

## Supporting ALDE Individual Members in Central and Eastern Europe

The Congress of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Athens, Greece, on 24-26 October 2019:

### Noting that:

- our liberal colleagues and collaborators, as well as liberal political formations, from some CEE countries are especially under threat;
- in comparison to Western, Northern or Southern Europe, there are less strong or visible structures of liberal political activism, such as ALDE Individual Members (AIM);
- nationalism, populism, xenophobia and autocracy are especially on the rise in this part of Europe, which is very much visible by democratic election processes;
- firm liberal democracy and its actors lead to better security environment;
- there is also less acknowledgement of the importance of human rights, such as LGBT+ issues.

### Recalls that:

- AIM is a supportive structure within ALDE which endeavours liberalism, democracy, human rights and rule of law;
- as such, AIM could strengthen liberal and democratic movements in CEE;
- AIM represents a bridge between national parties and pan-European structure of ALDE and as such represents an additional option for engagement of liberal individuals.

### Calls on:

- the ALDE leadership and ALDE Prime Ministers and Ministers to support engagement of AIM in CEE;
- ALDE to reinforce AIM to collaborate with liberal political forces in CEE, by representing the work of AIM and the possibilities of political engagement and activism;
- the leadership of AIM to report to ALDE about the status in the particular CEE countries, upon fact finding missions, and suggest the next steps of ALDE in order to support liberalism and democracy on a large scale;
- ALDE to support AIM in CEE by building coalitions between countries into broader regional frames and to connect with other national or regional groups of AIM in countries with more upstanding AIM structure in order to get better support and adequate training and mentoring;
- Europe to be based on principals of dignity for all and inclusion. With this in mind, to make a political frame for democratisation of Europe as a whole.

### Resolution:

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