

## Minutes Online Bureau Meeting 20/04/2020

**Present:** Antoaneta Asenova (AA), Marten Porte (MP), Ines Holzegger (IH), Laia Comerma (LC), Ida-Maria Skytte (IS), Dan-Aria Sucuri (DAS), Marina Sedlo (MS) and Bálint Gyévai (BG)

**Meeting starts at 19 h 10**

### **1) Regional responsibilities and tasks distribution (AA):**

- The table with all Bureau members' responsibilities was shared with the Bureau before the meeting. It was made sure to have meetings with all Bureau members last week to discuss qualities, interests and expectations.
- The document containing all the data from member organisations was shared with the Bureau already last week so country responsables can start to get in touch with their respective organisations in the coming days. Bureau members should regularly update data in the document for the member organisations they have.
- The press release will be sent tomorrow so it will become official.
- The committee on Catalonia was explained in detail to the Bureau members: it was a desire from both organisations at the Autumn London Congress to have a committee to discuss and facilitate dialogue between their positions. Marina is in charge and she will launch the process soon. We will ask Tuuli to be the ombudsperson joining the committee to complete the team.

### **2) Paris Autumn Congress (MP, BG):**

#### - Latest developments:

°MP relates that we had a meeting after the last Bureau meeting with Remi who facilitates and helps us at local level. He adds that the news regarding the amounts we would get from Renew should be good. We should bear in mind that there is no decision yet.

°BG will follow up with the hotel and ask about the conditions for cancelling and paying the downpayment to check if Renew can pay in the coming weeks to secure the booking.

#### - Accommodation + venue:

°MP explains that we have a nice option at Gare de Lyon at Novotel with 100 people's conference room. We asked to look for bigger rooms around but the accommodation option is very interesting. It is located at 45 minutes walk and 15 minutes metro from the Party HQ.

#### - Contingency planning:

°AA shares her fears of having such a big event regarding possible restrictions put in place in France (140 people is a lot, we might have to downsize it to a maximum of 100 in order to plan for possible coronavirus restrictions).

°MP adds that big events/international events will remain a problem in the near future even if we are out of the lockdown. France might close its borders again.

°BG will negotiate better downpayment conditions to book the proposed accommodation and find out how much Renew is ready to pay at this stage.

**\*\*\* BUREAU decides to limit the amount of participants to 100 (technically 2 per full MOs and 1 for associate MOs) for the next Congress looking at the current situation and limitations imposed throughout Europe. We will also only book 60 rooms for now to diminish the risks.**

°MS: What about livestreaming to have a bigger public involved in the Congress?

The issue is the maintenance to make sure it works. We need someone to ensure it works properly during the whole event.

### **3) Digital assembly + Online resolutions and voting + new resolution tool (MS, IH, BG)**

**Digital assembly** in-between two Congresses.

- AA explains the concept with two parts only, not a Congress per se but an assembly. It will be outside of our statutes and requirements.  
We won't adopt resolutions, only discuss policy coming out of the WG for the policy book clean up
- The first part will be an update and the Bureau presenting what has been done so far.
- The second part, under the leadership of Marina, will be dedicated to discuss the policy book clean-up (content/resolutions), agree on the main points of it and provide for procedural economy of the discussions of resolution as a whole at the next Congress. It will also be the opportunity to discuss possible amendments to be submitted at the Congress coming up. It will open a space for improvement and for finding partners to co-sign amendments for the Congress. Opinion of the assembly will be transmitted to the Congress as an announcement during the discussions of the Congress Working groups.
- We would go for a format between 4 and 5 hours with a lunch break in the middle so one day only.

**\*\*\* BUREAU decides to have an online assembly with the two parts proposed and it will take place on the 13th of June.**

AA proposes to postpone the discussion on the online tool for the assembly to give time to get an overall package for the tool. MS, IH and BG to work on this and come back with a package. Comparison of the available tools will be done and then proposed during the first in-person meeting.

### **4) EYF Study session (MP, LC, DAS)**

- 2020 session in July 2020:

The meeting with the Educational advisor from the centre took place last Saturday. Objectives and aims were clarified: we will aim at improving how we communicate on diversity and how we can attract diverse people although it's hard to measure.

We realised with the advisor that we have to lower the ambitions a bit. The aim should be to find a discussion and not to reinvent the wheel. The calendar of the next meetings was planned. We will be elaborating on a contingency plan to have it online and the call will be opened very soon. BG and LH will work on that.

- 2021 application:

Application was submitted by MP. This one has a stronger focus on gender diversity. Female empowerment was introduced to this in addition.

## 5) ELF (AA, BG)

- Cooperation and financial framework (AA, BG):

BG and AA had a meeting with the leadership of ELF Secretariat. It is proposed to continue with our current financial framework for 3 years.

This means we pay 20 000 EUR + MO fee every year but in exchange we have predictable income because of a big amount of events we can organise and it ensures that our projects get selected.

**\*\*\* BUREAU decides to continue with a 3 years financial framework.**

- Online event on cybersecurity - 22 to 24 May (LC):

The call for participants is now launched with a deadline to the 4th of May. It is open for IMS only, it replaces their yearly in-person gathering. Speakers were contacted and we will send a reminder for the ones that didn't answer yet.

We are working on a cybersecurity guide - how to be cyber secure. We would share it on SM but with the MOs after and beyond the event.

AA to provide some contacts for the guide if necessary. .

- Copenhagen event - 26 to 28 June (DAS):

The topic is climate policy from a liberal perspective, together with FORES and Democracy think tank in Denmark, partners from the ELF network. As soon as we get an update on the situation on the ground we would take the decision to go online or not. Decision on how to do it has to be taken by the end of the month together with the ELF Secretariat. LC to help DAS with speakers if needed.

- Concept notes 2021 projects - brainstorm (BG):

°**Young Leaders' Meeting:** DAS to take the lead.

°**Communications Meeting:** 2 days event following the principle of the YLM - topical engagement of people and then roundtable to exchange best practices.

A) Know each other B) Form a network C) See how they can work together in a sustainable and coordinated way. **IS** will take the lead on this.

°**IMS seminar** - **MS** to take care of this. We need to find the topic and the focus.

°**Book project** (3 units) - **LC and MP together** to take care of this together (MP for book launch)

°**Young Changemakers Academy** - **IH** to take care of this.

- Distribution of remaining 2020 ELF events + other events (BG):

- ° Copenhagen "Energising Europe" 26-28 June 2020 - DAS
- ° Book launch "Values first" 1 July 2020 - IS
- ° Young Elected leaders summit 11-13 September 2020 - MP
- ° YLM 18-20 September 2020 - DAS
- ° YCA 2-4 October 2020 - IH + MP
- ° YCA 23-25 October 2020 - IH + LC
- ° YCA 27-29 November 2020 - IH + LC
- ° Winter Academy Renew December 2020 - MS

## 6) IMS (MS)

- Steering Committee elections (BG, MS):

- ° Call was launched and it's open till 1 May
- ° Elections will take place at the end of May
- ° Elections to take place on ElectionRunner

- New registrations process: form + welcome (MS):

° MS proposes that the Steering Committee would make a call with the candidates to become members to get to know them and be in contact. At the end, the Bureau decides if it accepts them but it is also good to receive advice and insight from the SC to make an informed decision.

° MP argues that to check on them, we shouldn't go too harsh, not to discourage people from joining. Personal contact is of course good. He is also sceptic about asking people all their social media accounts. It shouldn't be mandatory. Photo upload not to be mandatory either. MS agrees.

° IH supports this, expectation management is good, we also need to be able to tell them what the IMS is. SC would be in charge of the whole process.

**\*\*\* Bureau decides to validate the document sent by MS with the two amendments on the mandatory aspects and agrees with the call with the applicant IMS too.**

- Communication platforms for the section (AA, MS):

° Discord won't be used anymore. IMS will decide on a single platform. Zoom could be used for example for the hangouts. We have a monthly subscription for the organisation in any case.  
**MS to propose it to the IMS.**

## 7) Next campaigns and EC Working program (IS)

AA suggests for MS, IS and DAS to go through the list proposed by the EC and get inspired. We should think about where we could have a youth related topic and see what's coming up for us in these fields in the near future. We should be prepared on the content side in general.

## 8) Policy and Training intern decision (AA, BG)

Ariane Takyi is proposed to be the next policy and training intern following the interviews. BG and AA conducted 3 interviews amongst the shortlisted candidates.

The assessment was shared with the Bureau members by email together with the interviews last Friday.

**\*\*\* Bureau decides to follow the recommendation and hire her.**

### **9) Financial compensation framework LYMEC assistant and intern (BG)**

Both persons have the same contract but there are differences in the financial compensation received. It seems that we had higher requirements for interns in the past. This has to be discussed further with LH to get more insight on the decision of the last Bureau to have a difference.

### **10) LYMEC platform on the Future of Europe and launching campaign (AA)**

AA and MS to work together on this project. The idea is to bring together Presidents and IOs of the organisations. A call will be sent out this week to invite MOs to participate.

First part, we will ask the IOs to come together and come up with 7-10 points to agree on a main call for institutional changes in this mandate of citizens conferences on the Future of Europe. Second part would involve an informal whatsapp group about the latest developments around this topic. There will be a youth agora with participants between 18 and 25 years. The goal is to be active there and share the same message all over Europe. Structured communication is in fact key to influence the sessions and have a political impact on the outcomes. We would launch the whole process on the 9th of May.

Timeline proposed by AA is as follows:

\*During the week an email will be sent to the organisations - they will have two weeks to respond until the 6th of May.

\*The platform will be announced on the 9th of May to influence the future of Europe discussions and decide on the common lines to follow. We will work on our proposals for that format and have a visual.

IH asks if we do this as LYMEC or we want to cooperate with others from the beginning?

AA proposes to take ownership of this first and then further down the line we could contact other partners on a case by case basis.

**\*\*\*The Bureau agrees with the proposal and therefore the platform will be launched.**

### **11) Invitations**

- On 12 June ELF/BDF event will take place about shaping the liberal message and voice of the youth. AA to represent us there online. She will be one of the speakers for a session.

- ALDE Bureau and Council meetings to take place in May. AA will represent us there, it will be online too.

### **12) AOB**

- Clickmeeting platform offers were received by LC. We can get a 40% discount on the annual fee if we like it. We will test the platform first with the free version and eventually decide on adopting it if we find it relevant for our practices.
- Missing refund claims from Congress participation fees: BG will share the list with the Bureau tomorrow. Around 10 organisations still didn't claim their paid fees back.
- BG reminds Bureau members to check their business cards proposals - printing is on hold but ready to go - Bureau members to send their comments to DAS in case of changes. The email signatures will soon be available too, DAS is working on that too.

- AA adds that an important topic now is the development of applications to track Coronavirus - call for one application in the EU. We should do something about privacy and citizen's rights around this. MS and IH to look into this together and they will propose something on what LYMEC policy could be.
- MP emphasizes that we should follow up on the objectives/tasks we set in previous meetings and we should show the progress in the minutes.
- MP adds for the minutes that the data leak from Congress invitations was reported and we filed it as a case to the authorities. We have been taking every possible measure in accordance with GDPR rules.
- AA proposes to organise a call with IOs to explain the new Bureau's way of working and the distribution of tasks and regional responsibilities. This will take place on Friday 24 April between 17 h and 18 h.

**End of the meeting at 22 h 30**