

Bureau Report

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Dear delegates and liberal fellows,

It will be a pleasure to welcome you in Berlin for our autumn Congress and to present my report as LYMEC Bureau Member. Since last time we saw each other in Sofia, I have been busy with my regional responsibilities: being present and supportive to our partners and member organizations from the area; pushing for more events on building capacity issues; facilitating the exchange of experiences and twinning projects.

First, I want to mention the ELF Seminar on <u>Transatlantic Partnerships</u> that was organized in October before the Congress in Sofia. I had the privilege and responsibility as Trainings Officer to set-up, moderate and run the event with the support of the LYMEC Office.

In November I represented LYMEC at the European Youth Forum's <u>Council of Members and Extraordinary General Assembly</u> in Portugal. Together with many young fellows from all over Europe we debated the role of young people leading global change and adopt the Policy Paper on the Future of Erasmus+, among other statutory issues.

Contributed to our young liberal victories at the <u>ALDE Party Congress</u> which took place in December, in Amsterdam. We managed to secure reelection of our MO leader from Bulgaria and MEP, Ilhan Kyuchyuk as Vice-President of ALDE Party, putted forward two resolutions that was successfully adopted and launched LYMEC Alumni Network together with IFLRY's Liberal Youth Foundation fundraising event.



In the same period, the Bureau honored me with the decision to be appointed as LYMEC representative to IFLRY, in order to ensure good communication and fruitful collaboration between the organizations and contribute to the common projects and goals. I attended the <u>General Assembly</u> & Conference of IFLRY in Beirut, where we discussed about *Migration and Open Borders* among other statutory agenda points.

Also, in that capacity I joined the IFLRY's *Fact-finding mission to Russia*, in order to follow the Presidential elections on 18th March and meet with officials and activists from St. Petersburg. Later on, I will write an article for our blog about experiences and findings during elections in Russia.

As part of my Trainings Officer's responsibilities, I moderated the discussion on what impact the electoral system has on campaigning, during the <u>ELF Seminar on European Electoral Systems</u> that took place in mid-February in Zagreb.

Finally, and still importantly, I have been working this half of the year to improve LYMEC Tool Kit that is already online on www.lymec.eu/toolkit. It has been a priority to develop an innovative organizational Toolkit based on the experiences of our member organizations. We designed it to serve both LYMEC and MO's in their organizational development, addressing several topics such as organizational structure, liberal programmatic work, motivation and recruitment of members, relationship to the mother party, finances and legal framework. It contains important information and tools for new youth political organizations, but also methods and creative ideas for organizations that strive to improve their impact on young people.



All my contribution to the Bureau's efforts during past two years, makes me confident that LYMEC has done important steps toward my belief that MO's and IMS should be well organized and act as local branches of a party, so LYMEC voice is spread and heard in all regions and countries.

Regardless that mandate is at the end, my objectives for the future will be focused on establishing the LYMEC Pool of trainers on the model of IFLRY, that should help put in practice the *Toolkit* and enable organization of more micro events on capacity building and sharing best practices among liberal fellow organizations all over the globe.

I will be happy to share more details on all of these during the Congress. Do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

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