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Dear secretary general, Dear member organisations, Dear liberal friends,

LYMEC is an organisation to be proud of. For the last forty years, it has brought together liberal youth from all over Europe, facilitating political discussions on a European level, shaping liberal women and men and creating friendships for life. LYMEC embodies a lot of positive energy, which in turn energizes me and many others.

An organisation that is so much-treasured, needs a well-managed treasury. Only then will LYMEC be able to sustain, to grow and to spread its liberal message.

I wish to channel the energy and enthusiasm I have for LYMEC into those goals. Therefore, I'm proud to announce my candidacy for LYMEC treasurer.

Ever since a seminar in Belgrade in 2012 have I been very active in LYMEC. First, I represented JOVD as international officer. Then, from 2014 onwards, I served as LYMEC auditor. For the last two years, I have scrutinised the (financial) decisions of the bureau and have advised the bureau on how to further improve bookkeeping and reporting.

Despite the treasury's core function, the finances are hardly ever debated. Paradoxically, that is a good sign. It means the finances are kept in an orderly fashion, that there are no controversial financial setbacks and that reporting is done properly and transparently.

I wish to continue on that path and even further improve transparent reporting. Having been auditor in both LYMEC and IFLRY, and serving as the press officer of VVD Utrecht, I have extensive knowledge on both bookkeeping and communication. I want to put that knowledge into practice to achieve the goal that every single attendee of a LYMEC congress can easily and fully comprehend the financial reports.

Furthermore, as LYMEC is turning 40 this year, I want to start a LYMEC Alumni Network. This will serve as a platform where all the hundreds of former LYMEC bureau members, delegates and members can reunite. Based on experience in the Netherlands, an alumni network will ultimately lead to increased donorship and will generate renewed LYMEC involvement from women and men who continued their political career and have become MP's, MEP's or even ministers. This renewed involvement and the money it raises can contribute to spreading freedom and liberalism throughout Europe.

It would be a big honour for me to be your treasurer and to work with the new bureau and the member organizations to strengthen LYMEC even more. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Marijn de Pagter