

# Minutes LYMEC Spring Congress 2019 Brussels, Belgium 5-7 April

## Friday 05.04 - Day 1

### 1. Opening speech by LYMEC President and guests

President Svenja Hahn opened the congress and welcomed the delegates....

Ready with flags to celebrate tonight, it's a pleasure that you take some time to come here to get together with other liberal, energy, spirit of doing something together, LYMEC is what EU is like, people coming together, sharing experiences, sharing in the heart of the EU with 3 organisations hosting us, thank you Aurian, Hans and Laurent.

You deserve a round of applause, \*applause\* I'm happy as well that we have a guest with us, Mr Bart Somers, known in lib spheres as world's best mayor, Mr Somers president COR, welcome

Bart Somers, President of ALDE Group in the Committee of the Regions

Thank you, welcome in our very beautiful national HQ of Open Vld. Apparently, I have a time limit of 5-10 minutes to speak, what's very difficult but I'll do my best. Young liberals from all over Europe, I'm honoured to stand here before you. I'm 50 years old, but never there was so much need as today for liberalism.

Only our ideology can bring solutions. But our values are under pressure, we need to take up the fight. Populists from the left and right are using hate to divide and destroy our society. Only our ideology can bring real solutions. We need to stand up and fight against three main challenges.

The first challenge comes from the left: Jealousy.

Jealousy is used in society to fight those who are successful, who create jobs and prosperity. Jealousy is a trap, the idea that someone with ambition is negative is something that lives on the left side of the political spectrum. More and more taxes don't bring more welfare, it works the other way around. We should celebrate success, motivate people to be successful, but we always must look back to make sure we leave no one behind. We must fight ensuring equal opportunities for everyone. We can't fight successful people, but we should give everyone to use their creativity to build a better future.

The second challenge is more dangerous.

Populists from the right dehumanize people, but how do they do that? It's an old strategy from the left, focussing on inequality, group-thinking and making up communities, putting people into boxes to label them afterwards. They decide what it means to be part of that box, they stick a definition on it. Those boxes are like prisons, by reducing people to one identity that hasn't been defined by themselves, but by the populists. The left and right are doing this, if you have many communities but you narrow them down to one aspect to define them, then you are creating a dangerous cocktail. Like Muslims, they are being reduced to a part of their religion by some populists who put a sticker on it. In the populist's eyes that label is all there is, nothing more.

Both sides, right and left have a problem as they can't see role models in society. People who jump from the bottom of society towards university, making their own companies, businesses et cetera don't fit into the populist paradigms who turn a blind eye towards those who make our society a better place. That group-thinking is a problem, because look at me, I'm Belgian, Flemish, European, Liberal, a father, I like to read and so on. I'm also an atheist and if I would reduce myself only to that and I'd look to my neighbour as just a Muslim, then we wouldn't have anything in common. But if I look at my neighbour as a fellow citizen, a fellow father, someone who likes to read as well, then we can talk with each other, build bridges and work together for a better society.

Liberals know that, they hop from the one identity to the other. When the red devils play, I feel Belgian, when I speak about the Flemish Primitives, I feel Flemish, in New York I feel European, they don't exclude each other. Populists from the left and right put us in boxes, use leitkultur like nationalists who define how to be a good Fleming. They speak about Muslims like if they are all the same and only, we

as liberals can provide answers and resistance against them. When it comes to superdiversity, it is us who see cities as cities of citizens, where every inhabitant is unique and different, but have one thing in common: namely being a citizen of the same city. Only liberals think like that and it frees people, it re-humanizes them.

Globalisation is coming and it will stay here, but we won't use hate to divide. In our city of Mechelen we have more Muslims than Hungary! And we are safer, prouder, know less criminality and have a stronger economy than Hungary. No hate or fear, but hope and optimism, it's the only way to have an answer against populists like we see in Slovakia, with Macron in France or ourselves in our countries.

The third Challenge is our dear Europe.

Some are talking now about a Nexit, want to make a Frexit, all of that after Brexit. But how do we find answers for the challenges of today and tomorrow? We need more and a united Europe, only then we can make a difference, liberals, unite yourselves to form a powerful answer.

It is up to your generation to do this. In 2030 we'll have a laugh with the troubles of today, because there will be a better future. And we need to shape it and I know you all will do that, and I wish you the best of luck with it.

\*Leaves stage with applause\*

#### Svenja Hahn, President of LYMEC

Thank you, your speech touched me because this is what liberalism is all about. To lead people on trusting each other.

Thank you and Open Vld for hosting our congress here. And welcome Hans Maes, president of Jong VLD.

#### Hans Maes, President of Jong VLD,

Hi

Welcome to Brussels, the heart of Europe. For me this is a symbolical moment, 51 days before the EU elections I can speak to you about our dear Union. I couldn't have dreamt of this on a liberal congress 3,5 years ago on a boat towards Helsinki. For me, LYMEC is always the most awesome thing one can do.

I would like to thank Diederik Bammens and Brent Usewils for all they have done for Jong VLD. Also, many thanks to FEL and Jeunes MR.

People say Belgium is made of two democracies that are glued together. But we want to build bridges and work together, despite different languages and the fact we use English to communicate. That is the solution to our problems, more cooperation to solve problems like energy, migration, climate, Brexit, we solve those by working together.

We need an EU with more cooperation and integration, with more resilience, we need to renew Europe. When I speak about it, then it's about us, the young generation that lives the dream of their parents and grandparents. We believe in that dream and we need to fight to keep it alive. To keep alive our values against nationalists and populists who want to destroy them. This we will do the coming weekend, we will work together and when I see you, then I believe we'll succeed in doing so. Thank you very much.

#### Svenja Hahn, President of LYMEC

Thank you for your warm words, that is what LYMEC is all about. Bringing together. Also, in a country that fights within the national level they need to work together. We are building bridges so everybody can flourish.

I welcome now Aurian Delli Pizzi for Jeunes MR.

#### Aurian Delli Pizzi, International Officer of Jeunes MR,

Welcome everyone in Belgium and Brussels, the capital of the European Union. Some of you have been here more often, for some this is the first time, so enjoy your stay.

We worked together with the FEL, Jong VLD and the LYMEC bureau to make possible this result of Belgian spirit and cooperation.

Special thanks to LYMEC, that we can organize this weekend here.

We are hoping for passionate debates and that we can give you the best what we have to offer fries, beer, chocolate and amazing speakers. I hope you'll get it all together with Brussels finest.

As Jeunes MR we are proud to build together on the unity of Europe, freedom of speech. We will remember the time we went to these LYMEC congresses, it's a hobby, but we can't forget about this privilege, don't underestimate your luck and talent when you're here. Debate and disagree with each other, even when it gets passionate, we fight and make compromises, not everyone can do this like us, without hate and sanctions.

Enjoy the moment and keep fighting for this in the future  
As Jeunes MR we want to cherish this freedom and share it with you.  
Have a great congress.

Svenja Hahn, President of LYMEC

Thank you, it is a privilege indeed to be here together.

A small advertisement: you all may get a LYMEC magnetic pin for a small donation for our candidates' solidarity fund, the Freedom Fund.

And now I would like to Welcome the President of FEL, Laurent Costas.

Laurent Costas, President of FEL

Thanks, Svenja, don't worry, you are always welcome to FEL.

This won't be very long. Thanks everyone for coming to Brussels in the heart of Europe. We insist on Diversity, there are many nationalities here, only a few people know that Brussels has the greatest number of diplomats in the world. It's very important to have different nationalities working together. This is the right moment to say to populists that Europe is the solution. Many thanks to the local organisations Jong VLD and Jeunes MR who worked for delivering the event. Thank you all for being here.

Steps down

Svenja Hahn welcomes the last speaker of the night: Ville Majamaa from the European Youth Forum.

Ville Majamaa, Vice President European Youth Forum.

Makes a joke. Personal story left Finland due to national elections. Moved to another EU country, lived there and then left. He is enjoying Brussels. European Youth Forum is an umbrella organisation. We are not bounded by the EU borders. We are the first-generation worst of the past. That is mainly due to the decisions taken from our leaders. This May the future of EU will be shaped. We need to involve ourselves with campaigns etc. This is how we can make Europe more resilient and politicians accountable. We need to mobilise youth to have a saying in these elections. It is important to be around the table on the institutions. European Youth Forum exists through our member organisations and we make sure that everyone's voice is heard in the institutions. Come to the council of members next. Our Agenda includes issues such as: strategic priorities, concept, format and strategy. Therefore, they can ensure that everyone is on same page.

Steps down

Svenja Hahn thanks him for the speech. European Youth Forum is our important partner. They are driving the youth forward and bringing them together and that's needed in Europe.

Svenja Hahn officially opens the Congress.

## **2. Roll call and voting rights**

Secretary General Danica Vihinen performed the roll call and handed out the voting cards with Administrative Assistant Laurenz Van Ginneken.

There were 163 votes present.

| Organisation                                | Country          | Votes       | Opening     |
|---|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Joves Liberals d'Andorra                    | Andorra          | 3           | 3           |
| JUNOS - Junge Liberale Neos                 | Austria          | 4           | 4           |
| Jeunes Mouvement Réformateur                | Belgium          | 10          | 10          |
| Jong VLD                                    | Belgium          | 6           | 6           |
| FEL   | Belgium          | 4           | 4           |
| Youth Movement for Rights and Freedoms      | Bulgaria         | 10          | 10          |
| JNC   | Catalonia, Spain | 7           | 7           |
| Venstres Ungdom                             | Denmark          | 6           | 6           |
| Radikal Ungdom                              | Denmark          | 5           | 5           |
| Estonian Reform Party youth                 | Estonia          | 6           | 6           |
| Suomen Keskustanuoret                       | Finland          | 6           | 6           |
| Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto                  | Finland          | 3           | 3           |
| Svensk Ungdom                               | Finland          | 6           | 6           |
| Jeunes Radicaux                             | France           | 3           | 3           |
| Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen    | Germany          | 5           | 5           |
| jungeliberale                               | Germany          | 10          | 10          |
| Ógra Fianna Fáil                            | Ireland          | 8           | 8           |
| LLJ   | Lithuania        | 6           | 6           |
| Jonk Demokraten                             | Luxembourg       | 3           | 3           |
| Jonge Democraten                            | Netherlands      | 7           | 7           |
| Jongeren Organisatie Vrijheid en Democratie | Netherlands      | 6           | 6           |
| NUV   | Norway           | 5           | 5           |
| Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund               | Sweden           | 6           | 6           |
| Liberala Ungdomsförbundet                   | Sweden           | 6           | 6           |
| Jungfreisinnige Schweiz                     | Switzerland      | 6           | 6           |
| European Youth of Ukraine                   | Ukraine          | 3           | 3           |
| Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine        | Ukraine          | 3           | 3           |
| Young Liberals                              | United Kingdom   | 7           | 7           |
| IMS Tiago Dias                              | Portugal         | 1           | 1           |
| IMS Jordi Torres                            | Spain            | 1           | 1           |
| IMS Balint Gyevai                           | Belgium          | 1           | 1           |
|   | Total            | 166         | 163         |
|   | 1/3              | 55.33333333 | 54.33333333 |
|   | 1/2              | 83          | 81.5        |
|   | 2/3              | 110.6666667 | 108.6666667 |

### **3. Election of Congress chairs, secretaries and scrutineers**

President Svenja Hahn proposed Aurian Delli Pizzi (Jeunes MR), Pieter Sannen (Jong VLD) and Alexandre Servais (FEL) as Congress Chairs. The Congress accepted and the Chairs took their seats.

Pieter Sannen welcomes everyone. Proud to be here with all the Belgian young organisations.

Aurian Delli Pizzi gave general instructions

Alexander Servais presents the secretaries.

The chair Alexander Servais proposed Eleni Vasileiou and Laurenz Van Ginneken as the secretaries for the Congress. The Congress accepted.

The Chairs proposed that the Internal Auditors Erki Raja and Niklas Milthers will be the scrutineers together with Jenny Vuorenlinna, SU, Juho Kekäläinen, Keskustanuoret, Maiken Keller, Radikal Ungdom, Stéphane Mertens de Wilmars, Jong Vld. The Congress accepted.

### **4. Adoption of the agenda**

The Chair (Pieter Sannen) asked if there were any changes to the agenda as proposed by the Bureau 8 weeks before the Congress.

The SG DV proposed to move agenda point 15, the announcement of the elected ALDE Congress delegates, to after the resolutions. The congress (accepted).

Updated budget 2019 was not added in the agenda, we included it now. (DV)

### **5. Urgency of resolutions (in case of urgency resolutions handed in)**

Laia Comerma Catalayud– JNC

LYMEC should take a position on the copyright vote about articles 13 and 11 of the new copyright directive. Each member state must pour it into national legislation and adapt it. It is urgent to lobby towards the member states to revoke these articles.

VOTING:

The resolution is accepted with 9 abstentions and 6 against.

### **6. Snap vote on the order of resolutions (with presentation of resolutions)**

The chair (Aurian) explained that the order in which the resolutions are handled is determined by a snap vote. The motion on a Code of Conduct is not included in the snap vote as motions are handled before the resolutions. The chair (Aurian) invited the internal auditors to explain the voting procedure.

Erki Raja, Internal Auditor, explained the electronic voting.

Chair (Aurian) set the deadline for votes at 19:30 tonight

Presentation of the resolutions

Democracy at the doorstep - no one is coming up

POINT OF ORDER 18:11 by Marten Porte from Jong Democraten

We just had working groups, maybe we could skip the presentations of the resolutions because we already got them during the working groups.

VOTING:

The Congress accepts to skip the presentations.

## **7. Adoption of minutes from the Congress in Vilnius**

The Chair (Pieter) asked if there were any comments to the minutes from the Autumn Congress in Vilnius.

Julie Pauch Nymark (VU) asked for the floor and pointed out that she did not speak out in favour of the resolution on pink tax, as it says on page 30, but against it.

Benjamin Fievet (IMS) asked for the floor and pointed out the following:

1. Clarification. The current minutes refer to the IMS Steering Committee members as delegates. This is confusing. I suggest the changes in bold, so it reflects better what I said.

(page 15):

14. Motions and resolutions

Statutory changes

Proposal 003

Benjamin Fievet, IMS, explained that the changes were to create a Steering Committee with 2 years terms to coinciding with the Bureau terms composed of 2 elected individual members and 1 representative from the Bureau. The steering committee will be in charge of IMS organizational matters while the delegates will continue representing the IMS at congresses. The other change would allow for automatic suspension of IMS members that do not pay their memberships fees.

2. Correction. My position was wrongly recorded. I spoke against the resolution not in favour of it (page 30):

14. Motions and resolutions

Resolutions

201 "Towards the dismantlement of the Pink and Tampon Taxes"

## **8. Annual report 2018 and debate (for information)**

LYMEC President Svenja Hahn and Vice President Edgaras Mascinskas took the floor and presented the annual report.

Svenja Hahn, presented the activities from last year. They narrowed down the plan of action and created transparency. They had a clear task to make LYMEC a political respected force by promoting liberal youth's political ideas and trying to bring these in the parliament. They had held political campaign topics towards the ALDE Party. Social media communication was more politically targeted.

Edgaras Mascinskas elaborated on improving LYMEC's branding and having a professional look. There were a few issues within the bureau as they had to train certain bureau members on adapting the new communication strategy. On general they are on track with KPIs. Facebook proved to be a bit challenging as they keep changing their policies. Presented more KPIs. We are currently working on LYMEC's elections campaign. We forged a new generation of leaders through our YCA project, which we aim to continue.

Svenja Hahn took the floor and talked about strengthening LYMEC. Decided to decrease the number of events we have next year and focus more quality over quantity. We are currently getting LYMEC ready for elections. We always learn from our events, that's why is important for participants to fill the questionnaire on every event. We are also analysing the working group formats. Our political summer school and hackathon provides new formats for development. We are creating opportunities for online training.

Edgaras Mascinskas talked about IMS. Currently working with IMS to reform the section. We introduced new internal IMS rules during the last congress. The steering committee was presented. Steering committee works on strategic approach to develop the IMS. We need to improve the way we process the application but to do so we need a tool online. This kind of tool is expensive, so we are trying to get funding for it.

Svenja Hahn comments on Alumni Network. Managing to get a software for this. Fundraising for it last year and this year. We will put more energy on this after the elections.

The chairs opened the floor for questions:

Benjamin Broekhuizen -JOVD: As a former training officer, I think lots can be gained if LYMEC fulfils more a network role. Developing best practices between each other, have a look to organise something in a region and look what material they have, forging more networks.

Edgaras Mascinskas - LYMEC: We have a twinning project. We have a project with a toolkit from the former bureau, it was open and communicated to all of you. But we are looking how to bring it to you otherwise.

Daniel Karssenbergh - Jonge Democraten: Can I become a member of the alumni network?  
Svenja Hahn: Yes, but the tool isn't working properly, so we're not actively recruiting. We hope to fix it and you may subscribe then.

Daniel Karssenbergh - Jonge Democraten: Where are we with the IMS?

Edgaras Mascinskas: Danica Vihinen (SG), how much are we with the IMS?  
Danica Vihinen (SG): under 200

Edgaras Mascinskas: it is a structural issue that it's around the same number, but the steering committee is campaigning to recruit new IMS'ers. We are also trying to give IMS tools to recruit themselves, the most of them by now are recruited through mouth to mouth.

Daniel Karssenbergh - Jonge Democraten: Third question, social media: why do we have these goals?  
Svenja Hahn: If we want to create LYMEC as a political ground, then it's important to be active on social media, to show you as members that LYMEC is reliable.

Hugh James - Young Liberals: Regarding the training platform, where are you now and what do you need to get it running?

Edgaras Mascinskas: At this stage now, we have content, but we don't have a tool to put that content in a way it's accessible to everybody.

Hugh James - Young Liberals: Google cloud?

Edgaras Mascinskas: We have a free google business account, but it is very limited. We experiment with several tools and we'll look what's the best.

Daniel Karssenbergh - Jonge Democraten: Fourth question: you organised training for candidates, do you think you have established something you can use in the future?

Svenja Hahn: I am especially proud of the programme, we have some candidates here who were there, it was unique experience for us and a big task. These trainings gave us lots of respect from our partners like FNF and ELF, they are exploring to make it an annual programme, bringing leaders together in general, not just for elections. The participants were positive about this bootcamp.

Marten Porte - Jonge Democraten: compliment for the Young Changemakers Academy, it was a great step and on the article 13 campaign, it shows LYMEC can be relevant and I want to thank you for that.  
Svenja Hahn, thank you.

Chair Aurian Delli Pizzi opens the vote on the report: the report is accepted.

Practical information on snap vote was presented by Erki Raja, Internal Auditor

The snap vote result was as following:

601 Resolution on the future of our environment: climate change, pollution and looking forward to...,82

URGENCY RESOLUTION 107 Open and Free Internet,69

702 Legalisation of snus and tobacco products with flavours or certain additives,58

401 Standing behind our SMEs,57

103 The European Council. An impetus, not an obstacle.,46

203 Resolution on condemning the persecution and torture of journalists and activists,46

202 Legal protection of Whistleblowers,45

102 Defending Europe: a liberal common-sense approach to joint security,44

201 Legalize pepper spray,43

101 Democracy at the Doorstep,34

402 Cutting development aid,33

303 Secure Innovation, how to secure smart devices,32

901 The relationship with Turkey under assessment,31

105 Sunset clause on legislation,27

106 The Future of the EU Institutions,22

304 The Future isn't near, It's here: a common approach to cybersecurity,12

301 European Student Card,11

104 Resolution on the future of European unity,11

302 European University Network,10

701 Securing a sustainable future for fisheries,7

## 9. Bureau reports and debate about the reports

The chairs invited the Bureau to the floor. Svenja Hahn explained that she expects everyone to have read the reports so there will be no presentations, but we can go directly to questions.

The chairs opened the floor for questions:

Marten Porte - Jonge Democraten question for Svenja: First, congrats on your position on the FDP list \*applause\*. But I'm also interested how you will combine the life of MEP with LYMEC presidency.

Svenja Hahn: This is a relevant question, so thank you for asking this. I was asked that last year if I'd run and I never could think of running as nr 2. I want to work further for one more year, I love LYMEC and for me it wasn't only about getting this position, but out of passion. We already planned everything on forehand, I have a great team and in May Edgaras will take over many responsibilities. Thank you, my team, for backing me up. And afterwards, I don't know. I will have two full-time jobs that I love.

Marten Porte - Jonge Democraten question for Svenja: How will you deal if the position of FDP runs counter to the LYMEC position?

Svenja Hahn: Good question as well. I have myself a strong liberal positions. For example, on the question of whether I support free Interrail. The FDP said yes, I said no. I don't want Interrail to be only for a few weeks during summer. So, I have no problem differing from the party line. LYMEC has very good points.

Benjamin Broekhuizen - JOVD: We can learn a lot from IFLRY, where can we get most out of every MO, are there black holes? Can we move MOs with long standing traditions of trainers to send them out to help there and professionalise our MOs?

Svenja Hahn: We have a good cooperation with IFLRY, we exchange best practices. We're supporting



twinning, we try to visit our MO's, it's a point of finance to pay for it, but we try to visit them as much as possible.

Edgaras Mascinskas: we do have a pool of trainers and partners. We have events and we visit an MO with that and give training. But if there is need for a specific training, contact us please, we have good partners and human resources, then we'll find ways to accommodate your requests.

Deimante Rimkute: We are very open for new ideas, let's have a conversation to get to know your ideas and votes. We will work with this.

Benjamin Broekhuizen - JOVD: thanks, I'm a trainer myself and many trainers want to help and be sent out.

Lena Höglund: elaborated on applying for European Youth Foundation grant.

## **10. Secretary General report and debate about the report**

The chairs invited the SG Danica Vihinen to take the floor. Danica Vihinen assumes everyone has read the report but wanted to highlight a few things the cooperation with other youth organisations. Ex. copyright statement. With other party-political organisations. By doing this reaching out to more people. European Youth Forum, she will go to their congress next week to represent LYMEC.

The chair opened the floor for questions

There are no questions. \*applause\*

## **11. ALDE Party Congress 2018: report from delegation**

The chairs invited LYMEC Political Officer Antoaneta Asenova to present the report from the LYMEC delegation.

Antoaneta Asenova: The focus of the congress was adopting the electoral manifesto. We focused on defending amendments that are near LYMEC lines. Therefore, we worked on 2 groups on identifying non-controversial matters for LYMEC and present those. We had to do extensive research and we realised that our policy book is outdated. That's why climate resolution was tabled. We had LYMEC delegation skype meetings ahead of congress to discuss the amendments and form our political line. There were 44 amendments tabled and we participated in all working groups during congress. The delegation represented LYMEC united. Feedback was good. We have insured that we defend our policy book. Teamwork is important. Please put forward people who will commit to this.

The chair opened the floor for questions:

Kasper Jakobsen Langelund - Radikal Ungdom: I was myself at the Alde congress, the behaviour of LYMEC was professional, flexible and there was one voice that dominated the whole congress, that was LYMEC's, give them a huge applause \*huge applause\*

The chairs set the deadline for Alde Delegation at 7.30 on Friday 5.04.

The chair adjourned the meeting until 9.00 Saturday morning, and asked the delegates to remain seated for the campaign launch and the speech by Minister Sophie Wilmès.

## **SATURDAY 6.4 - DAY 2**

The chairs called for order and opened the meeting and gave the floor to the SG for the roll call.

DV took the floor and performed the roll call. There were 157 votes present.

INSERT ROLL CALL

| Organisation                                | Country          | Roll call Saturday 9:15 |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|
| Joves Liberals d'Andorra                    | Andorra          | 3                       |
| JUNOS - Junge Liberale Neos                 | Austria          | 4                       |
| Jeunes Mouvement Réformateur                | Belgium          | 10                      |
| Jong VLD                                    | Belgium          | 6                       |
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| JNC   | Catalonia, Spain | 7                       |
| Venstres Ungdom                             | Denmark          | 6                       |
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| Suomen Keskustanuoret                       | Finland          | 6                       |
| Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto                  | Finland          | 3                       |
| Svensk Ungdom                               | Finland          | 6                       |
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| Jonk Demokraten                             | Luxembourg       | 0                       |
| Jonge Democraten                            | Netherlands      | 7                       |
| Jongeren Organisatie Vrijheid en Democratie | Netherlands      | 6                       |
| NUV   | Norway           | 5                       |
| Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund               | Sweden           | 6                       |
| Liberala Ungdomsförbundet                   | Sweden           | 6                       |
| Jungfreisinnige Schweiz                     | Switzerland      | 6                       |
| European Youth of Ukraine                   | Ukraine          | 3                       |
| Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine        | Ukraine          | 3                       |
| Young Liberals                              | United Kingdom   | 7                       |
| IMS Tiago Dias                              | Portugal         | 1                       |
| IMS Jordi Torres                            | Spain            | 1                       |

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|-------------------|---------|-------------|
| IMS Balint Gyevai | Belgium | 1           |
|                   | Total   | 160         |
|                   | 1/3     | 53.33333333 |
|                   | 1/2     | 80          |
|                   | 2/3     | 106.6666667 |

YDE President Begoña Garteizurrecoa:

Thank you for inviting me here. It is important to maintain the contacts between us. It's important and interesting for your commitment during your congresses and in your resolutions. You all are inspiring. I told Svenja yesterday it's exciting that she's participating in the coming elections. Giving floor to youth, freedom and respect are our most important values and I am sure you (Svenja) will bring them into the European parliament.

So, thank you again for inviting me and I'm looking forward for the congress.

## 12. Finances

### a) Financial report for 2018

The chairs invite LYMEC Treasurer Lena Höglund to take the floor to present the finances.

Lena Höglund - treasurer LYMEC: Thank you so much Pieter, Alexandre and Aurian.

I'll present the financial report for 2018, with the internal audit and an updated budget for this year. We have a new auditor and new people bring changes with them. We had many new events at the end of 2018, so the closing of our book year took a lot of time to finish.

\*\*\*Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine delegation came in at 9:24, they were added to the roll call (3 votes) \*\*\*

At the beginning of this year it looked like there would be a deficit of over 6.000 euro. In 2017 we had a loss of 2300 euro, but we have managed to make many cuts, the European Commission didn't pay the whole sum of last part of the Erasmus Grant because there was a dispute if we had enough statutory events. The commission said no, we said yes because the events are in our statutes. At the end it generated a loss of 7.000 euro, but this year we got the whole grant of 50.000 euro. In addition, there was the cost of our new visual identity, what caused a deficit of 16.500 euro. We didn't apply for the EYF grant in the past months because it's not a regular application for us. But the new deadlines are known, and I have applied last week. The reason why we are applying for the EYF grant now, it to have as a structural financial income.

In the report you all can find the recommendations from the external auditor, we have paid off all debts and the final, positive results from 2017 aren't in our current balance. Because that would be wrong, you don't take last year's profit and loss statement to put it in the next year, it's only in the balance sheet of our own equity. We've ended the year at almost €56.000.

1/3 of the costs equity, so if there would happen something bad, we'd still be able to pay for it or you always need to be sure you're able to pay 2/3 of the employment costs so you'd always be able to pay for the employees.

We have some unpaid membership fees. Some can't pay it, another problem is the change of people in the organisations without letting us know it, causing trouble to contact them. The debts have been taken care of, because we've solved most of them during the past Autumn Congress. We doubled the fundraising effort from 400 to 800, although our target was higher. So, we are taking measures to get those numbers up even more.

Are there questions?

Benjamin Broekhuizen - JOVD: Thank you for your presentation. The figures are clear, and we know how you got towards your results. I only have one small remark. It's not my first congress, but it has been some time since my last one. I didn't know the EYF fund was a onetime deal, so I would like to ask the question if there are other possibilities.

Rutger De Ridder - JOVD: We spend a lot of money on events and that is very good. But I have two questions about the visual identity. It was budgeted at € 2.000 and then it turned out to be €13.000. How did this spending work and what's the reason for the enlargement of this budget?  
Second Question, we see the report, but we can't see how the money was spent, we see the amounts but not the destination, is that normal?

Lena Höglund - Treasurer LYMEC: We have never given as much details as now, but we can only show the money that has passed our accounts. That is why I made a list of the budgets we get from ELF, but I can't show how what ELF has paid in our report, because that money didn't pass our accounts. That is ELF's budget, not ours.  
About the visual identity, the original budget was € 2.000, but it was very difficult to estimate the costs at the beginning of the year.

Danica Vihinen - Secretary General LYMEC: It wasn't in the original budget because it was not foreseen. In 2017 there was a surplus, so we had to use the next year and we chose to invest it into something we wanted to do for a long time. The surplus was around €7.000, we went over that, but as an association without lucrative purpose (vzw/asbl) we need to look out with building up surpluses year after year, that could become a difficulty for the European Commission.

Lena Höglund - Treasurer LYMEC: This had to be finished in 2017, but we weren't satisfied with the offers, so we looked further because it had to be on point and good for the European Elections.

Tiago Dias - IMS: What measures will be taken with Mlade LDP's debts?

Lena Höglund - Treasurer LYMEC: their payment plan has been made in Vilnius, they have a debt of € 850 and they will pay it over the time period of a couple of years. The payment plan has been made over to their new leadership, but I'm still waiting for a response. They didn't pay their sum last year, so now we are looking at how to reach them.

Marten Porte - Jonge Democraten: It's good to hear that the EYF grant has been finalised. But why wasn't it in the budget of 2018 and is it in the budget for 2019? And if so, how much can it be?

Lena Höglund - Treasurer LYMEC: The deal works as following, for a structural fund, we need to organise 3 international activities. What we now need to do is additional to our international activities or study sessions to meet the deadline in October 2021. The difference about not applying then but applying now is that the application period in autumn 2018 is about next autumn in 2019, so it is difficult and improbable that we would get 3 EYF activities between June and November 2018. The effect doesn't seem to be big, but realistically speaking, we couldn't make it. The former LYMEC legislature should have asked for it so that we could have it now.

There are no more questions, the voting about the financial report is open.

Accepted unanimously.

**b) Financial report January – March 2019 (for information)**

After the elections we will know the budget for the autumn congress. In order to secure less spending, we already paid the hotel and confirmed the venue. ELF funding allowed us to make more events. Two FNF seminars, we only pay for 2 speakers. 17 MO's fees pending. We continue with the fundraising. EYF application concluded.

No questions

**c) Updated 2019 budget**

What changes is that the EYF grant hasn't been applied for, so we took it out. Money that doesn't pass our accounts, is also taken out of our budget because of legal issues. The extra ALDE congress also caused an additional expenditure. There is good news as well, because of sponsors and good deals, we have saved money on this congress. The updated budget has been approved by 3 abstains.

**d) Requests for reduced membership fee and payment plans**

Lena Höglund - treasurer LYMEC: I advise the chairs to handle the requests one by one and if there are questions to ask them separately by organisation. No questions? Then I suggest approving this way of handling the requests.

\*\*\*Congress approves\*\*\*

I suggest discussing the topic about associate members. Full members can get payment plans with reductions in member fees and debts, associate members don't have that right as determined by our statutes (article 19). Associate Members do need to pay the full amount of € 175. In the past congress has allowed it once, but the bureau suggests against it out of principle. Membership fees are the most important source of income, because LYMEC is totally free to spend it how we want to. Besides that, LYMEC sometimes needs to own its own capital in order to apply for some funds and project.

One organisation was constructive to provide us with a payment plan and to see how to work together to bring everything to a good end.

Mlodzi Nowoczesni didn't do that, but we hoped they would have been as constructive.

Natalia Grammenos - Young liberals Greece: We withdraw our request for a reduced fee, because we got a message just minutes ago that we will receive project funding. So, we won't need a reduced fee anymore, but we are grateful you wanted to consider it.

\*\*\*applause\*\*\*

• *Civil Forum Belarus: 204,44 € APPLYING FOR: 40 €*

Bureau gives positive advice

Approved

• *Lietuvos Liberalus Jaunimas: 330,44 € APPLYING FOR: 200 €*

Bureau gives positive advice

Approved

• *Mladi Liberali Bosne i Hercegovine: 206 € APPLYING FOR: 10 €*

Bureau gives positive advice

Approved

• *European Youth of Ukraine: 206 € APPLYING FOR: 50 €*

Bureau gives positive advice

Approved

• *Young Liberals of Greece: 175 € APPLYING FOR: 75 €*

This request has been withdrawn

• *Nowoczesna Youth: 175 € APPLYING FOR: 0 €*

Bureau gives a negative advice, they are an associate member.

The reduction has been rejected.

Applications for Payment Plans

• *Nowoczesna Youth: € 350 unpaid*

Bureau advises to vote in favour of a payment plan where the applicant needs to pay off a yearly minimum of € 50 starting from 2019 until the debt has been paid for. Nowoczesna Youth hasn't replied though.

Accepted.

• *Lietuvos Liberalus Jaunimas: € 240 unpaid*

Bureau advises to vote in favour of the payment plan that states the sum to be paid off by the end of

2019.  
Accepted.

Lena Höglund leaves the podium.

**e) Internal Auditors' report (for information)**

The chairs invited the internal auditors Erki Raja and Niklas Milthers to take the floor and present their report.

Niklas Milthers: I have a few recommendations to make, it would be better to finish a report before we start our work. A second recommendation is to close the books before the audit. We do get it was difficult now because the external auditor was ill. A third remark is that the budget has been fairly exceeded. If we would have known on forehand this was done with the surplus of 2017, then it would have been more transparent for us.

Prior reports: the bookkeeping software is good, E-voting is going well, and the Bureau got much better in bringing in IMS and MO fees, we are happy with their work

Lena Höglund - treasurer LYMEC: The idea for the extra spending was for a new visual identity, it cost 9000 and we had 8500 from 2017.

I don't want to make some decisions on my own because it's not my decision, we made bureau decisions that new organisations must pay per month, not like when the treasurer wants it.

We have a new external auditor. I asked him the question to close the books, but I always got an answer that he needed more attachments and information. But this will get better in the future after the auditor will get to know LYMEC better.

**13. Membership issues**

The chairs explained how the membership presentations will work: first the organisation gets to give a presentation, followed by time for questions and answers. After that the applicant organisation, as well as all other non-members, are asked to leave the room for the bureau to present its recommendation and to give the members a possibility to have an internal deliberation and vote.

**a. Applications for Associate Membership**

The chairs invited Jóvenes Ciudadanos to present their organisation.

Laia Garrido, Jorge Viñuelas

Video plays.

Jorge Vinuelas - JCS: JCs born in 2017. And have expanded. Training through the activities, public speaking, round tables to take it to the real policies. 3 policy areas: integrated and efficient Europe, fighting populism and nationalism, criticizing EU non functionalities. Adapt new technologies into education. Stand for freedom, open markets and open societies.

Laia Garrido - JCS: we are here to fight together with LYMEC to fight for the Europe we want. Thank you during this two years you helped us. We met new organisations and come together at congresses, exchange with other organisations and created a survey. Examples of things that we did together.

What are we going to contribute? Support the voice of LYMEC, Ciudadanos have strong representation in institutions that LYMEC can use to make our voices heard. Practical projects to change and reform policies in Europe. Ex climate change is an issue, create a transnational campaign to show that climate change affects every country.

Thank you

Questions:

Marten Porte - JD: what gives youth organisations is a critical view of the mother party. What do you criticize from you mother party?

Jorge Vinueclas - JCS: We are inside and taking part in the workings of our mother party, so we can give our views directly. They know our problems and questions, so we're not only critical, we work proactive to obtain stronger positions in, for example: climate change. We have our channels and we use them.

Benjamin Fievet - IMS: How do you see working together with JNC? How will this affect LYMEC?

Laia Garrido - JCS: Thank you for the question. We know there are concerns about this. It was hard two years ago, but we worked to see what brings us together on European level instead of focussing on what takes us apart. Major steps have been taken and we would like to thank this and the former LYMEC bureau and all the organisations to search for consensus so we could build on it. We come to LYMEC to talk about Europe. As a Catalanian myself, I would like to ask the other Catalanians to support us so we can work and fight together for a better Europe

Jenny Vuorenlinna - Svensk Ungdom: I have a question about gender inequality and violence. What's your position on that and how do you fight in practice extremist voices in Spain?

Jorge Vinueclas - JCS: We are clear that we don't diverge on gender equality, open society and environment, that is a red line for us. That are fundamental civil liberties and those are not renounceable.

Laia Comerma Calatayud - JNC: Will you always oppose any sort of deal, whether official or de facto, with Vox anywhere in Spain?

Jorge Vinueclas - JCS: We have a strong position on that. We have a government with the conservative parties, and it is a liberal programme with civil freedoms, open markets et cetera. We opposed some measures that would go against our principles. It was the first chance to change the policy after 40 years of socialists, but we won't give up our principles. That is our strategy

Laia Comerma Calatayud - JNC: Do you agree with the reasons your mother party has given to avoid officially condemning Francoism and de-Francizing the public space in Spain?

Jorge Vinueclas - JCS: That is not true. There were resolutions in parliament where our mother party has clearly condemned Francoism. Also, with the monuments, we want to legally change it to a place of commemoration, not like the current government who wants to get everything out, we want to really transform the places into sites of commemoration.

Laia Comerma Calatayud - JNC: Do you condemn the scenes of police violence seen on 1 October 2017 in Catalonia and documented by leading international journalists?

Laia Garrido - JCS: Yes, we do condemn violence against civil society, we need to discuss and debate difficult topics in parliament, and we don't support street violence.

Laia Comerma Calatayud - JNC: Is your youth organisation willing to accept migrants and adopt a more open policy?

Laia Garrido - JCS: Yes, we need to show solidarity with other countries in the world. We need a European answer, it can't be that only southern countries in Europe have the bourdon to provide provisions and a new life for migrants. Other countries need to cooperate, migration is an opportunity for our continent. We believe in an open Europe.

Laia Comerma Calatayud - JNC: Ciudadanos has called several times for legislation that would give the government the right to block access to social media without a court warrant if it believes there are civil disturbances. Do you agree with this and, if so, how do you square that with the necessary balance between liberty and security?

Jorge Vinueclas - JCS: We stand for freedom, also on the internet and all our policies about press freedom is something we should be proud of.

VOTING RESULTS: approved by a 2/3 majority

Laia Garrido - JCS: thanks, the Congress.

**10:45 - coffee break**

**11:35 - start with roll call 163 votes in the room**

| Organisation                                | Country          | Roll call Saturday 9:15 |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|
| Joves Liberals d'Andorra                    | Andorra          | 3                       |
| JUNOS - Junge Liberale Neos                 | Austria          | 4                       |
| Jeunes Mouvement Réformateur                | Belgium          | 10                      |
| Jong VLD                                    | Belgium          | 6                       |
| FEL   | Belgium          | 4                       |
| Youth Movement for Rights and Freedoms      | Bulgaria         | 10                      |
| JNC   | Catalonia, Spain | 7                       |
| Venstres Ungdom                             | Denmark          | 6                       |
| Radikal Ungdom                              | Denmark          | 5                       |
| Estonian Reform Party youth                 | Estonia          | 6                       |
| Suomen Keskustanuoret                       | Finland          | 6                       |
| Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto                  | Finland          | 3                       |
| Svensk Ungdom                               | Finland          | 6                       |
| Jeunes Radicaux                             | France           | 3                       |
| Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen    | Germany          | 5                       |
| Jungliberale                                | Germany          | 10                      |
| Ógra Fianna Fáil                            | Ireland          | 8                       |
| LLJ   | Lithuania        | 6                       |
| Jonk Demokraten                             | Luxembourg       | 3                       |
| Jonge Democraten                            | Netherlands      | 7                       |
| Jongeren Organisatie Vrijheid en Democratie | Netherlands      | 6                       |
| NUV   | Norway           | 5                       |
| Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund               | Sweden           | 6                       |
| Liberala Ungdomsförbundet                   | Sweden           | 6                       |
| Jungfreisinnige Schweiz                     | Switzerland      | 6                       |
| European Youth of Ukraine                   | Ukraine          | 3                       |
| Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine        | Ukraine          | 3                       |



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|-------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Young Liberals    | United Kingdom | 7           |
| IMS Tiago Dias    | Portugal       | 1           |
| IMS Jordi Torres  | Spain          | 1           |
| IMS Balint Gyevai | Belgium        | 1           |
|                   | Total          | 163         |
|                   | 1/3            | 54.33333333 |
|                   | 1/2            | 54.33333333 |
|                   | 2/3            | 108.6666667 |

The chairs invited Uppreisn to present their organisation

Starri Reynisson, Kolfinna Tómasdóttir

Starri: Our ideology has 3 main pillars: freedom, equal rights and an open society

Kolfinna: Iceland had enough of the old-styled politics. It had enough no one was doing something against it, so we decided to do exactly that and that's how we were founded on the 24th of May 2016. A few young people met in a bar to think about the future and it's an honor to stand here myself and apply for LYMEC. We are 4 days older than our mother-party. We have already been in opposition and in the government the past 3 years.

Starri: we are active on social media defending and propagating our values. They say I'm on the payroll of Soros (laughter and applause). The political right declares us to be more dangerous than immigrants (applause).

Kolfinna: Every Wednesday of the month we meet each other to discuss and we also organise trainings.

Sterri: we're on the candidates lists of our mother party, we have deputy MP's and we were called to parliament. All parliamentary assistants are also from our youth organisation, so we have direct access to the parliament and information. Regularly we're organising fundraising activities, we have a deal with our mother party as well. We're working at their events and campaigns and then we get paid for that. Another revenue is our promotional material that we sell.

We hope you accept our application so we can both build a better future for Iceland and the whole Europe.

Questions:

Benjamin Broekhuizen - JOVD: It is impressive what you have done till now, but can I ask what your name and mother parties name means?

Sterri: The easiest translation is 'Reform', Uppreisn is to rebel.

Marina: IMS, about the finances, you have membership fees, sales and merchandising, do you have a reliable source of financing?

Sterri: Yes, we have a deal with our mother party, so it's quite a bit.

Bàlint Gyévai, IMS: What is your stand on Iceland joining the EU and what are your actions?

Rémi Guastalli, Jeunes Radicaux added: If you are not in favour, in what would be the framework for cooperation between the EU and Iceland?

Sterri: we are very strong in favour (applause) and I am myself on board on one of the biggest pro EU lobby groups in Iceland.

Marten Porte, JD: Do you have a political programme apart from your Mother party? What are the points where you differ?

Sterri: yes, we have worked 3 months to enlarge it. An issue we disagree upon are the domestic flight subsidies, where the elder want to increase the subsidies where we want them lower or even abolish them. Another point we disagree upon is the inheritance tax.

Kolfinna: We are also working on new perspectives.

Tiago Dias, IMS: I appreciate that you have a classical approach, but how do you stand on LGBT Rights?

Sterri: We are pro, full supporters. And one of our active members is also the owner of one of the biggest LGBTIQ clubs of Iceland.

VOTING RESULTS: approved by a 2/3 majority.

ACCEPTED

The chairs invited the representatives of the New Party Youth Forum to present their organisation Marko Zivkovic, Uros Elekovic

Uros:

I am Uros Elekovic, President of the NEW party's Youth Forum. The Youth Forum is a voluntary youth liberal organization that gathers members of the NEW party age 18 to 30.

This Forum, just like the NEW party itself, was created in response to the populist policy led by the current government in our country. For decades, Serbia has been run by lousy politicians. After 45 years of communism and socialism, decades of nationalism, with a moment of changes, Serbia is currently in a situation where the most important issues concerning our future are being made by corrupted, uneducated and incompetent bunch.

We want Serbia to become a modern and regulatory state and the only way to accomplish such thing is through responsible and pro-European policy.

Our vision of Serbia is to become a country of freedom. Free market, free media as well as the freedom of speech, human rights, national minorities' rights and LGBT people's rights.

We are not interested in collecting political points and making empty populist promises. We want to present an alternative, a modern, liberal, pro-European policy. And that's where we hope we will get your advices and support, as we are ready to offer the same.

NEW party is one of few parties from the former Yugoslavia territory that is intensely working on co-operation with related parties from the region. Currently, we have signed agreements on co-operation with Youth Party that is part of Liberal Democratic party from Northern Macedonia, with Young liberals of Montenegro as well as the Youth Forum of Our party from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

When it comes to Serbia, there is another liberal party named Liberal Democratic party whose young members are part of LYMEC. At the moment, we are not cooperating with them and it is not quite certain

if we ever will, since we have chosen different paths. They support current government and president Aleksandar Vucic, yet we believe that collaboration with this regime is not possible.

Thank you for your attention and I hope that in the near future, we will be able to work together. My colleague and I are open to all your questions.

Questions

Marten Porte - JD: tell me something about the relationship between you and the mother party  
Uros Elekovic - New Party Youth Forum: good relationship with our mother party. We are more liberal, and they are more social liberal. And we have 3 youths in the party board.

Laia Comerma Calatayud - JNC : where do you stand on in self-determination.

Markos Zivkovic - New Party Youth Forum: not worried about Kosovo, we are worried about the conditions of the people living there

Anouk van Brug - JOVD: how are you different from others in central and eastern Europe who are failing on maintaining the existence. So how do you assure your financial health/?

Marko Zivkovic - New Party Youth Forum : the mother party will contribute financially.

VOTING RESULTS: approved by a 2/3 majority

Markos Zivkovic - New Party Youth Forum: thank you for accepting us and letting us fight like a liberal!

## **b. Applications for Full Membership**

The chairs invited the representatives of Mladé ANO to present their organisation  
Marketa Plesnikova, Jiri Till

Jiri Till - Mlade ANO: Two years ago, we applied for associate members. They had two main elections / local / national and was quite tough. The main point is that they are here because hate speech is rising, and fake news and they are fighting against it. So, the participation in LYMEC is crucial as people in Czechia were used to communism and they want to set an example how liberal ideas can be implemented in Czech Republic.

Independent youth organisation their mother party is ruling party. They cooperate with ANO but their independent. They were founded in 2015. They have 110 members. She explained the internal structure. Now they cooperate with local leaders. Working groups, 2 of them. Part of Youth, Speak Up project. Cooperation with initiative Jmse fér (on same sex marriage. Andrej Babis prime minister chairman of ANO, they differentiate from him and the party line. They will make sure that liberalism will prevail in Czech Republic. Funding through E+, FNF and other sources.

Questions:

Ines Holzegger - JUNOS, what your real relationship is with the mother party? In which areas you disagree and why?

Marketa Plesnikova - Mlade ANO: we have a contract, helping them in a campaign, but mostly on regional level. With a few persons from the party. Our legal status is that we are independent, we are connected in name and logo, we even have voices to change it.

We disagree on pensions, left-wing things that government is doing, we are against the cumulation of mandates in our mother party. And student discounts for trains (75%) we are against it (also seniors). The government wanted to have support once from extreme parties and the communists with the minority government and behind the scenes we had impact

Benjamin Broekhuizen - JOVD: what do you think on the adoption of the euro, what are your thoughts for deepening the relationship with the EU? Where do you stand?

Marketa Plesnikova - Mlade Ano: We want to organize a round table about the Euro. Most of our members agree to adapt the euro, we are a part of the EU, so we need to integrate further and take it. We should move forward

Jiri Till - Mlade ANO: opinion in CZ is divided. Like in post-communist countries, people born after the 90s and revolutions are pro, but elder people don't understand it always. It is crucial for young people to be heard, we don't want things to happen like in Great Britain.

Nicholo Branchesi - Svensk Ungdom: How do you differ on the value aspect from your mother party?  
Marketa Plesnikova - Mlade ANO: we are pushing the liberal values more and more. We are trying to push it. There is no difference, ALDE isn't like defined by liberal values now, we want to push it

Jiri Till - Mlade ANO: When mlade ano was established in 2015, it was 95% same content as ano, but then we had a discussion about the name, mlade ano or mlane liberalne, but in the past years, after a coalition with the social democrats they shifted to the left (ano) and we want to push them to go back centre right.

Balint Gyevai - IMS: how realistic is changing the agenda of ANO?

Marketa Plesnikova - Mlade ANO: we have a real chance, we are pushing our ideas in the youth speak up project, in cooperation with MP's also from ANO, pushing from the inside and outside 3-4 people from mlade ano are in the board of ANO so it is possible

Rutger de Ridder - JOVD: why do you want to be a full member at this stage?

Marketa Plesnikova - Mlade ANO: LYMEC can help us after the communist regime, if we become full members, then it also gives us credential in the Czech Republic etc

Victor G. Marki - JULIS: how is it compatible with liberal values to support your president?

Marketa Plesnikova - Mlade ANO: we as mlade ano we are NOT supporting our president, we were asked to show support, but we didn't do it.

Bas Steendam - JD: how are you independent when you say at your statutes that the purpose of Mlade Ano is to cooperate closely with the political movement ANO 2011 (ANO), whose program you follow.

Marketa Plesnikova - Mlade Ano: these are old statutes, the specific line is scrapped, so it is out.

Jiri Till - Mlade ANO: in CZ we need court approval for new statutes so it's a matter of time until we get these approved

Marten Porte - JD : What are your views and what are you doing on migration, rule of law and democracy?

Marketa Plesnikova - Mlade Ano: we have a memorandum with liberal groups from Visegrad group and Baltics, we reject the current developments in Hungary and Poland, we should show more support to our partners in the EU.

Andras Sztanef - Momentum TizenX: how do you distance yourselves actively from the youth organisations of EPP and conservatives within the Visegrad Group?

Marketa Plesnikova - Mlade ANO: we are not active on this, but we are thinking of round tables of presented the ideas, it is a hard topic because of the president, and we asked the party president to support our view.

VOTING RESULTS: approved by a 2/3 majority

Marketa: thank you, this helps us so much for the fight for a liberal future in the Czech Republic and Europe.

**ALDE delegation candidates:**

Laia Comerma Catalayud, JNC  
Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC Bureau  
Anouk van Brug, JOVD  
Andre Gruber, JUNOS  
Franziska Brandmann, JuLis  
Marina Sedlo IMS  
Tanzer Yuseinov, YMRF  
Andras Sztaneff, IMS  
Terese Skutaite, LLJ  
Malthe Rugberg, RU  
Anna Komziuk, LDLU  
Ciara Campbell, YL  
Gaspar Shabad, ERPY  
John de Coster, FEL  
Rebecca Hovgaard, VU  
Tiago Dias, IMS  
Julien Dupont, JR

DEADLINE ONLINE VOTING delegation: 16:00

### **c. Suspensions**

There is a suggestion by the Bureau to suspend LiFT.  
Agreed.

ANC youth hasn't been heard of for a long time, so the Bureau suggests suspending them.  
Agreed.

### **d. Disaffiliations**

There is a lack of communication with the Young Republicans of Georgia, it is not sure what their future will bring. So, there is a proposal for a disaffiliation.  
Agreed.

Projekt Polska has turned itself into a think tank. We have come to an agreement to disaffiliate their membership.  
Agreed.

### **16.1 Code of conduct**

Svenja Hahn: it would be handy as a credible organization to create an atmosphere where everyone is welcomed in, be an organization to make everyone feel good, so code of conduct to make sure of that.

No questions or comments

Amendments:

First Amendment - withdrawn.

Second amendment:

SU they believe that gender identity cannot be included as it is different from sexual orientation  
RESULT: The bureau accepts the amendment

Third amendment Sevim Musak - YMRF .

Not only if you're subject of inappropriate behaviour but if you see someone else that is, then you can tell it to the bureau.

RESULT: The bureau accepts the amendment

THE whole resolution:  
No speakers

VOTING:  
In favour: 98%  
Against:  
Abstain: 2 percent

## RESOLUTIONS

601 - Resolution on the future of our environment: climate change, pollution and looking forward to...

Antoaneta Asenova - LYMEC: Our policy book is outdated, it is a shame we don't have an updated version in these times with the climate marches et cetera. So that is why we urge to work on this and include it in the policy book.

John De Coster - FEL: in favour. High quality of work and policy officer deserves the credit  
Tiago Dias - IMS in favour: climate change is happening, and we need to act. This resolution makes a bold engagement for a concrete liberal policy.

Pieter Sannen - Chair: we had working groups yesterday, so if you're against then don't come in on every small change because we haven't had too much time and it was handled already in those working groups.

Brent Usewils - Jong VLD: amendment on references

Antoaneta Asenova - LYMEC: I needed to bring this to congress so that organisations have access to all the data that we had were available

Brent Usewils - Jong VLD withdrawn the amendment

Franziska Brandmann -Julis: brings back the resolution - believes that our policy in general is already scientific - research based

Kasper Langelund Jakobsen - Radical Ungdom: vote this down, sources are amazing, those who are interested in this topic, then you want to see where this data is coming from. Here we have proven on why we want to do it, how we want to do it, because it's good as it is

Benjamin Broekhuizen - JOVD: don't vote for this amendment, you don't want to have all resolutions with sources, sources are great if you have them, it's evidence for your proposed resolution. Maybe don't make footnotes, but include them as endnotes. So, it won't look cloggy.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: 51%  
AGAINST: 41%  
ABSTAIN: 7%

Accepted.

The next amendment is accepted

Amendment from Tiago Dias isn't accepted (page 27 line 11 that he refers to doesn't exist).

**POINT OF ORDER:** Benjamin Broekhuizen - JOVD: if this was to be allowed, then you have a loophole to send in new amendments after deadlines

SG makes a procedural comment.

POINT OF ORDER: Julie Pauch Nymark - VU: speak closer to the mic because we are not listening in the back of the room.

Junos amendment - accepted by bureau

Junos amendment two: 54% YES, 32% NO, 14% Abstention - accepted

- Amendment by Tiago is withdrawn

- Amendment by Junos and amendment to amendment  
Bureau accepts this amendment with the change of words.

Victor G. Marki - JULIS : it's not a liberal amendment because we need to leave people free to decide/

Ines Holzegger - JUNOS: we are not forcing anyone, we are trying to promote it, when it comes to environmental themes. When it comes to renewable energy, environment etc, then it is not only about us but also about the future. I believe this is liberal and I urge to vote in favour.

VOTING: IN FAVOR: 68%, AGAINST: 24%, ABSTAIN: 8% accepted

POINT OF ORDER: Marina Sedlo IMS- can we vote with showing hands, because it takes too much time digitally.

Chair: The counting takes time as well.

- amendment about the word promote: voted  
In Favour: 83%  
Against: 12%  
Abstain: 5%

Amendment: Ines Holzegger - JUNOS: amendment to amendment, we want to change it, change intensive with extensive.

### **POINT of ORDER**

Ian Woods - Ogra Fianna Fail: Can you propose an amendment to amendment that changes the meaning of the amendment

Benjamin Broekhuizen - JOVD: can an amendment on the amendment change the original amendment completely?  
DV: YES

Benjamin Broekhuizen - JOVD: speaks against I would like to argue against both parts, the intensifying, is environmentally speaking less polluting. It's more efficient, but you have objections to it starting from animal welfare. The phrasing isn't very well. Vote it away

Ines Holzegger - JUNOS: speaks in favour subsidies should be targeted towards the goal. There are harming the environment and contribute greenhouse gases.

Ian Woods - Ogra Fianna Fail: against both motions, I feel like junos is using this to attack European agricultural subsidies. It's even against subsidies to make the industry greener, we need to promote green policy, and this is the way.

Stephane Mertens de Wilmars - Jong VLD: one in favour one against and then voting. because we're falling in a loop.

Michael Agostini - Jonk Demokraten speaks in favour. We need to lower the percentage of milk and decrease intensive livestock will reduce the greenhouse gases

Peter Caulfield - Ogra Fianna Fail: specific nature in the phrasing is misleading, many specific climates and countries have ways to make production more efficient, we should leave countries to let them achieve environmentally friendly industry in their own way. This risks

**POINT OF ORDER:**

Laia Comerma Calatayud - JNC : Can we reduce speaker time to one minute?

VOTE:

In Favour: 24%

Against: 49%

Abstain: 0%

Pieter Sannen - Chair: chairs changed the voting to by hand for amendments unless it seems like a close call, the rest will be digitally

Julie Pauch Nymark - VU: The European Union should not force Member States to spend a specific amount of money.

Antoaneta Asenova - LYMEC: We did this: explains; it is up to congress to decide but our resolution is based on facts and research.

Marten Porte - JD speaks in favour there are some countries that are already more sustainable than others and cannot be forced to pay the same amount with countries that are not efficient.

Julie Pauch Nymark - VU: speaks in favour: goal is not to spend money but to be effective. So that should be

**POINT OF ORDER**

Benjamin Broekhuizen - JOVD: open the digital vote from the moment the amendment is on screen. So, we can safe time

Pieter Sannen - Chair: but if it gets withdrawn or something. So, the chairs decide not to follow this.

Vote:

76% in favour

14% against

10% abstain

Accepted

Tiago Dias - IMS: amendment to amendment

No speakers, bureau Antoaneta Asenova: thinks it's not in line with the text anymore

**POINT OF ORDER:**

Laia Comerma Catalayud- JNC: this should fall after the previous amendment.

VOTING

In favour: 21



Against:60  
Abstain:19

- amendment from Junos, insertion and mandatory carbon-budgeting  
Ines Holzegger on behalf of JUNOS wants to withdraw this amendment and the next one

Marten Porte - JD: I speak in favour: this tax is the only way to get to the goals we need to reach, not the 2% GDP. I ask for a vote

Marius Bentz - JULIS: I disagree, in Germany we see the effect of the carbon tax and it doesn't change anything. Vote against it please.

Stephane Mertens de Wilmars - Jong Vld speaks against the ETS does not work well but we already have it so it's not necessary to establish a new one.

Bas Steendam - JD in favour: climate change needs to be addressed, firm problems need firm solution, that are taxes. If you tax co2 and direct invest them in companies, then it won't affect the companies too much so that there are no adverse effects.

Johannes Boch - LHG against: I understand the intention to make economic incentives to reduce co2, but we already have a system, emission trading and that's a marked system, we don't need a new extra tax

Olav Bjerke Soldal - NUV: Norway has been taxing companies and consumers since 1992, the taxation is efficient and most effective is a FLAT tax, we need to vote in favour to achieve our goals.

Juli- VU: as liberals we cannot support taxes.

Voting:  
44% in favour  
51% against  
5% abstained  
failed.

- amendment, deletion, Venstres Ungdom

Nana Hyttel Alro - VU: we don't believe the way to go is to enforce states into campaigning, states should do it in their own way because one size doesn't fit all.

Antoaneta Asenova - LYMEC: we should also invest, doesn't say must.

Esther Steverding - LHD, against this amendment: yesterday we spoke at the seminar about education to fight populism, then why do we want to be against education now?

Voting:  
14% in favour  
78% against  
8% abstain  
Failed

VOTING about proposal 601 as amended.

Antoaneta Asenova - LYMEC: I want to speak in favour, it is important for the youth of Europe, I want to give huge heads up to our assistant Eleni who did a wonderful effort in researching everything and putting this together.

Marten Porte - JD: question to ani wants to know market base solutions, exactly what that means.

Antoaneta Asenova - LYMEC: we have already voted about this point

Marten Porte - JD: no, we didn't

Antoaneta Asenova and Chairs: yes, we did

Marten Porte - JD: then I'll vote against this resolution.

Olav Bjerke Soldal - NUV: speaks in favour of the resolution and says it is important theme and congratulates the bureau. Let's stress the liberal way of living and help the future generations to live on this planet. Bring this to the elections.

Voting:  
96% in favour  
4% against  
APPROVED

Pieter Sannen - Chair: congratulations on the first resolution of the congress, the next one it he urgency resolution and we'll take it separately into the congress text.

Laia Comerma Calatayud - JNC: on the urgency resolution: it is an important topic. It states LYMEC position on the copyright directive. Arguments are the same with the copyright campaign. With this resolution we establish a formal universal position for LYMEC to defend our values.

Pieter Sannen - Chair: other people who want to speak about it?  
There are no amendments

No speakers

VOTING  
In Favour: 87%  
Against  
Abstention: 13%

ACCEPTED

Pieter Sannen - Chair: Next one, there was no one in the working group about this, who can explain this resolution?

Franziska Brandmann - JULIS: they have it on their julis manifesto. This is heavy use in the north and now they want to legalise it so that everyone can use it. And, this is an individual decision.

Pieter Sannen - Chair: any speakers?

Benjamin Broekhuizen - JOVD in Favour: I think the analysis that snooze is the prime thing stopping Norway from joining the EU. It is common sense to include other tobacco products if you accept cigarettes. People are responsible enough to make their own choice, it's common sense.

Amendments - JNC add bullet point

Maria Casanovas Crespo - JNC speaks in favour: explain why they wanted to add it.

## VOTING ABOUT THE RESOLUTION AS A Whole

### POINT OF ORDER

Stéphane Mertens de Wilmars - Jong Vld, is there a time to speak?

Stéphane Mertens de Wilmars - Jong Vld: Final statement against the resolution: for children who aren't developed yet, we think flavoured tobacco can lure them into tobacco products.

Skirmantas Baikauskas - LLJ: vote for it cause this resolution is against paternalism which we are against as liberals.

VOTING about the resolution

In Favour: 61%

Against: 29%

Abstentions: 10%

Resolution with one amendment

Alexandre Servais -Chair: Who can explain this?

Gerard Rosell Saldana - JNC: SMEs are one of the best sources for innovation: they don't need to pass procedures with big corporations etc, we need to remove cross border.

The amendment is ok for the mover, if everyone is ok, then we'll proceed to the vote on the resolution as amended.

Voting:

In favour: 92%

Against: 0%

Abstain: 8%

PAUSE

## RESOLUTION 103

Nicholo Branchesi - Svensk Ungdom: the importance of this is because legally the EU Council started to exercise power out of treaties. Political putting migration and asylum under consensus threatens that might not be that ambitious. Stopping EU Council to exercise more power than it should and follow the ordinary legislative procedure.

Amendments

- Amendment by Jong VLD, accepted by the mover

Amendment YMRF

Tanzer Yuseinov - YMRF Withdraws

Amendment

Tanzer Yuseinov - YMRF: wants to replace it, accepted by mover

Amendment

Tanzer Yuseinov - YMRF: We think this is the real issue on migration and not just the lack of legislation.

Nicholo Branchesi - Svensk Ungdom: we are speaking about European council not the council of ministers

Withdrawn

YMRF it falls AM TO AM.

Julie Pauch Nymark - VU : VU withdraws their amendment

Resolution vote no speakers.

VOTING:

In Favour: 65%

Against: 26%

Abstention: 9 %

Resolution No 203.

Kateryna Melnychenko - EYU: we urge everyone to adopt the resolution as it is of high importance as journalists and activists are being persecuted and murdered. We should ensure their right to freedom of speech.

Mover accepts all the amendments

Daniel Karssenbergh - JD: I have question about one of the amendments, that the example about Bulgaria will be scrapped. Why was this deleted? I don't get it.

Tanzer Yuseinov - YMRF: we want this to be deleted as the prosecutors in Bulgaria they concluded that her case was not related to her work

John De Coster - FEL: third amendment was not accepted by the mover and should be handled by the congress.

Kateryna Melnychenko - EYU: We accept it

No speakers for the resolution

VOTING

In Favour: 98%

Against: 0%

Absence: 2%2%

Whistle-blowers:

Franziska Brandmann - JULIS: we want to make a legal framework to make sure people come forward and don't let them be harmed, prosecuted and protect them. This is what the resolution is about.

Benjamin Fievet - IMS: clarification to reflect the text that will be voted in parliament the next 10 days. Factual amendment.

Accepted by the mover

Accepted by the mover.

JNC amendment falls

FEL amendment falls

Louise Theilade Thomsen - VU: there was a mistake in the amendment so it's an amendment to an amendment. We don't want to force states into taking whistle-blowers.

Franziska Brandmann - JULIS: against already the case. Member states do not carry their promises. So, we want to ensure protection to all countries

No more speakers

Vote amendment

In Favour: 15%

Against: 65%

Abstain: 20%

FAILS

JNC amendment - withdrawn

Debate is open about the resolution as amended

No speakers

VOTING

In Favour: 71%

Against: 6%

Abstain: 23%

Accepted

Resolution 102

Benjamin Broekhuizen - JOVD: set out a different vision on matters of defence, we should unify the policy, but every country has its own specialities and needs. Like the overseas territories that the Netherlands defend even if it is independent countries; so, a further integration no should be revised.

Motion/ Point of order: Benjamin Fievet speaks against, tired of JOVD bringing resolutions only to score and not bringing significant added value to our policy book.

Moving immediately to vote.

In favour: 77

Against: 64

Abstain: 10

Antoaneta Asenova - LYMEC: explains/  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority is needed because it archives 1.45 which was voted two years ago. 1.52 you cannot archive parts of a resolution.

Daniel Karssenberg - JD: Does that mean i that I cannot discuss my resolution? I find the point of order shameful

Danica Vihinen - Secretary General: as guardian of the rules, I point out:

Points of order are especially, but not exclusively:

- Motions to interrupt the Congress;
- Motions to adjourn the Congress;
- Motions to close the speakers list;
- Motions to close the debate and vote directly;
- Motions to limit or extend speaking time;
- Motions not to discuss a motion;
- Motions to close the debate and to continue with the next point of the Agenda;
- Motions to vote in sections;

- Motions to change the order of the Agenda;
- Motions to restart with a point of the Agenda;
- Motions to doubt the result of voting;
- Motions to call for a roll call;
- Motions to remove the Chair;
- Motions to remove a member of the Chair;
- Motions to refer any matter to a rapporteur, chair of a working group or the Bureau;
- Motions to deviate from these Congress Rules; and,
- Motions to archive a resolution in the LYMEC Policy Book

All of these are possible according to 18.2 of our congress rules, it's not a precedent, but it is just following our rules.

51 in favour  
61 against  
51 abstentions

#### Resolution 201 - legalize pepper spray

Louise Theilande Thomsen - VU: vote for, we as liberals believe that every human being have right to defend themselves. Criminals will use it, they don't care about if it's illegal or not, they are going to use it.

John de Coster - FEL: speaks against. theoretically cannot disagree. We are not addressing the right problem, we should discuss the nature of violence and address that.

Peter Miltersen Sorensen - RU: in the chemical weapons treaty 1.5 it is illegal for military to use pepper spray, why can civilians use it then if it's a chemical weapon. Used wrong on people like with asthma, around children, it can be dangerous and even deadly. Police officers can be trained to use it. I urge to vote against it.

Franziska Brandmann - JULIS: we are also against it. It states that the world is an unsafe place for women in general. It states that pepper spray is not dangerous but that it is not true. Ex asthma.

Johannes Boch- LHG, against, beginning resolution, 35% of women are subjected to violence, this is a misuse of statistics, in the same study we see its mostly domestic violence, so this resolution won't tackle the problem.

Yaroslav Vasylyuk - EYU: this is about self-defence not violence.

Sonja Kouvo - FCY, there should be training before you may use pepper spray, it could be a good compromise

Rebecca Hovgaard - VU: against: We don't need people training to use something the size of a travel size shampoo.

Antoaneta Asenova - LYMEC: technical question, you put 27 countries, but you took line 27 out of the text.

Sonja Kouvo - FCY: Yes, this was a mistake

Antoaneta Asenova - LYMEC: yes, we'll take out

Jon de Coster - FEL: no agree with amendment and explanation, there are other weapons you can stick in your backpack what you need training for.

Peter Miltersen Sorensen - RU: If we legalize it training is important because it can be fatal for some people. Size doesn't count.

Julie Pauch Nymark - VU: we agree with the amendment, but we don't agree on the training part. We have a license to sell alcohol and if you don't use it right it can kill you and we don't have training for it either.

#### VOTING

In Favour: 53%

Against: 43

Abstention: 3%

Amendment Tiago Dias, VU accepts this one

New amendment from Tiago Dias.

Talk about the amendment

Tiago Dias - IMS: If you agree with resolution or not, but when submitting it, don't write with harsh statements like criminals are criminals and that's why I want to change it.

Louise Theilade Thomsen - VU: can you elaborate why you are criticizing the word criminals

Tiago Dias - IMS: yes, criminals are criminals, but \*interruption\*

#### POINT OF ORDER

Benjamin Fievet - unclear intervention, we should move on.

Sevim Musak - YMRF: speaks about the amendment. What she understands is that this person using pepper spray are criminals when this leads to criminal offenses.

Tiago Dias - IMS: yes, it is the same thing like in the resolution, people who use weapons are criminals, but the original formulation can compromise LYMEC

Louise Theilade Thomsen - VU: I still don't understand.

Alexandre Servais - Chair: we are opening the vote, not elaborating on this anymore.

#### VOTING

In Favour: 43%

Against: 43%

Abstain: 15%

Rejected

RESOLUTION is being discussed as amended

John de Coster - FEL: message to a mover, I move my hands when I speak and I don't mean it like disrespect, I'm sorry if you could have thought that - I'm speaking against, I forgot my point.

Peter Miltersen Sorensen - RU: speaks against. this is not about whether you need to protect yourself. This is about whether you have the right to defend yourself with a weapon.

Gerard Rosell Saldana - JNC: vote in favour - I think for women, what if they find someone intoxicated of narcotics or alcohol, friends of me are afraid of walking at night in Barcelona, This pepper spray could help to be confident, men are stronger etc, women might need this to be and feel safe on the streets.

Alessio Mina - JFS: technical and political point, how many have ever shot with this weapon, and how many have ever felt unsafe, I was an instructor, there is no fear, no problem, this is proportional weapon and no need to fear this kind of weapon, this is not legalizing nukes but pepper spray.

Louise Theilande Thomsen - VU: vote for the right of every human being to have the right to defend themselves.

Kasper Langelund Jakobsen - RU: If you feel unsafe in Europe, then it's a structural problem we need to tackle because this will make it worse, VOTE against it

#### VOTING

In Favour: 37

Against: 48

Absence: 15

POINT OF ORDER: it is not respectful if a resolution doesn't pass and we clap.

#### Resolution 101

Quim Cuatrecasas Peitx - JNC: after approval electoral laws reform, there is a growing disaffection with politics with European citizens, Threshold Is a problem, we need a union closer to the people, I am encouraging you to vote in favour of this resolution for a participative Europe and a democratic union.

LHG withdrawn

Bureau - Antoaneta Asenova: amendment just make the text clearer

Accepted by the mover

Balint Gyevai - IMS: resolution says it is including the whole western world, so it would be clearer to include Europe.

Quim Cuatrecasas Peitx - JNC: Europe is narrowing it and not broadening, western world also includes US etc, so that's why it was written like that.

Laija Comerma Calatayud - JNC: we do not agree that because we want Europe to go global and this amendment narrows it down.

Sevim Musak - YMRF: we would like to support this amendment, western world doesn't conclude whole Europe and Asia, you should put it around the world, this amendment improves the text.

Voting:

59% against

30% abstain

11% in favour

Rejected

YMRF amendment withdrawn.

YMRF amendment accepted by the mover

JUNOS amendment - ACCEPTED BY MOVER



RESOLUTION as amended, no speakers

Vote:

In Favour: 72%

Against: 20%

Abstention: 8%

accepted

Resolution 402 - Cutting development aid

Julie Pauch Nymark - VU: we need to rethink the development aid. We do not know what is working. In its current form is not working.

John de Coster - FEL: vote against, it is clear that development has defaults, but not because it's a bad idea, but because it's poorly executed, I did some research, participative systems, ... it is the way that is the problem, not development itself, we should look at the role of the EU in how development aid is structured.

Franziska Brandmann - Julis: vote against as this resolution miscommunicates. The resolution says that we need something more effective, but the wording is bad. Short resolution doesn't elaborate enough on this critical issue.

Remi Guastalli - JR: it's not because if you think something doesn't work that it's not working at all. There are news better ways of development aid. It is like Francesca said a communication problem.

Tiago Dias - IMS: performance doesn't look in micro and macro economy.

Ross Campbell - Young Liberals: it looks like every case of development aid is a negative case. As a liberal I'm proud to know we are helping people in local communities. For them it's extremely helpful, vote against this resolution!

Julie Pauch Nymark - VU: we are not talking about foreign aid but development aid. It is better for people to go there and work with them and not give money to corrupt politicians.

Amendments: Jong VLD amendment has been withdrawn

LLY amendment has been carried by the mover.

Bureau and JUNOS accepted by the mover.

Antoaneta Asenova - LYMEC: explains that we should archive 9.67 that has a differing position on the same topic

All other amendments are accepted

RESOLUTION as amended

Peter Miltersen Sorensen - Radikale Ungdom: it is the evaluation that is not effective enough. (Example: mosquitos are dead because of us.)

Ilene van Brouwershaven - JD: speaks against - you said you don't want to give aid to corrupt governments and administrations, but you want to trade with the? How is that different.

John de Coster - FEL: Foreign aid is either humanitarian or development aid. Free trade is always a good thing you argued but EU is harming Latin America because we signed a deal with Africa.

Sevim Musak - YMRF: speaks against, we believe that it's generalising, but better proposals exist. It is also good to have development aid to tackle the push-factors in migration.

Ian Woods - Ogra: Ireland survived because of the development aid. It is difficult but we shouldn't give up

Julie Pauch Nymark - VU: it makes me happy that we can address as a liberal the problem with development aid and I suggest we will adapt our vision to reform it in the next congress.

Reaction to FEL: Yesterday in the seminar, free trade was a core value in liberal thought that we can't lose.

John de Coster - FEL: he spoke about farmers not governments. Free trade is not always the answer, but it is a core value for liberalism.

Resolution vote:  
In Favour: 22%  
Against: 74%  
Absence: 3%  
NOT ACCEPTED

Resolution 303  
By JOVD

Anouk van Brug - JOVD: we live in a society we all use smart devices and we are at a risk. We should start regulating something and in this case is the safety of our devices.

Kasper Langelund Jakobsen - Radikal Ungdom: that's a nice resolution.

JOVD amendment -accepted by the mover

JNC amendment - withdrawn

Skirmantas Baikauskas - LLJ: very good resolution, we think that regulation will not only solve the problem. We need to educate people how to use the smart devices.

Marten Porte - JD: speaking against- you can't put responsibility to the people that use them, you can educate them.

Anouk van Brug - JOVD: adding on that malfunctions in systems by manufacturers exist and people do not have technical knowledge to understand them. EU must regulate.

VOTING  
In Favour: 25  
Against: 57  
Abstention: 18  
REJECTED

IMS amendment withdrawn

YMRF accepted by the mover.

JNC accepted by the mover

RESOLUTION as amended

VOTING

In Favour: 83%

Against: 5%

Abstention: 13%

Resolution 901:

Victor G Marki - Julis: very important to be realistic. The accession talks have been going on for over 20 years, 20.000 people are imprisoned because of the attempted coup. Getting worse day by day, we must empower the people and civil society in Turkey and that is not by talking to Erdogan. We need to make a statement as the EU, support us and support a free Turkey.

LHG accepted by mover

JNC accepted by mover

YMRF accepted by mover

YMRF accepted by mover

Accepted by mover

Accepted by mover

Sevim Musak - YMRF in favour: when we are assessing relationship with turkey, we can't denounce we have an action plan, it is continuing and it's in the interest of both parties and we know what happens if it's not carried out. I encourage you to support it.

Franziska Brandmann - Julis: Speaks against. This is problematic that this action plan is pictured as negative and we must be more ambitious and is viewed negatively.

Kasper Langelund Jakobsen - RU: I vote against, now 9% so Syrian refugees are in camps, the rest lives on the street, we should opt out of the agreement. It isn't working and misses its goal.

Sevim Musak - YMRF: the agreement is already in place. All countries that are close to Germany benefit from that now. We cannot deny how it functions

Franziska Brandmann - Julis: this is not factual, it's not about having people die, it is about letting people die OR having a coherent European migration strategy. Is this agreement all we can do as Europe we need to be more ambitious. I'm against it.

VOTING

In Favour: 15%

Against: 82%

Abstention: 3%

Next amendment is accepted

Next amendment is accepted

Next amendment is accepted

Next amendment is accepted

NOT accepted

Sevim Musak - YMRF: this has been a strong motivation for reforms in turkey.

Franziska Brandmann - Julis: this is the discussion we have later, do we stop the talks or not? The last reforms in turkey have been shit, so should we hope on progress in next reform? We need to advocate human rights and we don't see that in Turkey.

John de Coster - FEL: salute the attitude from JULIS he agrees with the amendment that reforms can be carried by individuals. If we carry with the accession process motivates individuals not necessarily governments.

Sevim Musak - YMRF: I disagree with the part of reforms have been shit. But what has happened now after the elections in Turkey? Erdogan lost the two biggest cities, people are fighting back. I do agree with the statements against Erdogan. But we need to encourage the Civil society. Stopping the talks will have an impact on the people

Franziska Brandmann - Julis : the accession talks are with the turkey government not with people. If we turn that down, we point to the government that they are doing something wrong and motivate individuals.

#### VOTING

In Favour: 16%

Against: 66%

Abstention: 19%

Next amendment was accepted by the mover

Next Amendment

Sevim Musak - YMRF: delete that because the language is too strong.

John de Coster - FEL: I agree with the amendment but vote against, if you vote for it then the resolution won't be coherent anymore.

Franziska Brandmann - Julis: against doesn't make any sense to cut off the sentence

#### VOTING

In Favour: 14%

Against: 63%

Abstention: 23%

Next amendment is not accepted.

Sevim Musak - YMRF: we call for the relationship between EU and turkey to be redefined. We would like to find the most appropriate way to treat with Turkey. We can't forget on how many ways we cooperate with Turkey like in defence and think of the effects of stopping the talks. Redefine it to be better for both.

Victor G. Marki - Julis: another attempt to put the end of talks out of the resolution.

Ian Woods - Ogra: There is a stake element in liberalising in turkey, we agree to use the stick and say the talks and put the talks on hold, but if there is a more liberal government coming in, then they can pick up the talks again.

Franziska Brandmann - Julis: it is possible to stop the accession talks now and restart that. We have carried so many amendments that help the society.

Sevim Musak - Ymrf: this amendment is relevant, because we want to redefine the relation, the title turkey under assessment, that the resolution is on stopping the accession talks, so it is necessary

Voting:

In favour:34%

Against:52%  
Abstain:16%  
Not carried

JULIS: this is the same amendment with the previous one

#### VOTING

In Favour: 17%  
Against: 75%  
Abstain: 7%

Next amendment is accepted

Next has been withdrawn

Next amendment is accepted  
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Next amendment is accepted

RESOLUTION as amended

Franziska Brandmann - Julis: Thank for your cooperation. It is obvious that the resolutions that we had so far were outdated. We are proposing resolutions that help the society.

Benjamin Broekhuizen - JOVD: This is fundamentally about how believable EU policy is. Turkey has drifted away from what we wanted and now we need to draw a red line. Thanks, JULIS for your constructive attitude to accept all the amendments.

And can I please ask not to applaud for something that's voted away, a lot of work was put in it to bring it to Congress.

Tanzer Yuseinov - YMRF: it is our position that EU can only interfere in a third country is through the accession talks

Victor G Marki - JULIS: I want to urge you to vote in favour, het is over credibility of the EU, the face of EU, do we stand with the values or do we sell them out? We need to stand up for values and civil society in turkey.

Representative of Julis: support our resolution

#### VOTING:

In favour: 69%  
Against: 18%  
Abstention: 13%

AURIAN Chair: we have the results of ALDE delegation voting!

**ALDE CONGRESS delegation results:**

**Elected:**

Laia Comerma Catalayud, JNC

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Antoaneta Asenova, LYMEC Bureau

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Anouk van Brug, JOVD

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Andre Gruber, JUNOS

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Franziska Brandmann, JuLis

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Marina Sedlo IMS

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Tanzer Yuseinov, YMRF

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Andras Sztanef, IMS

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Terese Skutaite, LLJ

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Malthe Rugberg, RU

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**Not elected:**

Anna Komziuk, LDLU

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Ciara Campbell, YL

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Gaspar Shabad, ERPY

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John de Coster, FEL

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Rebecca Hovgaard, VU

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Tiago Dias, IMS

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Julien Dupont, JR

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17. **Reports from Member Organisations, IMS, the Committee of Discipline and Arbitrage and LYMEC Working Groups**

Balint Gyévai - IMS about the Committee of Discipline and Arbitrage Report:

Thank you for the congress

Thank you, Elena, Alexander, the Bureau etc for all trust.

In November, we began to investigate a case dating back from May 2017, between Radical Ungdom and Belarus organisation.

The Danish planned a trip for more cooperation between them, following the trip they pointed out two issues: inappropriate behaviour (sexual harassment), we looked carefully into the testimonies. We try to be concrete, we consider this as important to look at it, we consider both sides and the side that made the mistakes blamed the alcohol. As liberals we must speak up when there is a case going against our core values

Our recommendations: We ban this representative from activities, alcohol can't be an excuse for misbehaviour. Like IFLRY

I'm happy to see the new code of conduct has handled this case, our recommendation has been taken in the new code.

Financial arrangements about miscommunication. Misuse of Danish money public. There were some communication issues that were not aware about the financial plan. Civic forum used when Danish representatives were not there. There recommendations are going to the Bureau, on these recommend agree on payment scheme to pay this money back  
Bureau take decisions after this report.  
Set of financial best practices.  
Keep in that Civil Forum is changing leaderships.

Aurian Chair: Small update: an organisation wants to announce a change:

Benjamin IMS: since last congress we have a steering committee, we had an election in February, Jordi, baring, marina, Benjamin, Ed, Tiago, we have started a few projects to bring more IMS in .

Anouk JOVD - We celebrate our 70th birthday and there will be a gathering the second weekend of October, we'll be glad to welcome international guests and our international guests.

JULIS: Svenja is running as second in the FDP list. Please support her

Remi - Jeunes Radicaux: EU elections, we just joined the en marche list! We are on the centre right, left, radical, ... alliance, we had our first event new in our renewed HQ, you're all welcome to come by

Ines Holzegger - JUNOS: 10-year anniversary come to our event in July 5th, Vienna

Martin - JD - we have also a B-day, 35, we have our congress in 14-16 June in Amsterdam we can provide meals, we would be happy to welcome you

JNC - 3 weeks ago congress, new executive committee, new manifesto committed to liberal principles, now we are campaigning for general elections and local and European elections

EYU - thank you for this, organisation, honourable delegates, we develop and face challenges and we friendly invite you to visit us.

Laura Hidalgo- Jeunes MR: thanks, all LYMEC member organisations, I'm also running for the EU elections, so thank you very much for everything.

Svenja: Open call for both Congresses for 2020.

Danica Vihinen: You will receive a call to candidate as a host for the Congress, more practical information will follow soon.

Svenja Hahn:

Thank you all for your amazing participation, i hope you got the European spirit, I hope that we all will fight at the coming elections!

Thank you at the chairs \*applause\*

And BIG thank you for our local organisers, Diederik, Laurent, John, Pierre.

Thank you for the hard work of our two secretaries Eleni and Laurenz, they did a tremendous job!

And all amazing partners thank you very much.

I love you and all your work

\*applause\*