

Dear LYMEC, Dear Congress,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Liberal Democratic Youth of North Macedonia (LiDeM) the only liberal youth in North Macedonia, to you with the request for membership fee reduction.

As you already know, North Macedonia cannot yet be cured by the 11-year rule of the opposing party. These 11 years have had bad consequences for both, the state and the LDP as a party. After the victory of SDSM, a party that we otherwise coalition with, significant changes were seen, but not the best. And it's all a reflection of those 11 years under someone else's rule. However, as you know now, we will have new parliamentary elections, and a few months later local elections will follow. For these 4 years, the LDP coalition and government have received MPs, directors and 1 ministerial position. However, the LDP is aiming for greater success in this election. Like the LDP, LiDeM also strives for greater successes including the fact that youth membership has increased significantly since the establishment of the Liberal Institute. We can say with pleasure about LiDeM that it is one of the most attractive youth in the country, it has a large number of activities and also like new members, it gains many supporters.

We would kindly ask you to consider the following:

1. LiDeM is a Lymec member. We still do not have our personal office, we are situated in the same office of the party with the seniors and for this office we are paying monthly rent;
2. Government cut the budget funds for financing smallest parties, so LDP lost the fixed sum that was receiving from the country and on that way also LiDeM lost the opportunity to receive means from LDP;
3. LiDeM does not have own representatives in the Parliament, neither in the Government or in the local municipalities;
4. Most of the members of the Liberal Democratic Youth are students and they are not paying any kind of membership fee. Only the members who are employed are paying some symbolic membership fee which is going on the LDP bank account and recovery of the youth costs depends from LDP;
5. LiDeM does not have personal sponsors, we could not have fixed funds even from our mother party;
6. The membership that we are paying in Lymec are money earned from the savings that we are collecting during the whole year from some small local project or from the symbolic solidary participation of the members;
7. There is no state funding in the budget of LiDeM. Considering to the economical situation, even state funding for projects and events, organized by LiDeM, is remarkably low. So every payment became extremely expensive for us. Cause we want to built LiDeM capacity we are now starting to make youth promotion with creative activities that doesn't ask money, so we could became more interested for the people and for the possible business donors.

Considering to the whole upcoming situation and our financial situation we do not have any steady income. Therefore we are constantly searching for possible projects, donors and funding possibilities.

Due to the mentioned concerns, Liberal Democratic Youth of Macedonia (LiDeM) is asking the Bureau and the Congress to approve this application for the reduced membership fee and fix it to 100 euros per year. Currently LiDeM could afford this amount of membership fee, and could pay it on time and not falling in debts as it was case in the past.

Best regards.

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