

**Bureau meeting  
Athens ALDE Congress  
26/10/2019  
13 h - 15 h**

Attending: LH, AA, SH, EM, PCC, DR, DAS and BG

**Starts at 13 h 00**

**ALDE Congress, Board Meeting, Council (SH + AA)**

- BM: Pre-summit organization
- Council: Finances, Statutory changes and MO acceptance, Promised 85 000 (15 000 increase from last year for us from ALDE Party).
- Delegation: Congrats for Antoaneta. Lena stepped in once to help the delegation. Well organized work and massive preparation before the Congress. Delegates were comfortable and knowing what to do with positions, resolutions and amendments.

3 big red lines went through:

- a) Climate change resolution (accepted)
- b) Rule of Law mechanism (accepted) - comments against withdrawn
- c) Transnational list (accepted) - big success

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- d) European defence force passed as well.

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- e) Unfortunately, the Spitzenkandidaten proposal wasn't carried.

Assessment of performances and discussion on outcomes.

## **London Congress: All aspects (BG)**

### 1) *Seminar:*

- Programme is all confirmed and updated on all platforms.
- Presentations from speakers will be provided by PCC by Monday 4 November the latest.
- Nameplates + Presentation were prepared by the office
- Rooming list was sent to the hotel
- Lunch/coffee break and dinner payments are processed by ELF

### 2) *Congress:*

- All invitations for guests to be sent out by Monday. Guests confirmed so far YES, JEF, YFJ, YDP, FNF – Swinson has yet to be confirmed.
- Participants: summary on the situation - applications after deadline not accepted.
- Timeline Congress ready to be shared
- Accommodation draft rooming list sent (5 rooms empty so far but the final list will be sent during the last week)
- Tool is currently open for amendments
- Chairs to be notified about the agenda change on treating all motions before resolutions. Chairs to be contacted for briefing.
- Lunch/coffee break paid by LYMEC
- Dinner Friday Factory House 1/2 invoice paid – second to be paid by Renew next week.
- Scrutineers to be defined (LH/BG)
- Voting cards and badges under making
- Powerpoint to be put together the last week by Bàlint
- IO package has to be double-checked by Danica still
- Articles + Interviews with MEPs will be done after the Congress
- EM to make presentation for Bureau reports
- Deadline for reports is the 4<sup>th</sup> of November

### 3) *Book launch:*

- Griff Inn booked and 1/2 invoice paid by ELF, the second coming up.
- SH to invite an MEP
- Catherine Bearder is not available unfortunately.
- 3 writers are confirmed.

4) *Evening reception by SH:*

- SH MEP to host a reception at Dirty Martini: it is booked and the payments are on-going.
- Delegates have to arrive before 23 h to be able to enter for free

In addition, the Bureau will explain further on Statutory change on co-Presidency. SH to present it at the Congress. Since we are in a growing organization and innovating in ways of working - its a healthy debate to have.

## **Finances**

- Update:
  - Regarding next Congresses, we could plan on having more participants (150) with increased funding. We could push for more investment in venues as well.
- Spending:
  - There is agreement to spend on the Libertas platform on the website (around 800 EUR) - and find another offer for the IMS!
  - Nation-builder platform after ALDE takes the decision, costs would be covered.
  - Invest in a new desk in the office is important for a potential third person.
  - Bureau members to send a wish list of what we should spend on and we will take it from there.
  - We also rapidly need a new offer for internet in the office in order to be able to work with 3 persons.
- Bureau decision on JNC 100 EUR invoice owed from spring (LH)
  - Voiding the invoice was decided by the Bureau.
- Erasmus + grant - deadline to submit is the 19th of November (BG + LH):
  - Estimate for the amount of employee with Danica.
  - Proposals should be ready by the 15th of November in order to consult the Bureau.
- EYF grant application was submitted by Lena.
- No membership reduction this time.

- Treasurer advised central European organisations to register and apply for funding as part of the ALDE political projects but also for other types of grants.

### **19 November RLPA ELF project participation + book launch (BG/AA)**

- Take out SH from programme.
- Have writers participating in the discussion.
- Ashmita to be invited and we pay for travel.
- Meeting with Sebastian Vagt should be set up in order to plan the upcoming event in Brussels with AA and BG.
- Deimante to make a short overview to MEPs with final programme.

### Communication

- Articles + Interviews with MEPs ahead of the Congress (EM)
  - Articles started to be published from Editorial committee first.
  - Bureau members to write about their topics in the coming weeks.
  - Campaign next year early on.

### Committee of discipline and arbitration (SH)

- SH to get in touch

### News from IMS

- IMS Event:
  - Programme issues - to be fixed in the coming days
  - Alternative options are on the table if programme is not settled with MLS: Delegates a session + SC + What to do with IMS
  - Lunch and dinners to book next week
  - LH to join the event on Bureau meeting costs if needed (in case of Brexit).
- Exclude Cristobal Jimenez Moronta from IMS (BG)
  - Bureau decides to act the exclusion following links of this IMS with the extreme-right in Spain.

#### Invitations (BG)

- Ogra Fianna Fail? Momentum TizenX? USR Tineret? Events to attend (awaiting invitations at this stage).
- IRI - SH and EM can't make it - LH to go to Berlin at their meeting. 40th celebration of the Berlin wall.
- 21/25 november in Croatia, Dubrovnik - IRI - Annual academy. No-one will go if AA can't attend (Lisbon and Comem in Amiens are at the same time).

#### Next board meetings

- London is the next one after the Congress
- Bureau meeting should take place at the end of *January* (first days of February)
- *Mid-February* another one in Luxembourg with the ELF event

#### Events next year

- Draft Calendar was discussed with SH, EM and BG to be shared with the Bureau

#### AOB

- ELF request: The EP is changing rules and becomes tighter on what's presented at the events.
- Milan, Vilnius and Brussels YCA events from 2018 are under severe scrutiny now. We need to deliver presentations and content should be gathered and sent to ELF by Monday deadline at 12h.
- Potential to apply for ALDE political project next year with Baltics is real (roadshow).

End of the meeting at 15 h