DV will finetune and launch this week. Separate email to the member organisations to make sure everyone gets it, and also put on the webpage and in Fb groups.

Online Learning (DR)

SH: Really needs this to be done as the congress was asking about it.

DR: Needs to get the login

DV: it has been sent on 23.2 and again this week. DR: didn't get it (checked again and had gotten it)

DR: Will check what MOs want, upload YCA slides to begin with, go over the content in the toolkit on the webpage

DV: Seriously the content in the toolkit needs to be curated but this is what should have been done months ago. We have wasted a lot of time on this project, it has to be set up asap.

EM: will take control of the platform, launch a survey to find out what MOs want and can contribute.

PCC: Will send YCA slides to DR

IMS (EM)

- membership recruitment
- Membership tool
- Cooperation with SC

The IMS SC is preparing an action plan.

Had meeting with IMS delegates, social media challenge will also be a way to recruit people. SC decided not to use their own social media channels, rather focus on LYMEC main channels.

Have been looking into getting Nation Builder from ALDE party but not advancing right now, will ask Rémi Guastalli for ideas to use in the meantime as he has done this for the Mouvement Radicaux.

Alumni (LH)

- SH: Statutory Meeting needs to be in first months of the year, should be in Brussels as that's where we have a lot of former members. LH and DV please look into this
- Need to secure a room for the ALDE Athens Congress

News from MOs (all)

LH: SU will elect new president at the congress in a few weeks

Invitations (all)

Ogra FF will send invite to their congress

Next meetings and strategic BM in the summer (SH)

SH: We were planning a strategy meeting for June but makes no sense as we will not have any information regarding the group and our finances by then. Suggestion to move to 23-25.8 (arrival Thursday evening) and Malta. Agreed.

SH: Ask Laurenz to look into a nice air bnb for an extended weekend, with possibility to have a meeting (so large table).

Any other business (all)

AA: 18.2-4.3.2020 on holidays

DV: ELF GA 26.4, AA is registered but not sure when MRF campaign kick off is. EM can go for the voting part. DV will register Eleni and Laurenz so that someone is there in any case.

DV: Holidays 15-28.4

IFLRY: SB didn't go to the GA so doesn't have much to report. Next GA in October, will go.