

## Minutes Bureau Meeting ONLINE 17 May 2021

Online Bureau meeting on **Monday 17 May 2021 at 18:30 h CET**, which replaces the Bureau meeting that we were supposed to have in person on the fringes of our LYMEC YCA I event in Thessaloniki, Greece, which due to the COVID-19 situation will not take place in-person.

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

**Meeting starts at 18:50.**

### 1) Finances - 15 minutes - MP

#### - Latest updates

- Website developers for the new website asked for a new instalment to be paid- the second payment (we already paid 30% and this is an additional 35% of the total amount);
- Meeting with our French MO (Jeunes Radicaux) for the next Congress takes place tomorrow to move on with that;
- MP proposes to the Bureau to forgive the debt of Anna Sirkia for a no-show fee from 2018 from a YCA event. We are not expecting to get that money back.

**The Bureau decides to write off the debt and delete the invoice from our system.**

#### - Bureau refunds

- MP reminds the Bureau to send in a Bureau refund request for the first part of the year **by tonight** if not done yet. It concerns the first events of the year until Congress (included) so we don't create a backlog and ease the work from a financial and book-keeping perspective.

#### - Outstanding MO fees

- We received the fee from our member organisation in Moldova but otherwise we still have 7 missing fees left.

### 2) Upcoming ELF events - 30 minutes - IH/IS/LC/MS/BG

#### - ELF GA

- Travels are strictly forbidden until 1st of July and the situation will be reassessed for later at the end of June only.

#### - YCA I

##### Latest Updates

- BG and IH checked the studio today and everything is under control;
- We have all the project outlines from the participants by now;
- AA from the studio during the opening - unfortunately Hilde Vautmans can't join in-person in Brussels this time.

### *Logistics*

- We have a good overview of the technical aspects now;
- Sara will be taking care of the Social Media coverage.

### *Programme*

- All speakers are confirmed now including invoices and short-term contracts are set;
- Friday will be mostly from the studio and Saturday most likely half/half ;
- We have a very diversified programme with different profiles and backgrounds.

### -ELF Liberal Communicators Network: Youth edition - for decision

#### *Latest updates*

- We ended the call today and we have 21 registered participants;
- We will have a call on Wednesday to make the selection and discuss further the organisation of this event;

#### *Programme*

- We have 3 trainers confirmed for the event and we will soon set up a meeting with all of them to finalise the programme;
- Questions regarding whether we would work on a manual are still pending.

### \*Decision on the format

**The Bureau decides to go fully online for this event.**

### - IMS Skill Camp - for decision

- The meeting with ELF a few weeks ago went well;
- There will be two main parts: First part is more about getting to know liberalism with 3 main topics and we are going to use the e-learning platform of ELF. Second part will be more on working on skills.
- The IMS Steering Committee also discussed the dates of **9-11 July 2021**.

### \*Decision on the dates and the timeline

**The Bureau would like to ask to move the event for the 10-12 September 2021 as a preferred option. BG will reach out to ELF to see if this is possible under an extraordinary decision due to the circumstances. If not possible, we would go fully online from 9-11 July 2021.**

### - EU Diplomacy publication - for decision

#### *Latest updates*

- Editing and proofreading is ongoing at the moment with the same person as last time;
- Design will be made and we have a call this week with the selected person for this mission;
- Foreword will be made by Ilhan Kyuchyuk, introduction by Antonios Nestoras from ELF and conclusion by MS. Deadline to deliver is at the end of May.

#### *Timeline*

- By the end of the month of May, the text needs to be finalised;

- Design should be ready by the end of June so that we can have them for the launch;
- Printing would take place in parallel and at the beginning of the summer.

#### **\*Decision on the format/dates for the book launch**

- IH suggests to plan it as a hybrid event with a studio in Brussels or an outdoor location one or two weeks later;
- MS explains that it is something we can do online easily and maybe with a studio and make a cool launch event out of it;
- BG suggests maybe a studio if allowed in July but planning it later. The authors could be joining online - that would be nice;
- AA reminds the Bureau that MEPs will be wrapping up their works in the mid of July so earlier is better and maybe fully online because last year was finally a very nice and attractive format fully online.
- DAS adds that it's a lot of work and little value from it. He is therefore proposing an online event with a studio in order to do more marketing and visual delivery.
- IS adds that it makes sense to do this online. The reason why we got that much visibility last year was because Liberal International gave us a lot of views with their live. She is not sure about the second part of July because people will be on holiday.

**The Bureau decides to go online and maybe we can get a studio if it fits the programme. We keep the 1st of July as a date.**

#### **- "Libertea"**

- It's a project that the Portuguese member organisation of ELF is leading. We are partnering on this. They want to do one of their actions on youth and how we push for change;
- 1 option proposed is to take care of all the logistics and bring Ricardo, the project leader to Brussels and interview AA or the 2 option is that we send LC to Lisbon during the first week of August so that she can be interviewed there;
- AA explains that it is all of a hassle to do this in Belgium and she won't travel to Portugal so she proposes the second option. In addition, they want a fully-fledged setting with a video recording on spot. They would cover for the flight and accommodation for her with the ELF project budget.

**The Bureau agrees with the suggested approach and sending LC to this activity.**

### **3) New website - 15 minutes - BG**

#### **- Latest Updates**

- The timeline stays the same as previously discussed with the launch at the Digital Assembly on 3 July;
- The second payment out of the 3 will be done soon - invoice to be sent by Atelieru to us soon;
- After a call we had between Sara, IS, IH and BG, they implemented the comments we sent and there is further material to be sent on our side this week.

### **4) ALDE Party - 30 minutes - MS/AA**

#### **- Report from latest BM**

- ALDE PACE wanted to do a resolution on Women's rights so AA suggested incorporating some of their points in our existing resolution. It will probably really

enrich our text and it's better to have them in (if in line with our policy book). They want to enhance the dimension on domestic violence.

- Interim Presidents of the Party are Timmy Dooley and Ilhan Kyuchyuk - Vice Presidents until the Congress. Another extraordinary Bureau Meeting is organised tomorrow to discuss the elections and especially the President position.

#### - ALDE Congress practicalities and participation

- The 10 delegates will participate and AA + DAS with DAS voting at the Council;
- 35 amendments were submitted on Friday by MS (Federal Europe - Spitzenkandidaten - CO2 tax) with some controversial but that's the role we have to play;
- 19 amendments were submitted on our resolution to the Conference and quite a lot on the Women's rights one too.

#### - Board Elections

- Nomination deadline is the 21st and we will have to schedule meetings with the candidates when they are announced.
- The Bureau discussed the opportunity to postpone the current ALDE Congress Presidential elections where all the Bureau members can also participate and sees the merit in this.

#### \*Decision

**The Bureau decides to support the call by a number of parties to postpone the election of ALDE President to honor the memory of Hans van Baalen.**

#### - Policy work of the delegation including latest changes

- Kasper Langelund dropped out so Felix Häring is replacing him. The change already took place

### **5) Campaign on the Future of Europe - 15 minutes**

#### **AA/IS/MS/BG**

#### - Latest Updates - past and upcoming events

- On the 11 May event, we had 236 people attending the Zoom. It was advertised by Renew Europe as well and also on our side. Good event with positive feedback from participants.
- Upcoming is the campaign that is going on with the Social Media cards.
- We didn't hear back from our MOs yet to organise talks about the Conference in the Autumn but we need to properly explain the concept and how they can express interest.

#### - Next steps

- We have to put our ideas out there in the Digital platform of the Conference. We need to put each idea as separate inputs for the political document and for the institutional reform one too. We should then put the link to the idea on the platform as we advertise them on social media.
- We will then send an email to our MOs to keep them posted. BG to send it as a follow up to the initial email sent out.
  - A. Posts and SM actions
  - B. Platform with inputs
  - C. Prize for 500 endorsements

#### D. Events in the Autumn

- We would also encourage people to add our ideas beside this action as initially done.
- Most liked ideas are the ones getting into the plenary so we should put our efforts on that.
- We will consider ways to boost endorsements. For example, we will potentially draw a name that will win a prize when we reach 500 endorsements on one of our proposals.

#### 6) News from MOs and IMS - 5 minutes- ALL

- AA and LC had a meeting with Biz Özgürüz, a Turkish organisation. There is a lot to be done and a lot of questions but LC is also in touch with FNF regarding this.
- LC will have the second moderation meeting with PANKS and YLG from Greece.
- IH explains that cooperation is going on between the two Swiss organisations.
- The second cooperation project that was not selected will take place in the second week of June on an Island paid by FNF. The LYMEC logo shouldn't be used because we aren't supporting the in-person component.

#### 7) Invitations - 5 minutes - ALL

- Invitation for AA for the LHG Congress for the first weekend of June.
- MS was invited for Wednesday in a local group of the JuLis branch on Security and Defence - she will bring a European perspective.
- LC is invited by Slobodan from Montenegro on Monday 24 May for a talk on post-COVID recovery.
- DAS was in touch with BCA - British Conservation Alliance for the topic of the youth environmental summit. It's an alliance of conservatives and liberals for environmental related topics. Liberal niche for solution finding is on the table. It's a Cop 26 event that will take place between 1st-12nd November in Glasgow as a summit gathering youth organisations. They are eager to have us on board - political festivals with different stages and rooms with debates. They even have ELF in the draft.

**The Bureau decides that we will promote this and send speakers/participants to the event. No financial or logistical support since that would be complicated.**

#### 8) Next Bureau Meeting - 2 minutes

- 7 June 2021 - Online Bureau Meeting;
- We will assess later for the in-person Bureau Meeting at the beginning of July.

#### 9) AOB - 5 minutes

- Policy Book Renewal Working Group updates: the call is ending today and 19 people are registered to participate. It's a good number according to MS.
- Final outcomes of the Spring Congress 2021 are set to be published on Thursday the latest. Email to the Bureau tomorrow with all the documents and then Thursday to the delegates/MOs.
- Libertas PDF was created by Lucasta from the first half a year. It is quite ready to be published online and LC requests a budget for printing a small amount of them and sending it to the authors.

**MP agrees with this and asks LC to come up with a clear budget overview in cooperation with Lucasta.**

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- Wednesday there will be a debate from the WG on climate change on the 2050 strategy on climate with 3 speakers with regional, national and European perspectives. It will be moderated by the WG, a Facebook event was created and it will be livestreamed from the ELF account.