

Minutes of Congress

Bucharest 15th - 17th November 2013

1. Opening by the LYMEC Bureau

LYMEC President, Jeroen Diepemaat opens the Congress. He notes that the Congress has been called in accordance with the regulations laid out in the statutes.

Welcome speech was given by Cristian David, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania.

2. Roll call and voting rights

LYMEC Secretary General Slaven Klobucar starts the roll call. The voting cards are distributed as follows:

3	JULIS Austria
3	Civil Forum
7	Fédération des Etudiants Libéraux
9	Jeunes Movement Réformateur
6	Jong VLD
10	Youth Movement for Rights and Freedom
8	Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya
7	Mladi Hrvatske Narodne Stranke - Liberalni Demokrati
4	Radikal Ungdom
6	Estonian Reform Party Youth
4	Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto
10	Suomen Keskustanuoret
6	Svensk Ungdom - SU
9	Junge Liberale - JuLis
5	LHG - Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen
3	Gibraltar Liberal Youth - GLY
7	Jonge Democraten - JD
6	Jongeren Organisatie Vrijheid & Democratie - JOVD
5	Norges Unge Venstre - NUV
9	Cluburile Studentești Liberale
10	Tineretul National Liberal - TNL
5	Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund - CUF
3	Centerstudenter - CS
5	Liberala Ungdomsförbundet - LUF
5	European Youth of Ukraine
6	Liberal Youth

3. Appointment of the Congress bodies

The Bureau proposes the following persons to be the chairs of the Congress:

- Aloys Rigaut
- Mette Lykke Nielsen
- Adina Balan

The proposal is put on vote and adopted unanimously

Proposed Congress minute takers by the Bureau are:

- Adam Gono
- Anamaria Florescu

The proposal is put on vote and adopted unanimously

Proposed Congress scrutineers by the Bureau are:

- Benedikt Bente, LHG, Germany
- Jan-Willem de Bruin, JD, The Netherlands
- Palina Niamkova, Civil Forum, Belarus
- Adria Tauler, JNC, Catalonia
- Toine Schouteten, JOVD, The Netherlands
- Esben Vahr, RU, Denmark

The proposal is put on vote and adopted unanimously

4. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was presented by the chairs of the congress. One amendment was made.

Amendment to add the agenda point Urgent Resolutions was proposed by the chair which was adopted unanimously. The amended agenda was then adopted unanimously.

5. Urgency of resolutions

Proposed urgency resolutions are as it follows:

1. Resolution on Net Neutrality by JD, The Netherlands

Following persons took the floor:

1. Dirkjan Tijs, JD, The Netherlands

The vote on the urgency resolutions is taken.

Accepted urgency resolutions are as it follows:

1. Resolution on Net Neutrality by JD

6. Adoption of Minutes from last Congress

The minutes were adopted unanimously.

7. Snap vote on order of resolutions

Secretary General, Slaven Klobucar, makes a new roll call to distribute voting ballots for the vote on the order of resolutions. Vote is taken and the result of the vote is as follows:

1. No NSA-practices in the European Union = 44
2. Bringing the youth part in agenda the European elections 2014 = 38
3. European Defence = 35
4. Tougher measures against racism within the EU = 31
5. Security at the border of Eastern Europe and more attention on Transnistria. = 28
6. European Financial Sector = 24
7. Border control is not enough! = 21
8. Liberal rights for asylum seekers in Europe = 21
9. Urgent resolution. Neutrality = 21
10. Creation of a Permanent Emergency Asylum Fund = 19
11. Promoting sovereignty over natural resources for the people of Western Sahara = 19
12. Ukraine in the EU = 15
13. Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations = 15
14. Audit market reform = 14
15. Resolution asking for the transfer of the permanent seat of the European Parliament = 13
16. Stateless Nations' right to decide their own political future = 12
17. Open your mind with open access = 11

8. Bureau Members reports - for information

The LYMEC representative in IFLRY Ivo Thijssen and bureau members Igor Caldeira, Sissel Kvist, Ed Sanderson, Claudia Benchescu, and gave their reports. President of LYMEC Jeroen Diepemaat also gave his report.

Following persons took the floor:

1. Leonidas Ploegstra, JD, The Netherlands
2. Pauline Kasternans, JD, The Netherlands
3. Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
4. Erik Carter, RU, Denmark

9. Secretary-general report

Secretary General Slaven Klobucar gave his report on the work of LYMEC secretariat from the last Congress.

10. Treasurer report

Treasurer Anne van der Graaf gave her report on the state of finances of LYMEC from last Congress until November 2013.

11. Reports from Member organisations and IMS

The following organisations gave their reports

1. Leonidas Ploegstra, JD, The Netherlands
2. Sunniva Marie Hustoft, NUV, Norway
3. Erik Carter, RU, Denmark

4. Julian Scholtes, Julis, Germany
5. Ab Brightman, Liberal Youth, United Kingdom
6. Florent Baudewyns, Jeunes MR, Belgium
7. Ermanno Martignetti, IMS, Italy
8. Jukka Koivula, KOL, Finland
9. Palina Niamkova, Civil Forum, Belarus
10. Markus Ylimaa, FCY, Finland
11. Anna Abrahamsson, SU, Finland
12. Stanislav Anastassov, YMRF, Bulgaria
13. Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
14. Adria Tauler, JNC, Catalonia
15. Declan Harmon, Ogra Fianna Fail, Ireland
16. Benedikt Bente, LHG, Germany

12. Revision of Policy Book

The policy book has been revised by the committee set up on the last Congress. None of the resolutions have been proposed for deletion, but the Policy book has been restructured in the following way:

01. EU Institutions and Institutional reform

- Resolution on the Future of the European Unity
- Resolution on the Reform of the European Institutions
- Resolution on Public Access to Documents
- Resolution on post-Nice process
- Resolution on speeding up the Enlargement process
- Debate on the future of the EU is a basis for cooperation
- Yes to the European Constitutional Treaty
- Tear down the Fortress of Europe
- The European Union: a State?
- English as single primary working language in the institutions of the European Union
- Internal motion of the debate on Europe's future
- Resolution on excessive legislation
- Resolution on future of Europe
- EU drivers license as travel identification within the European Union
- Young liberals' vision for the future of the Council of Europe
- Resolution on European citizenship - from dream to reality
- Resolution on the Presidency of the European Council
- Resolution on the European Integration of Iceland
- Resolution on the "Innovation Union" strategy
- Towards a more transparent and accountable Europe
- Urgent resolution on the Noble Prize for Peace awarded to the European Union
- Resolution on Institutions
- Resolution on the European economic, political and financial crisis
- No double standards - the EU needs a frugal budget that invests into the future!
- A True European Customs Union
- Resolution on the European Electoral System
- Resolution on the European Elections 1994

- Give power to the Parliament - the representatives of the people
- Internal motion of European Parliament elections of June 2009: European liberal youth's top 3 issues
- System of substitutes in the European Parliament
- On secret ballot voting in the European Parliament
- Resolution on the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU)
- Future of the Euro
- Resolution on NATO or the WEU
- Welcoming Croatia

02. Justice and citizens rights

- Crime knows no borders
- Resolution on Conscription in Europe
- Save the European Court of Human Rights
- Resolution on Organized crime in Europe
- Act on Acta
- On the right of privacy concerning agreements on Passenger names
- Resolution on Liberal Asylum Policy
- Resolution Towards a common migration policy
- Resolution on the EU visa regime
- Tear down Fortress Europe
- A common approach to Asylum Policy
- A liberal commitment to common border management
- The EU must take leadership on preventing human trafficking
- Freedom of Movement for All Families in Europe
- A truly European asylum system
- Rise of the Extreme Right in the European Union and Europe
- Resolution to condemn Communist regimes
- Resolution on a Liberal Gender Policy
- Recognition of Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights as a policy in LYMEC
- Sexual Orientation [...] as causes for international protection and asylum in European countries
- Recognize same-sex marriages in the entire EU
- Resolution on ending the discrimination of young gays and lesbians in the accession countries
- Freedom of expression is core to a liberal society
- Towards an integration of transsexual people
- Resolution on privacy
- No naked scanners!
- Urgent resolution on the plan of the EU to block web sites
- Stop Discriminatory Measures Regarding Romani People
- Capital Punishment in Belarus
- The situation of Human Rights in Russia
- Resolution on Belgrade Pride
- Resolution on Turkish interference in fosterage
- Resolution aiming at ending Female Genital Mutilation
- Freedom from rape
- The liberal-democrat attitude towards religion

- A call for a change in Vatican policy
- Stop the islamophobia and respect religious diversity
- True religious freedom in the EU
- Resolution on Democracy in the Italian Republic
- On the new Hungarian Constitution
- Urgent resolution on Bulgaria
- Resolution on present situation in the Russian Federation
- The political situation in the Russian Federation
- LYMEC condemns recent violence in Azerbaijan
- Urgent resolution on the presidential elections in Belarus
- Young Liberals for a Free Belarus
- Resolution on the political situation in Belarus
- Resolution on the Electoral Farce in Belarus
- LYMEC condemns recent arrests of political youth in Azerbaijan
- Stop the political persecution of young activists in Armenia
- Urgent resolution on Turkey's violation of human rights
- Resolution of visa-free regime between Ukraine ("Eastern partnership" countries) and EU
- Resolution on Freedom and Democracy in Ukraine

03. Culture, education and youth, Science and technology

- Set culture free
- Freedom of Scientific Research
- No to Software Patents
- Resolution for a competitive university
- Save stem cell research
- Science not Stigma: Ending the Blood Ban
- Resolution on Drones and privacy in the EU
- Resolution on Education
- New Youth Programme (2007-2013)
- LYMEC policy paper on youth
- Policy Paper on youth employment
- A student's perspective on the Bologna process
- Urgent Resolution on mobility in Europe
- Unified grading system for schools and institutions of higher education - easy, transparent, comparable
- Resolution on the Bologna process
- Student services across Europe
- Let justice between generations prevail!
- A truly Global Bologna Process
- Resolution on the Liberal challenge of the communication-society
- Resolution on biotechnological research and human cloning

04. Business, Economy, finance and tax, Cross-cutting Policies

- Resolution on Completion of the Single Market
- Pan-European Legalisation of Soft Drugs
- LYMEC urges FIFA to adhere to "fair play"
- No more fiscal harmonisation in the European Union

- Urgent Resolution, Time to Complete the Internal Market
- Resolution on cross border healthcare services in the EU
- No to EU Tobin tax
- Seminar Theme Resolution Liberal ideas on the future of the Single Market
- No double standards
- Completing the Digital Single Market
- On the completion of the Single Market for pharmaceuticals
- European Market for retirement funds
- Enhancing the Single Market for Retail Financial Services
- Resolution on Banks
- Resolution on Bank Reform
- It's Time for Innovative Solutions!
- Upholding stability pact
- To go Greek or not to go Greek
- Resolution on Competition in the European Community
- Globalisation is an opportunity, not a threat!
- Capitalism not to blame for the crisis
- On Europe's sovereign debt crisis
- Roaming free Europe
- Resolution on Free market in the Third World
- Resolution on Foreign Aid and Development
- Urgent Resolution on Global financial crisis

05. Employment and social rights

- Establishment of a Common European Job-bank
- Make labour markets more flexible
- Resolution on the Pension Systems
- End all Restrictions on the Free Movement of Labour
- Flexicurity and the European Labour Market
- Youth unemployment
- Resolution on Youth Unemployment
- Legalize prostitution
- Urgency Motion on YFJ GA

06. Climate action, Energy and natural resources

- Reforming the EU Emission Trading System (ETS)
- Resolution on the Environment
- Resolution on Basic Principles and Goals for an EC Environmental Policy
- Resolution on sustainable development
- Kyoto Protocols
- Reducing the use of Fossil Fuels
- Urgency resolution on climate change
- A call for forceful stands to combat climate change
- Increase security of nuclear power in Europe
- Resolution on the protection of Arctic area

07. Agriculture, fisheries and food

- Cut the crap, scrap the CAP!

- On the Common Fisheries Policy
- EU should bring down barriers for the use of GM crops

08. Regions and local development, Transport and travel

- Resolution on Europe of the Regions

09. External relations and foreign affairs

- Resolution on the Intergovernmental Conference of 1996
- Resolution of European Liberal Youth on European New Neighbours policy
- Political map of Europe must match geographical map of Europe
- Mutual Energy Assistance Pact
- Resolution on EU-U.S. economic relations: free trade and economic integration
- Resolution on A Common Foreign and Security policy in the EU
- Resolution on Security, Disarmament and Defence in Europe
- Resolution on Europe in change
- Defence
- Resolution Self Determination for East Timor
- Motion for a resolution demanding the immediate release of political opponents in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (Burma)
- Free Syria from violence and oppression
- Resolution on anti-personal landmines
- Resolution on Middle East relations
- Resolution on the Iraqi weapons of mass destruction
- Win the peace!
- Fight against terrorism
- Problems in the Middle East
- Resolution on terrorism
- Remove Iran's resistance from terror list
- Recognise Western Sahara
- Urgent resolution on Darfur crisis
- A call for European coordination in Iraqi refugee crisis
- Stop exploitation of occupied Western Sahara
- Urgency Resolution on Action Against Piracy
- Improving the Coordination of Security Policy in Europe
- Revolutions in North Africa and the Middle East
- E.U. must maintain the weapons embargo against China
- Olympic solidarity with victims of Chinese oppression
- Resolution for supporting democracy in Cuba
- Resolution on Cuba- Helsinki
- Urgent resolution on Cuba- Switzerland
- Urgent Resolution on Cuba
- Release of Cuban Political Dissidents
- Resolution on Gibraltar I
- Resolution on Gibraltar II
- Resolution on Gibraltar and the Single European Sky
- Resolution on Northern Ireland
- Resolution on Cyprus
- A new approach to the Euro-Mediterranean policy

- Towards a stronger Euro-Mediterranean partnership
- Urgency Resolution on the Actions of the UK Government regarding the Icelandic Financial Crisis
- Urgency Resolution on the Situation in BiH
- Resolution on Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Resolution on the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Resolution on the cooperation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia and Montenegro with the UN Tribunal in the Hague
- Resolution on the Former Soviet Union/ Europe
- Resolution on the conflict in Chechnya
- Resolution on Transnistria
- Resolution on Moldova and Transnistria
- Bringing Moldova closer to the EU
- Resolution on the situation in Kosova
- Resolution on the future of Kosova
- Resolution on an independent Kosova
- Resolution on the rights of the Albanians in Kosova
- Independence is the only solution for Kosova
- Motion on the Republic of Kosovo
- Resolution on the situation in Macedonia
- Emergency resolution on the Greek embargo
- Resolution regarding the conflicts in Macedonia and Preshevo Valley
- Urgent resolution: Greece must act as an EU Member State
- Resolution on Serbia
- Emergency resolution on Serbia's genocide
- Urgent resolution on terrorist activities in Southern Serbia and Kosova
- Resolution on customs union with Turkey
- Resolution on the status of Turkey as an EU candidate country
- Resolution "Open negotiations with Turkey without delay!"
- Ukraine
- Resolution on the Occupied Territories of the Republic of Croatia

10. LYMEC Internal organisation

- Motion on the Publicity of LYMEC
- Resolution on Translations
- Resolution on the IMS
- LYMEC Individual Members' Clubs
- Resolution "Redefining the role of LYMEC Auditors"
- Capping the debts of inactive Member Organisations
- Reduced Participation Fees to LYMEC statutory events for Member Organisations having financial difficulties
- Internal Motion concerning Bram Houtenbos And Committee of Discipline and Arbitrage in LYMEC
- Proposal on creation of the working group of ELSN - European Liberal Students Network
- "Frédéric Bastiat"-prize for bloggers
- Internal motion: LYMEC individual membership
- Internal Motion on Fianna Fail

- Internal Motion on Voting procedures for internal auditors
- Emergency motion on the ELDR Group
- Resolution "An ELDR Party bringing together European Liberals and "Radicals""
- Resolution "Political map of Europe must match geographical map of Europe"
- Resolution on Fianna Fail and ELDR
- Resolution on the relationship between IFLRY and LYMEC I
- Resolution on the relationship between IFLRY and LYMEC II
- Resolution on the Italian "Democraia e' Liberta" Margherita Party

The proposal was adopted with 137 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

13. Statutory changes

Overall document:

Changed "ELDR" to "ALDE Party"

Changed "European Liberal, Democrat and Reform Party" to "Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party"

Changed "Applicant" to "Associate"

Changed "Observer" to "Associate"

Individually:

Index - STATUSES - Chapter 2 - Article 10 (deleted): Deleted "Article 10 - Observer Membership"

Index - RULES OF ASSOCIATION - Chapter 1 - Article 2 (deleted): Deleted "Article 2 - Criteria for Observer Membership Status"

STATUTES - Chapter 2 - Article 7: Changed "two" to "three"

STATUTES - Chapter 2 - Article 7: Changed "applicant and observer members" to "associate members"

STATUTES - Chapter 2 - Article 10 (deleted): Whole Article 10 was deleted

STATUTES - Chapter 2 - Article 11: Changed "14" to "18"

STATUTES - Chapter 2 - Article 11: Added "The Individual Members' Section (IMS), as the aggregate of all Individual Members, will be regulated by internal rules, drafted by the IMS and ratified and supervised by the Bureau. (ADDED mention to IMS Internal Rules)"

STATUTES - Chapter 2 - Article 12: Deleted "The observer status is to be terminated by a simple majority of those present and voting at the Congress."

RULES OF ASSOCIATION - Chapter 1 - Article 1 - Paragraph 7: Deleted "In case of an appointee, the Bureau has to inform all member organisations and individual members about the identity of the appointee;"

RULES OF ASSOCIATION - Chapter 1 - Article 2: Article 2 deleted, replaced with

"Article 2 - Application process

All membership applications must be received at the LYMEC secretariat at least six weeks prior to the Autumn Congress where will be dealt with the application. All written material must also be provided by the said deadline and must be sent out to all members at least four weeks prior to the Autumn Congress."

RULES OF ASSOCIATION - Chapter 1 - Article 4: Deleted "The year an organisation has been accepted as applicant member, it does not have to pay a membership fee."

RULES OF ASSOCIATION - Chapter 1 - Article 7: Deleted

“Representatives of observer member organisations of LYMEC have the right to:

- 1) attend LYMEC events;
- 2) speak;
- 3) propose motions or resolutions;
- 4) take part in a LYMEC working group.”

RULES OF ASSOCIATION - Chapter 2 - Article 8: Changed “an annual membership fee” to “a membership fee”

RULES OF ASSOCIATION - Chapter 2 - Article 8: Added “valid for periods of one year upon payment”

RULES OF ASSOCIATION - Chapter 2 - Article 8: Deleted “At latest by the 1st of January of each year, the LYMEC Secretariat shall request individual members whose membership statuses have expired to pay their annual membership fee. If the membership fee remains outstanding on end of 31st January, the individual member will be suspended. The individual member cannot regain its status without a favourable decision of the Bureau and, when relevant, after having paid the arrears of membership fees.”

RULES OF ASSOCIATION - Chapter 2 - Article 9: Change “8” to “9”

RULES OF ASSOCIATION - Chapter 2 - Article 9: Change “Congress” to “Spring Congress”

RULES OF ASSOCIATION - Chapter 2 - Article 9: Change

“Delegates are elected for each Congress. The same delegates will represent individual members at the Autumn Congress. They cannot be substituted in case they cannot be present.

The Delegates are also elected for all extraordinary congresses taking place in between ordinary congresses.

Delegates cannot be member of the LYMEC bureau or be LYMEC internal auditor at the same time. Delegates need to be individual member of LYMEC.”

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“Delegates have to be themselves individual members, and are elected for a year. Their duties towards LYMEC and the individual members shall be properly specified by internal rules of the Individual Members' Section; LYMEC's Bureau shall guarantee the existence of such rules and oversee their correct application. Delegation of votes from one or more delegate to other delegates of the individual members is allowed, and must be justified in written form to the Bureau and Office. Delegation of votes to member organisations is strictly forbidden. During the first two thirds of the mandate, if for compelling reason a delegate cannot fulfil his mandate, a by-election shall be organised.

An individual members' delegate cannot simultaneously be either a member of LYMEC's bureau or a LYMEC's internal auditor.”

RULES OF ASSOCIATION - Chapter 3 - Article 13 - Paragraph 3: Change
“representatives of the observer member organisations without voting rights” to
“representatives of the observer organisations, in the status of the guest of LYMEC,
without voting rights”

RULES OF ASSOCIATION - Chapter 3 - Article 16: Added

“Proposals of resolutions must be handed in with one general tag according to the list given on the website and three specific tags that are related to the specific policies approached in, or affected by, the resolution.

Resolutions approved at the Congress are added to LYMEC Policy Book and distributed electronically to members no later than two weeks after their adoption.

A resolution can ask for the archiving of maximum three resolutions older than three years if they share at least the same general tag and one specific tag, which are added to a LYMEC Policies' Archive Book. An explanatory note may be sent in addition, though not being part of the resolution, to justify the need for archiving of previous resolutions.”

The following persons took the floor:

1. Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
2. Lukas Schweiger, IMS
3. Ab Brightman, Liberal Youth, UK
4. Slaven Klobucar, LYMEC
5. Sunniva Marie Hustoft, NUV, Norway
6. Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
7. Slaven Klobucar, LYMEC
8. Erik Carter, RU, Denmark

The name changes in the statutes were adopted with 135 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

The form of organization membership in LYMEC was adopted with 135 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

The individual membership age condition change was adopted with 111 for, 24 against and 0 abstentions.

The changes in the rules of association were adopted with 135 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

The Bureau proposed the following change in membership as a result of the Statutory Changes;

The change of observer and applicant membership to associate membership was adopted with 135 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

14. Finances

12.1. Membership fees for 2014

Anne van der Graaf presented the following proposal for the membership fees in 2014

It is proposed to keep Membership Fees for 2014 at the same level as in 2013. The Membership fee reached its current on the LYEMC Executive Committee in Brussels, Belgium in 2008.

For 2014 the membership fees will remain at the same level, however for 2015 revisions might be necessary.

Full member organizations:

Member Organizations with less than 999 members:	€195 + €0.04 per member
Member Organizations between 1,000 and 3,999 members:	€220 + €0.04 per member
Member Organizations between 4,000 and 9,999 members:	€330 + €0.04 per member
Member Organizations with more than 10,000 members:	€440 + €0.04 per member

Associate member organizations: €175.00

Individual Member Section:

1. Normal annual membership fee for IMS	€10
2. 5-year membership	€35
3. Lifetime membership, valid until 35 years old	€90

Invoices for membership fees 2014 will be sent to the Member Organizations no later than 1st February 2014. Membership fees for 2014 must be paid before the closing of the next LYMEC Congress (early May 2014).

The Bureau however advises Member Organizations to pay their membership fee before 1st April 2014 in order to avoid problems shortly before the deadline.

The following persons took floor:

1. Florent Beudewyns

The proposal was adopted with 135 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

12.2. Budget for 2014

Anne van der Graaf presented the following proposal for the budget for 2014

Proposed Budget 2014

	Income	Expenditures
Commission Admin Grant	€ 5.000,00	
Member Organisations MF	€ 18.000,00	
ALDE Party Operational Grant	€ 45.000,00	€ 4.000,00
ALDE Group Operational Grant	€ 35.000,00	
Seminar - Bruxelles	€ 1.250,00	€ 1.800,00
Congress - Zagreb	€ 22.000,00	€ 22.000,00
Young Leaders Meeting - Athens		€ 50,00
Winter Academy - Bruxelles	€ 2.100,00	€ 2.100,00
Congress - Berlin	€ 22.000,00	€ 22.000,00
Extra ordinary revenu	€ 100,00	
IMS fees	€ 800,00	
Other Refund	€ 100,00	
Travel Refund - ALDE Party	€ 800,00	
Travel Refund - IFLRY	€ 300,00	
Travel Refund - YFJ	€ 500,00	
Donations	€ 100,00	
Previous financial year	€ 50,00	€ 200,00
Bank - Interest	€ 150,00	
Bank - Cost		€ 500,00
Rounding	€ 1,00	
Staff		€ 55.000,00
Office - Rent		€ 9.720,00
Office - other standard cost		€ 750,00
Office Communication Cost		€ 300,00
Association Fees - YFJ		€ 500,00
Association Fees - ELF		€ 500,00
Audit expenses		€ 3.500,00
Bureau Communication Cost		€ 1.000,00
Bureau Meetings		€ 4.000,00
Bureau - Other Expenses		€ 500,00
IFLRY - Association Fee		€ 2.500,00
IFLRY- Representation		€ 1.000,00
Membership Representation		€ 4.000,00
Representation Youth Forum		€ 500,00
Insurance		€ 700,00
Unrealizable Claims		€ 1.200,00

Other expenses		€	1.000,00
Website		€	3.000,00
Mailing expenses		€	300,00
Printed Material		€	1.500,00
Promo Material and e-marketing		€	9.200,00
Total	€	153.251,00	€ 153.320,00

The proposal was adopted with 135 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

12.3. Auditors Report

Daniel George presented the Auditors report which shows the sound financial situation of LYMEC.

The following persons took the floor:

1. Anne van der Graaf, LYMEC

15. Membership issues

15.1. New members

There were 1 application for full membership and 1 application for associate member.

Jeunes Radicaux de Gauche, France (Associate membership)

Organisation was presented by: Olympio Kyprianou-Perrimond, Jean-Baptiste Clouard
Secretary General stated that the organization fulfills technical criteria.

Recommendation of the Bureau: Positive

Following persons took the floor:

1. Lukas Schweiger, IMS
2. Florent Baudewyns, Jeunes MR, Belgium
3. Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
4. Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands (Point of Order)
5. Igor Caldeira, LYMEC (Point of Order)
6. Christopher Røhl Andersen, RU, Denmark
7. Stefan F. Windberger, Julis, Austria
8. Lukas Schweiger, IMS
9. Florent Baudewyns, Jeunes MR
10. Leonidas Ploegstra, JD, The Netherlands
11. Alexandru Barbieru, TNL, Romania
12. Ab Brightman, LY, UK
13. Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
14. Teppo Säkkinen, FCY, Finland

The members of JRG left the room.

15. Igor Caldeira, LYMEC
16. Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
17. Lukas Schweiger, IMS
18. Daniel George, LYMEC
19. Igor Caldeira, LYMEC

20. Stanislav Anastassov, YMRF, Bulgaria
21. Erik Carter, RU, Denmark
22. Sissel Kvist, LYMEC
23. Teppo Säkkinen, FCY, Finland
24. Jelena Jesajana, IMS
25. Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
26. Lukas Schweiger, IMS
27. Ab Brightman, LY, UK
28. Ermanno Martignetti, IMS
29. Stefan F. Windberger, Julis, Austria
30. Stanislav Anastassov, YMRF, Bulgaria
31. Florent Baudewyns, Jeunes MR, Belgium

The proposal was adopted with 106 for, 25 against and 11 abstentions.

EYU, Ukraine (Full membership)

Organisation was presented by: Vitalii Iliashenko, Stanislav Zozulia
Secretary General stated that the organization fulfills technical criteria.

Recommendation of the Bureau: Positive

Following persons took the floor:

1. Christopher Røhl Andersen, RU, Denmark

The members of EYU left the room.

2. Anne van der Graaf, LYMEC
3. Daniel George, LYMEC
4. Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
5. Markus Ylimaa, FCY, Finland
6. Pauline Kastermans, JD, The Netherlands
7. Kseniya Shvedova, IMS
8. Alexandru Barbieru, TNL, Romania

The proposal was adopted with 139 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

15.2. Disaffiliations

Gioventù liberale italiana - Italian Liberal Youth, Italy

Not present on our events for over 2 years

No communication

Debt: 536.16

Following persons took the floor:

1. Igor Caldeira, LYMEC

The proposal was adopted unanimously.

ZARES - Aktivni, Slovenia

Not present on our events for over 2 years

Limited communication

Debt: 509.40

Following persons took the floor:

1. Slaven Klobucar, LYMEC

The proposal was adopted unanimously.

Alliance of Young Liberals Lithuania
Not present on our events for over 2 years
Limited communication
Debt: 350.00

Following persons took the floor:

1. Sissel Kvist, LYMEC

The proposal was adopted unanimously.

Liberal Youth Assembly of the National Movement, Bulgaria
Not present on our events for over 2 years
No communication
Debt: 620.00

Following persons took the floor:

1. Slaven Klobucar, LYMEC

The proposal was adopted with 2/3 majority with 10 abstentions.

Joventut Liberal d'Andorra - JLA, Andorra
Not present on our events for over 2 years
No communication
Debt:432.40

Following persons took the floor:

1. Igor Caldeira, LYMEC

The proposal was adopted unanimously.

16. LYMEC Manifesto for 2014 EP Elections

Igor Caldeira presented the Manifesto for 2014 EP Elections.

Following persons took the floor:

1. Erik Carter, RU, Denmark
2. Florent Baudewyns, Jeunes MR
3. Jukka Koivula, KOL, Finland
4. Ed Sanderson, LYMEC
5. Julie Tran, CS, Sweden
6. Igor Caldeira, LYMEC
7. Lukas Schweiger, IMS

8. Jeroen Diepemaat, LYMEC
9. Slaven Klobucar, LYMEC
10. Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
11. Igor Caldeira, LYMEC
12. Sissel Kvist, LYMEC
13. Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
14. Jeroen Diepemaat, LYMEC
15. Dirkjan Tijs, JD, The Netherlands

In discussion on Amendment 1 (to delete Article 2) following persons took the floor:

1. Jeroen Diepemaat, LYMEC (discussion on CAP - amendment to delete no. 2)
2. Sissel Kvist, LYMEC (on amendment)
3. Jukka Koivula, KOL, Finland (on amendment)

Amendment was put on vote and NOT CARRIED.

Markus Ylimaa, FCY, Finland, proposed compromise on Amendment 1. Compromise was put to vote by the bureau. It was not approved with 31 for, 64 against and 38 abstentions.

In general vote, the proposal of the non-amended Manifesto was CARRIED.

17. Resolutions

Resolution 1: No NSA-practices in the European Union (JOVD, VU, JD, JuLis (Germany))

Resolution presented by Ashmita Krishna

Resolution was put on vote and CARRIED.

Resolution 2: Bringing the youth part in agenda the European elections 2014 (IMRF, TNL, CSL, LiDeM, LYA, LPYO)

Resolution presented by Alexandru Barbieru

Following persons took the floor:

- Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
- Kseniya Shvedova, IMS
- Alexandru Barbieru, TNL, Romania

Amendment 1 - IMS Lukas Schweiger

Replace

- youth unemployment is directly correlated to youth migration and both are caused by non-liberal policies and decisions;

With

- youth unemployment and correlated youth migration are caused by non-liberal policies and decisions, particularly highly inflexible labour markets;

ACCEPTED by carrier

Amendment 2 - IMS Jelena Jesajana, Jeunes MR

Delete

- Call upon all stakeholders to bring back EU on its initial path as designated by its founding fathers, namely to become a liberal project once again;
- Call upon all liberals in the EU to put more emphasis on neighboring policies and foster economical exchange with the countries from the Balkan region.

Following persons took the floor:

- Alexandru Barbieru, TNL, Romania
- Jelena Jesajana, IMS
- Kseniya Shvedova, IMS
- Alexandru Barbieru, TNL, Romania

CARRIED with 109 in favor, 36 against

Amended resolution was put on vote and CARRIED.

Resolution 3: European defence (JD)

Resolution presented by Leonidas Ploegstra

Following persons took the floor:

- Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
- Benedikt Bente, LHG, Germany
- Leonidas Ploegstra, JD, The Netherlands
- Markus Ylimaa, FCY, Finland
- Håvard Sandvik, NUV, Norway
- Ed Sanderson, LYMEC
- Lukas Schweiger, IMS
- Jukka Koivula, KOL, Finland
- Pauline Kastermans, JD, The Netherlands
- Jelena Jesajana, IMS
- Erik Carter, RU, Denmark
- Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
- Stanislav Anastassov, YMRF, Bulgaria
- Anna Abrahamsson, SU, Finland

Amendment 1 - LY

Delete

- the establishment of one single military planning capacity and one single operational headquarters in the EU;

Following persons took the floor:

- Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands

NOT CARRIED with 53 in favor and 74 against

Amendment 2 - IMS Lukas Schweiger

Replace

- the EU Member States should, on short term, agree on *collective defense*, whereby its member states agree to mutual defense in response to an attack by any external party; on long term, European cooperation should be prioritized over NATO cooperation;

With

Those EU Member States that want to participate in a further integrated defence should agree on collective defence whereby its member states agree to mutual defense in response to an attack by any external party; on long term, European cooperation should be prioritized over NATO cooperation;

Following persons took the floor:

- Pauline Kastermans, JD, The Netherlands
- Teppo Säkkinen, FCY, Finland

NOT CARRIED with 62 in favor, 81 against and 13 abstentions

Amendment 3 - NUV

Delete

- on long term, European cooperation should be prioritized over NATO cooperation;

Following persons took the floor:

- Pauline Kastermans, JD, The Netherlands
- Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
- Håvard Sandvik, NUV, Norway

NOT CARRIED with 60 in favor, 69 against and 13 abstentions

Amendment 4 - JOVD

Add

lymec and its member organisations to push alde group and its member organisations to support the creation of a European defence force;

CARRIED with 70 in favor, 45 against and 23 abstentions

Amended resolution was put on vote and CARRIED with 73 in favour, 52 against and 6 abstentions.

Resolution 4: Tougher measures against racism within the EU (SU)

Resolution presented by Elis Henell

Following persons took the floor:

- Kseniya Shvedova, IMS
- Jon Gleeson, LY, UK
- Erik Carter, RU, Denmark
- Teppo Säkkinen, FCY, Finland
- Anna Abrahamsson, SU, Finland

Resolution was put on vote and CARRIED.

Resolution 5: Security at the border of Eastern Europe and more attention on Transnistria (YMRF, TNL, CSL, LiDeM, LYA, LPYO)

Resolution presented by Stanislav Anastassov

Following persons took the floor:

- Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
- Stanislav Anastassov, YMRF, Bulgaria
- Kseniya Shvedova, IMS
- Teppo Säkkinen, FCY, Finland

Amendment 1 - carrier

Replace

Balkan countries

With

Balkan and Eastern Partnership countries

ACCEPTED by carrier

Amendment 2 - IMS Lukas Schweiger

Replace

and EU express a position regarding Transnistrian conflict.

With

and the 5+2 talks to be made a priority by the European Union, upon whose successful completion Moldova shall be considered a potential EU candidate country.”

ACCEPTED by carrier

Amended resolution was put on vote and CARRIED.

Resolution 6: European Financial Sector (JD)

Resolution presented by Jan-Willem de Bruin

Following persons took the floor:

- Christian Kjølhedede, RU, Denmark
- Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
- Jan-Willem de Bruin, JD, The Netherlands
- Christian Kjølhedede, RU, Denmark
- Stefan F. Windberger, Julis, Austria
- Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
- Igor Caldeira, LYMEC

Amendment 1 - IMS Lukas Schweiger

Delete

Still many European banks are still too big to fail.

And delete

The living will will partly solve the "too big to fail" problem where lenders are able to borrow money cheaply because markets believe banks would be rescued in case of liquidity problems.

ACCEPTED by carrier

Amended resolution was put on vote and CARRIED with 69 in favour, 65 against and 6 abstentions.

Resolution 7: Border control is not enough! (IMS Lynneth Mollis)

Resolution presented by Lynneth Mollis

Following persons took the floor:

- Jelena Jesajana, IMS
- Erik Carter, RU, Denmark
- Leonidas Ploegstra, JD, The Netherlands
- Stanislav Anastassov, YMRF, Bulgaria
- Igor Caldeira, LYMEC
- Lynneth Mollis, IMS

Amendment 1 - IMS Lukas Schweiger

Delete

Refugees abandon their countries of origin to escape persecution, in pursuit of jobs and a more prosperous life or to offer their children a better future.

Following persons took the floor:

- Lukas Schweiger, IMS
- Erik Carter, RU, Denmark

- Lynneth Mollis, IMS

ACCEPTED by carrier

Amended resolution was put on vote and NOT CARRIED.

Resolution 8: Liberal rights for asylum seekers in Europe (NUV, RU, Liberal Youth, LUF, JD)

Resolution presented by Sunniva Marie Hustoft

Following persons took the floor:

- Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
- Lukas Schweiger, IMS
- Ab Brightman, LY, UK
- Anna Abrahamsson, SU, Finland
- Teppo Säkkinen, FCY, Finland
- Vilhelm Nordström, CUF, Sweden
- Erik Carter, RU, Denmark
- Sunniva Marie Hustoft, NUV, Norway

Amendment 1 - IMS Lukas Schweiger

Replace

- We should allow people to apply for asylum for a European country outside the borders of the respective country which they are applying to.
- Asylum seekers should be allowed to apply to one nation and any number of asylum seekers can be redistributed to avoid repopulation.
- Asylum seekers have the right to temporary working permits.
- Undocumented asylum seekers have a basic right to education.
- Any child born within a country in Europe should have the right to citizenship in that country.

With

LYMEC continues to call for a true European asylum system comprising at least the Schengen area. This includes a true denationalisation of asylum policies, with freedom of movement and access to the labour markets for asylum seekers, and a framework within which Member States share costs in a just manner.

CARRIED

Amendment 2 - LY

Replace

- Asylum seekers should be allowed to apply to one nation and any number of asylum seekers can be redistributed to avoid repopulation.

With

Asylum seekers should be allowed to apply for asylum to any European nation and then re-positioned among European nations to ensure equitable population distribution across the continent.

Amendment FELL

Amendment 3 - FCY

Add

basic health ahead of education

Amendment FELL

Amended resolution was put on vote and NOT CARRIED with 55 in favour, 73 against and 12 abstentions.

Resolution 9: Urgent Resolution on European Net Neutrality (JD)

Resolution presented by Dirkjan Tijds

Resolution was put on vote and unanimously CARRIED.

Resolution 10: The Creation of a Permanent Emergency Asylum Fund (RU)

Resolution presented by Erik Carter

Following persons took the floor:

- Lukas Schweiger, IMS
- Julie Tran, CS, Sweden
- Christian Kjølhede, RU, Denmark
- Erik Carter, RU, Denmark
- Anna Abrahamsson, SU, Finland
- Lukas Schweiger, IMS
- Erik Carter, RU, Denmark

Amendment 1 - RU

Replace

The Creation of a Permanent Emergency Asylum Fund

With

Strengthening the European Refugee Fund

ACCEPTED by carrier

Amendment 2 - SU

Replace

Urges to:

- Create a permanent emergency fund that member states can apply for in times of excessive numbers of asylum seekers, financed by all member states, but especially those that are not directly impacted by these crises.

With

Urges to:

- Ensure that sufficient resources are allocated to the Asylum and Migration Fund, which will include the former asylum and refugee funds, in the EU Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020
- the EU member states to share the responsibility of receiving refugees and asylum seekers more equally in order to avoid disproportionate stress on some countries asylum systems, especially at times of sudden asylum flows

ACCEPTED by carrier.

Amendment 3 - JD

Delete

but especially those that are not directly impacted by these crises.

Amendment FELL

Amendment 4 - SU

Replace

LYMEC therefore calls upon:

- The ALDE group to push for the establishment of this emergency asylum fund.
- The European Commission to propose a legislative framework to solve this acute problem.

With

LYMEC therefore calls upon:

- -the ALDE group to push for allocating sufficient resources in the EU budget for the common asylum system to be functional and humane, and capable of dynamic asylum flows, on a long term basis.
- that EU asylum measures and resources are implemented based on a human rights and protection approach within the member states
- that the ALDE group works on ensuring that the EU external aid priorities and fundings are coherent with the ones of the Asylum and Migration fund.
- the European Commission to propose a legislative framework to deal with these acute problems

CARRIED

Amended resolution was put on vote and CARRIED.

Resolution 11: Promoting sovereignty over natural resources for the people of Western Sahara (NUV, RU, Liberal Youth, LUF)

Resolution presented by Håvard Sandvik

Following persons took the floor:

- Dirkjan Tijs, JD, The Netherlands
- Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
- Jelena Jesajana, IMS
- Christopher Røhl Andersen, RU, Denmark
- Håvard Sandvik, NUV, Norway
- Sissel Kvist, LYMEC
- Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
- Markus Ylimaa, FCY, Finland
- Igor Caldeira, LYMEC
- Håvard Sandvik, NUV, Norway

Amendment 1 - JOVD, Jeunes MR

at the end, add:

- archive resolution 9.24 Stop exploitation of Occupied Western Sahara

ACCEPTED by carrier

Amended resolution was put on vote and CARRIED.

Resolution 12: Ukraine in the EU (EYU)

Resolution presented by Stanislav Zozulia

Amendment 1 - JOVD, Jeunes MR

Replace

European Liberal Youth (LYMEC) approves the resolution and states the following:

- The joining of Ukraine to EU is the consensus of the absolute majority of Ukrainians (according to the conducted polls) and it is a reflection of Ukrainian's choice as a civilization.
- European integration is also a consensus of political elites in Ukraine and is represented by the law of Ukraine on national and foreign level.
- The signing of the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU is an important step towards European integration of Ukraine. It will allow Ukraine and the European Union to become stronger and competitive in a globalize world.
- Ukraine should continue reforms for approaching European standards by improving the reform branches: justice, economic liberalization, constitutional reform and the adoption of the electoral code.

- There is no place for the political persecution of the Leaders of Opposition in a European country. Presidential election in 2015 should take place in a democratic competition, impartiality and legality.
- Respect for freedom of speech and tolerance to national, sexual and other minorities in Ukraine are important elements of European identity that must be followed in Ukraine.
- Cases of political and economic pressure on the third countries outside the vector of Ukraine is impossible. The European Union should use all legal means available to prevent this and protect Ukraine from hostile actions of other countries.
- Ukraine is a European state, Ukrainians are European nation, and therefore, according to the Treaty on European Union (Article 49 TEU) and the principles of the EU, Ukraine may in the future apply to join the European Union.

With

LYMEC RESOLUTIONS FORM

Title of the resolution	On the Signing of the Association Agreement and DCFTA between the EU and Ukraine
Submitted by	European Youth of Ukraine (EYU), Civil Forum, Kseniya Shvedova, IMS
Resolution spokesperson	Stanislav Zozulya, EYU; Kseniya Shvedova IMS
Keywords	Association agreement, integration, EU, Ukraine, reforms
Noting that...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - absolute majority of the Ukrainian people share European values and see themselves as a part of the European democratic family; - Ukraine has undergone significant political transformation since the Orange Revolution and it is important that it continues its way toward a true liberal democracy; - Ukraine's geopolitical position and its significance to the EU as a strategic partner in the region;

- the Fule conditions put forward by the EU in February 2013 have not been met in full, in particular a new election code and a new law on prosecutor's office that would limit its repressive powers, have been not adopted;

- the Ukrainian Parliament delayed the voting on the bill on the treatment of prisoners abroad that would allow President Yanukovich to let the Ukraine's former Prime Minister Julia Tymoshenko go to Germany for medical treatment;

Considering that...

nevertheless

- a number of political prisoners, including the former Interior Minister Yury Lutsenko and some other members of the Tymoshenko government have been released;

- the Ukrainian government has addressed all the reforms of the Association agenda and the justice system reforms

- Ukraine has put considerable efforts to decrease its energy dependency on Russia

- the growing pressure from Russia on Ukraine, including embargo on the products of the key Ukrainian industries

Concerned with...

- a threat to the European integration of Ukraine

- its Member Organizations to encourage their respective mother parties to lobby in support of the signing of the Association Agreement and DCFTA between the EU and Ukraine

LYMEC Calls on...

- the ALDE party and LYMEC Bureau to lobby within the ALDE Group of the European Parliament to support the signing of the EU Association Agreement and DCFTA with Ukraine and to foster the European integration of Ukraine.

Following persons took the floor:

- Kseniya Shvedova, IMS
- Erik Carter, RU, Denmark
- Stanislav Zozulia, EYU, Ukraine

ACCEPTED by carrier

Amendment 2 - IMS Lukas Schweiger

- Cases of political and economic pressure on the third countries outside the vector of Ukraine is impossible. The European Union should use all legal means available to prevent this and protect Ukraine from hostile actions of other countries.

Amendment FELL

Amended resolution was put on vote and CARRIED.

Resolution 13: Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (JOVD, VU)

Resolution presented by Timo Roeleveld

Following persons took the floor:

- Dirkjan Tijs, JD, The Netherlands
- Leonidas Ploegstra, JD, The Netherlands
- Alexander Nestorov, YMRF, Bulgaria
- Florent Baudewyns, Jeune MR, Belgium
- Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands
- Jelena Jesajana, IMS
- Timo Roeleveld, JOVD, The Netherlands

Resolution was put on vote and NOT CARRIED.

Resolution 14: Audit Market Reform (JOVD, VU)

Resolution presented by Toine Schouteten

Resolution was put on vote and CARRIED.

Resolution 15: Resolution asking for the transfer of the permanent seat of the European Parliament in Brussels and the creation, in Strasbourg, of a European university of public administration, political sciences, international relations, European law and history of the European construction (Jeunes MR, Fédération des Etudiants Libéraux)

Resolution presented by Florent Baudewyns.

Following persons took the floor:

- Dirkjan Tijs, JD, The Netherlands
- Clément Bourdon, Jeune MR, Belgium
- Florent Baudewyns, Jeune MR, Belgium

Amendment 1 - IMS Lukas Schweiger

Delete

- proposes to use half of the savings realised thanks to the end of the monthly move of the deputies and staff members for a reduction of the working budget of the European Union and the other half for the financing of the newly created European university and the transnational projects of research.

Put on vote and CARRIED

Amended resolution was put on vote and CARRIED.

Resolution 16: Stateless Nations' right to decide their own political future (JNC)

Resolution presented by Victor Puig.

Amendment 1 - NUV, LY

Delete

- The European Commission to acknowledge that European Citizenship is inviolable and that any result of a referendum of independence inside the EU will result in the continued holding of European Citizenship.

ACCEPTED by carrier

Amendment 2 - IMS Lukas Schweiger

Replace

- The European Commission to acknowledge that European Citizenship is inviolable and that any result of a referendum of independence inside the EU will result in the continued holding of European Citizenship.

With

- “The European Commission to consider a scenario whereby citizens of a new state that seceded from an EU Member State continue to hold European Citizenship until the question of membership of that state in the European Union is solved. Any such scenario should be based on reciprocity.”

Amendment FELL

Amended resolution was put on vote and CARRIED with 73 in favour, 62 against and 14 abstentions.

Resolution 17: Open your mind with open access (LHG)

Resolution presented by Benedikt Bente.

Following persons took the floor:

- Dirkjan Tijs, JD, The Netherlands

Amendment 1 - JD

Delete

- ➔ The installation of an independent co-publishing right for researchers to release the post-print version of their works twelve months after the release of the originalprint. Individual contracts between the researcher and the publisher reducing this time period are appreciated.

Following persons took the floor:

- Igor Caldeira, LYMEC
- Svenja Hahn, LHG, Germany

NOT CARRIED with 49 in favour, 68 against and 16 abstentions

Resolution was put on vote and CARRIED.

18. Any Other Business

Following persons took the floor:

1. Lukas Schweiger, IMS
2. Håvard Sandvik, NUV, Norway
3. Igor Caldeira, LYMEC
4. Sissel Kvist, LYMEC
5. Sunniva Marie Hustoft, NUV, Norway
6. Christian Kjølhede, RU, Denmark

19. Closing

President, Jeroen Diepemaat takes the floor and closes the Congress.