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<http://www.lymec.eu/2016/04/07/keep-church-and-state-separated-and-let-women-decide-over-their-own-bodies-2/>

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2016 World Press Freedom Index – leaders paranoid about journalists | Reporters without borders

Most of the movement in the World Press Freedom Index unveiled today by Reporters Without Borders is indicative of a climate of fear and tension combined...

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26th April 2016

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9th May 2016

Europe Day is a perfect opportunity to remind ourselves that the EU was created as a project for peace, prosperity and freedom. Today, therefore, is a great day to stress the importance of free movement. The current state of border- and passport controls being reinforced at our inner borders is far from the vision the founders of the EU had for the continent.

Schengen is too good to

lose! #freemovement #EuropeDay#donttouchmySchengen #toogoodtolose



12th May 2016

LYMEC, together with other political party youth organisations, is strongly opposing the idea by the Heads of EU Member States to block the “Spitzenkandidaten” process of electing the President of the European Commission. The process of European elections determining the next President of the Commission has been a hugely positive step in empowering citizens to choose the direction of the EU, adding transparency and more democratic legitimacy to the process.

<http://www.lymec.eu/2016/05/12/young-people-demand-the-election-of-the-president-of-the-european-commission-remains-democratic/>



14th May 2016

LYMEC always stands up for equal rights and today we can combine it with a great party! Together with the liberals from Open Vld , Jong VLD, MR, Jeunes MR and ALDE Party we joined today's Pride Parade in Brussels! All over Europe it is still a long way to equality but it is great to see so many people fighting for it.

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EU Commission presidency: choosing from a legion of super candidates
Through its Spitzenkandidaten process, Europe has brought EU Commission presidency elections out from behind closed doors, placing power in the hands of...
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30th May 2016

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<http://www.lymec.eu/2016/05/30/lymec-we-need-modern-media-laws/>

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LYMEC: We need modern media laws!
The European Liberal Youth (LYMEC) calls the commission to draft modern times media laws and not to apply old concepts to modern technology.
LYMEC.EU

6th June 2016

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<http://www.lymec.eu/2016/06/06/lymecs-resolutions-approved-by-alde-council/>

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Investing in solutions for refugees/migrants and creating quality jobs for young people: Young people across Europe have been deeply affected by the migration and refugee crisis and have often been the first to act to protect human life.
LYMEC.EU

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LYMEC believes that Britain is stronger IN Europe. If you're eligible to vote in the #EUref, remember to register to vote by midnight on Thursday, and vote for Britain to remaIN in the European Union on June 23rd. Because if you believe something is broken, shouldn't you stay and fix it instead of just leaving? #INtogether #StrongerIN #TooGoodToLose

4 European Liberal Youth (LYMEC) supporting Team
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10th June 2016

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Our Economy

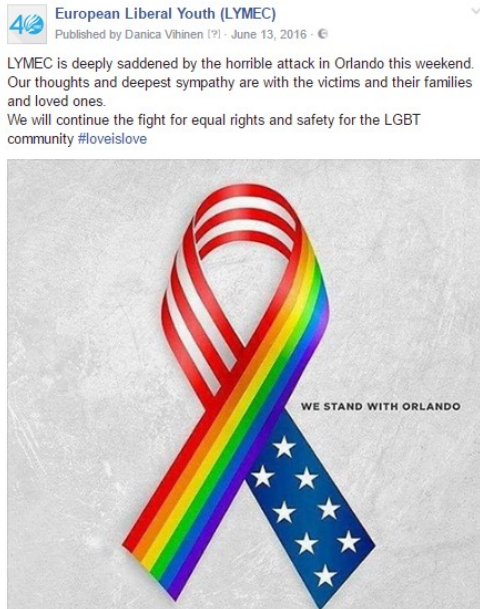
The EU is our **biggest trading partner**, taking in 44% of Britain's exports. Britain also benefits from **trade deals** the EU has negotiated with **53 other countries**. By using its considerable **influence** within the EU, Britain is able to **shape future legislation** in support of British enterprise.

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LIBERAL YOUTH

13th June 2016

LYMEC is deeply saddened by the horrible attack in Orlando this weekend. Our thoughts and deepest sympathy are with the victims and their families and loved ones. We will continue the fight for equal rights and safety for the LGBT community [#loveislove](#)



15th June 2016

The European Union provides young Brits with multiple opportunities to study or work in other EU countries, as well as visa free travel. These are just some of the many reasons to vote remaIN on June 23rd. Check the facts and make sure to stay [#INtogether](#) - because Britain is [#StrongerIN](#) and the EU is [#TooGoodToLose](#)



15th June 2016

LYMEC President [Sissel Kvist](#) and [Pauline Kastermans](#) - IFLRY President issued a joint statement calling upon the European Institutions: "This delay in the visa liberalization process is unacceptable. Georgians and Ukrainians deserve this new visa regime, having worked hard and committed living up to the requirements set by the EU. The EU has to stick to its promises, instead of pushing neighboring countries away."

<http://www.lymec.eu/2016/06/15/lymec-and-iflry-urge-european-institutions-to-immediately-proceed-with-visa-liberalizations-for-georgia-and-ukraine/>

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<http://www.lymec.eu/2016/06/24/lymec-eu-must-use-the-brexit-as-a-new-beginning/>

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LYMEC: EU must use the Brexit as a new beginning
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<http://www.lymec.eu/2016/07/16/lymec-and-iflry-joint-statement-on-the-situation-in-turkey/>

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Turkey must not stifle democracy, say EU and US

EU and US diplomacy chiefs have called for respect for the rule of law and warned against a wider crackdown and the introduction of the death penalty.

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25th July 2016

LYMEC president [Sissel Kvist](#) on the rumors about the UK getting an emergency break on migration from the EU: "The British people voted to leave the Union, and though the campaign was emotion rather than fact based, the UK and the EU have to deal with this decision. But for the sake of the future of the European Union cherry picking cannot be an option, neither to keep a state in nor to soften the way out. The EU already buckled before populist demands when it accepted a deal with Cameron that would have limited main achievements of the EU, which was bad enough giving a single member state special treatment. To grant the UK even more exemptions now, after the Leave vote, is a disgrace to the process of the European integration and everything we have struggled to achieve since the Union was founded"

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LYMEC: Cherry picking cannot be an option

The European Liberal Youth (LYMEC) condemns rumors about EU plans to allow the United Kingdom exemptions from the freedom of movement of people while retaining full access to the single market. LYMEC president [Sissel Kvist](#) states: "The British people voted to leave the Union, and though the campaign..."

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1st August 2016

LYMEC is celebrating [#EuroPride](#) by participating in the Canal Pride in Amsterdam this weekend, but also during the week by highlighting questions regarding LGBTI rights that are yet to be solved. We believe the EuroPride is a time to celebrate diversity but also an opportunity to shed light on issues where we still need progress.



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2nd August 2016

We're working for a community as diverse as the colors on the rainbow flag 🏳️🌈
This weekend we'll be at #EuroPride in Amsterdam, but we are standing up for human rights every day of the year.

Check out some the questions regarding LGBTI-rights that still need to be solved: <https://youtu.be/M5gDpaFBWuw>
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European Liberal Youth (LYMEC) added 2 new photos.

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We're working for a community as diverse as the colors on the rainbow flag



This weekend we'll be at #EuroPride in Amsterdam, but we are standing up for human rights every day of the year.

Check out some the questions regarding LGBTI-rights that still need to be solved: <https://youtu.be/M5gDpaFBWuw>

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at 📍 Europride, Amsterdam.

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Youth to leaders: Europe's biggest crisis is economic
The POLITICO Caucus polled 68 young leaders on the Continent's future.

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26th August 2016

LYMEC welcomes the ruling by the highest French administrative court, the State Council (Conseil d'Etat), that overturns the discriminating burkini prohibitions and adheres to the fundamental principles of a modern, secularized and liberal society. Those who force a woman to remove her hijab or burkini are as wrong as those who force her to put the garment on. A ban will not advance the liberation of women in Europe or elsewhere. Read more: <http://www.lymec.eu/2016/08/26/freedom-not-fines/>



7th September 2016

In cooperation with IFLRY - International Federation of Liberal Youth we are calling on our members and ALDE Group representatives in the relevant delegations dealing with Venezuela to support the opposition's protests in Venezuela. Decades of socialism have weakened the rule of law and annihilated the country's economy. What was once one of the richest nations of Latin America is now facing a humanitarian crisis of unprecedented levels. Join the campaign on 8 - 15 September to send a powerful message of unity against the Venezuelan government. [#LibertadParaVenezuela](#)



15th September 2016

Today we celebrate the International Day of Democracy. Democracy is one of the core values of the EU and the foundation the European society is built upon. Respect for the will of the people, as expressed in free and fair elections, is something we might take for granted but that many others around the world still fight for, even here in Europe. We are especially worried about the anti-democratic developments in Hungary, Poland and Russia. Today, as all other days, we stay committed to the fight for democracy and liberalism in Europe!



3rd October 2016

Hungarian PM Viktor Orbán and his governing party Fidesz were eager to legitimize their right-wing, anti-immigration and anti-EU policies in a referendum, but they failed. The turnout in Sunday's referendum in Hungary did not reach the 50 % threshold and is therefore declared invalid.

The anti-immigration agenda of the Hungarian government might have been halted for now, but the results of the referendum speak a harsh truth: over 95 % of the Hungarians that did cast their vote said no to the question: "Do you want the European Union to be able to mandate the obligatory resettlement of non-Hungarian citizens into Hungary even without the approval of the National Assembly?". Orbán has said he will use the results to renegotiate the Hungarian migration quotas even though the threshold was not met.

LYMEC wants to see a common EU asylum system and a higher level of efficiency and cross-border cooperation in order to solve the current crisis. It is clear that the EU member states have to meet the migration challenges together. The EU plan to relocate 160,000 migrants across the member states in order to relieve Greece and Italy of some of the migration pressure would mean Hungary receiving 1,294 asylum seekers.



5th October 2016

As the European Parliament prepares to discuss the Commission statement on women's rights in Poland this afternoon in Strasbourg, LYMEC joins the black protest in solidarity with the Polish women.

No government should interfere in a woman's decisions regarding her own body, and as the abortion laws in Poland are already among the most restrictive in Europe any further restraint is outrageous. Criminalizing abortions does not solve the issue, it just leads to more illegal, unsafe abortions and puts the health of women and girls in danger.

[#czarnyprotest](#) [#blackprotest](#) [#womensrights](#) [#humanrights](#)



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Free train tickets will not fix Europe - LYMEC
Free Interrail trips will fix the mobility and social cohesion problems we face in Europe? If something sounds too good to be true, it usually is. The proposal by the European People's Party (EPP), initiated by German MEP Manfred Weber, to give every European who turns 18 a free Interrail ticket, is...

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22nd October 2016

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— 😊 feeling motivated with Ashmita Krishna and 8 others.
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25th October 2016

On Saturday LYMEC President Sissel Kvist participated in the event of [European Liberal Forum](#) and [Projekt: Polska](#) "The New F Word" on the future of the EU in light of the Brexit. In the debate Sissel highlighted how it is crucial for young liberals that the EU don't compromise on the very core; the freedom of movement. Moreover EU has to deliver real solutions to the big problems such as youth unemployment and the refugee crisis, in order to win back the trust of the people. [#elfevent](#) [#liberalisingEurope](#)



9th November 2016

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LYMEC calls upon European politicians to come together to fight for European values and principles, and to strengthen the EU cooperation to safeguard our achievements both in Europe and globally. And though it might look tough, to not let the transatlantic dialogue break but to keep up the relations especially in times when it's unsure how our American partner will interact.

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/european-liberal-youth-lymec/a-historical-day-for-europe-and-usa/10154051704248730>



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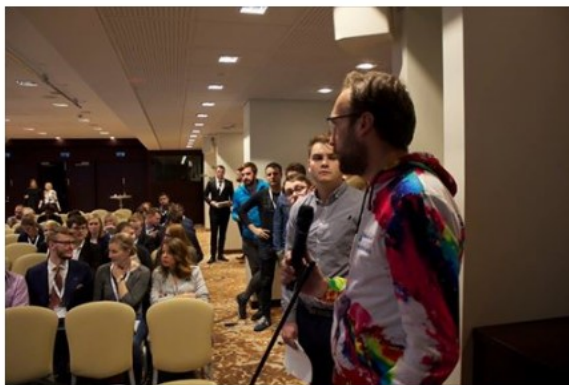


European Liberal Youth (LYMEC) added 4 new photos —

in Tallinn, Estonia.

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<http://www.lymec.eu/2016/12/06/lymec-co-signs-statement-on-the-upcoming-elections-in-macedonia/>

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Protesters block Polish parliament
Standoff was sparked by a government attempt to curb media access to parliament.

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19th December 2016

The situation in Poland is escalating. We ask for the European Commission and our leaders to stand up and ensure that freedom of speech and democratic values are safe guarded.

<http://www.lymec.eu/2016/12/17/democracy-downfall-in-poland/>



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Democracy downfall in Poland - LYMEC

LYMEC condemns the recent crackdown on transparency, democratic processes in decision-making and public access to independent news in Poland. On Friday, ruling party Law and Justice passed the annual budget, while excluding the opposition...

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