

# Minutes of Congress

Barcelona, November 4 - 5

## 1. Opening by the LYMEC Bureau

LYMEC President Alexander Plahr opened the Congress. He noted that the Congress had been called in accordance with the regulations laid out in the statutes.

Welcome speeches were given by:

- Speech Josep Rull, Deputy leader CiU Parliament group
- Speech Gerard Figueras President of JNC
- Speech Ramon Tremosa (MEP)

## 2. Roll call and voting rights

LYMEC Secretary General, Slaven Klobucar, started the roll call. The voting cards were distributed as follows:

Fédération des Etudiants Libéraux FEL	Belgium	3
Jeunes MR	Belgium	9
Jong-VLD	Belgium	6
YMRF	Bulgaria	10
Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya - JNC	Catalunya	8
Istrian Democratic Youth - IDY	Croatia (Hrvatska)	4
Mladi Hrvatske Narodne Stranke	Croatia (Hrvatska)	7
Mladi hrvatski liberali (MHL)	Croatia (Hrvatska)	5
Radikal Ungdom - RU	Denmark	4
Venstres Ungdom - VU	Denmark	6
Estonian Reform Party Youth (ERPYP)	Estonia	6
Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto - KOL	Finland	4
Suomen Keskustanuoret - FCY	Finland	10
Svensk Ungdom - SU	Finland	6
Junge Liberale - JuLis	Germany	10
LHG	Germany	5
GIV - Giovani dell'Italia dei Valori	Italy	6
Lietuvos Liberalus Jaunimas - LLJ	Lithuania	5
Jonge Democraten - JD	Netherlands, The	7
JOVD	Netherlands, The	6
Norges Unge Venstre - NUV	Norway	5
Liberal Student Club	Romania	8
Tineretul National Liberal- TNL	Romania	10
Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund - CUF	Sweden	5
Liberala Ungdomsförbundet - LUF	Sweden	6
Liberal Youth	United Kingdom	8
IMS	Europe	3

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

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

1. Simon Dyhr
2. Laurens Heinen
3. Pietro Paganini

The proposal was put on vote and adopted with only 1 vote against it.

Proposed Congress minute takers by the Bureau were:

1. Jelena Jesajana
2. Timo Roeleveld

The proposal was put on vote and adopted with only 1 vote against and 2 abstentions.

Proposed Congress scrutineers by the Bureau were:

1. Ed Sanderson
2. Trine Laumann
3. Ben Burgers
4. Anne Van der Graaf
5. Antoinette Bakker

The proposal was put on vote and adopted unanimously.

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

The agenda was presented by the chairs of the congress.

Alexander Plahr took the floor and introduced an amendment to the Agenda.

Amendment to delete point 14 of agenda, which was proposed by Alexander Plahr, was adopted unanimously.

The amended agenda was put on vote and adopted unanimously.

### **5. Urgency of resolutions**

Following resolutions were presented as urgencies:

1. Mediterranean Railway Corridor, proposed by JNC.

Marc Vidiella took the floor presenting the resolution.

Following persons took the floor : Daniel George (IMS), Marc Vidiella (JNC)

Urgency of the resolution was put on vote. The urgency of resolution was not carried with 21 votes in favor, 71 against and 12 abstaining.

2. European Constituency, proposed by Individual Members Igor Caldeira, Antonio Fusco, Lorenzo Marchese, Kseniya Shvedova, Johanna Sundberg, Ermanno Martignetti, Lynneth Mollis, Julius Lizunas, Jamal Zyat, Ben Burgers.

Igor Caldeira took the floor presenting the urgency of resolution.

Urgency of the resolution was put on vote. The urgency of resolution was carried with 107 votes in favour and 10 abstentions.

3. Freedom and Democracy in Ukraine, proposed by Daniel George (IMS) and JD.

Daniel George took the floor presenting the urgency of the resolution.

Anna Rogovchenko took the floor stating EYU support for the resolution and withdrawing EYU resolution on Curtailing freedom and democracy in Ukraine.

Urgency of resolution was put on vote and carried unanimously.

4. Resolution related to the Parti Radical de Gauche and the Jeunes Radicaux de Gauche (France), proposed by FEL.

Florent Baudewyns took the floor presenting the urgency of resolution.

Following persons took the floor: Lukas Schweiger (LUF), Igor Caldeira (IMS) and Florent Baudewyns (FEL).

Urgency of resolution was put on vote. The urgency of resolution was not carried with 122 votes against and 18 in favour.

5. Save stem cell research in Europe, proposed by LUF.

Lukas Schweiger took the floor presenting the urgency of resolution.

Urgency of the resolution was put on vote and carried with 110 votes in favour and 3 against.

6. Responsibility First, proposed by YMRF, HNS, mLDP, CSL and TNL.

Stanislav Anastassov took the floor presenting the urgency of the resolution.

Following persons took the floor: Anne Van der Graaf (JD), Stanislav Anastassov (YMRF) and Timo Roeleveld (JOVD).

Urgency of the resolution was put on vote and carried as urgent with 126 votes in favour, 15 against and 17 abstaining.

7. On Flexicurity and the European Labour Market, proposed by Lukas Schweiger (IMS).

Lukas Schweiger took the floor presenting the resolution.

Urgency of the resolution was put on vote and unanimously carried as urgent.

8. A True European Customs Union, proposed by LUF.

Lukas Schweiger took the floor presenting the urgency of the resolution.

Urgency of the resolution was put on vote and carried as urgent with 93 votes in favour, 22 against and 35 abstaining.

After voting on final urgency of resolutions Congress Chair Laurens Heinen took the floor explaining points 9 and 19 of the Congress Agenda.

## **6. Opening speech by the LYMEC President**

Alexander Plahr took the floor delivering the opening speech.

## **7. Debate about the speech**

Leszek Jazdzewski (Projekt Polska) took the floor.

## **8. Adoption of minutes from the Congress in Utrecht, The Netherlands**

The minutes were adopted with 105 votes in favour and 8 votes abstaining.

## **9. Snap vote on order of resolutions**

Congress Chairs announced that point 9 of the agenda will be discussed tomorrow and instead continued with point 13 of the agenda.

## **13. Statutory Changes**

Alexander Plahr took the floor presenting statutory changes suggested by the Bureau.

Following persons took the floor: Allan Siao Ming Witherick (IMS), Alexander Plahr

Congress chairs established that there was a quorum for the vote (161 votes).

Statutory changes were put on vote and unanimously adopted.

## **9. Snap vote on order of resolutions**

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

1. Youth Unemployment with 91 votes
2. Freedom and Democracy in Ukraine with 51 votes
3. Roaming Free Europe with 50 votes
4. Responsibility first with 49 votes
5. Free Armenia with 46 votes
6. On Europe's Sovereign Debt Crisis with 43 votes
7. A True European Customs Union with 36 votes
8. Regarding the European Commission's decision concerning the reinstatement by Spain of labour market restrictions for Romanian workers with 32 votes
9. Save stem cell research in Europe with 28 votes
10. Freedom of Movement for All Families in Europe with 27 votes
11. Legalising the production, the trade and the use of soft and hard drugs with 24 votes
12. On Flexicurity and the European Labour Market with 23 votes
13. Towards a more transparent and accountable Europe with 21 votes
14. Enhancing the Single Market for Retail Financial Services with 18 votes
15. On Immigration with 18 votes
16. On the Completion of the Single Market for Pharmacy with 14 votes
17. Health is Wealth with 8 votes
18. European Constituency with 5 votes
19. European Commission President Member of the European Parliament with 4 votes
20. Against European Endowment for Democracy with 2 votes

## **10. Bureau Members reports - for information**

Alexander Plahr took the floor and reported on his duties and activities as the President since the previous congress.

Mette Lykke Nielsen took the floor reporting on her duties and activities as the Vice-President.

Vedrana Gujic took the floor giving the report on her duties and activities as the Bureau member.

Matilda Flemming took the floor and reported on her activities and duties as a Treasurer.

Jeroen Diepemaat took the floor giving his report on his duties and activities as a Bureau Member.

Mireia Huerta I Sala took the floor reporting on her duties and activities as a Bureau Member.

Claudia Banchescu took the floor reporting on her duties and activities as a Bureau Member.

## 11. Secretary-general report

Slaven Klobucar took the floor reporting on his duties and activities as the Secretary General, as well as on work of the LYMEC Office.

## 12. Debate about the reports by Bureau and Secretary General

Following persons took the floor:

Daniel George (IMS), Allan Siao Ming Witherick (IMS), Robson Brown (Liberal Youth), Chris Ward (Liberal Youth), Alexander Plahr, Mette Lykke Nielsen, Vedrana Gujic, Jeroen Diepemaat, Claudia Benchescu, Igor Caldeira (IMS), Alexander Plahr

## 15. Resolutions

### 1. Youth Unemployment, proposed by JNC and JOVD.

The resolution was presented by: Timo Roeleveld

Following persons took the floor:

Lukas Schweiger (LUF), Evi Van Den Dungen (JD), Allan Siao Ming Witherick (IMS), Robson Brown (Liberal Youth), Timo Roeleveld (JOVD).

Amendment from GIV

After Line 33 add line 34-35 with following text:

*“LYMEC to promote in cooperation with ELDR the drafting of a joint manifesto according to the orientations issued in Trieste’s meeting from October 7<sup>th</sup>”*

Antonio Fusco took the floor presenting the amendment.

Following persons took the floor: Igor Caldeira (IMS), Vedrana Gujic.

Amendment was adopted by the mover.

Amended resolution was put on vote and passed with 108 votes in favor, 32 against and 7 abstaining.

### 2. Freedom and Democracy in Ukraine, proposed by Daniel George (IMS) and JD.

Daniel George took the floor presenting the resolution.

Following persons took the floor:

Olena Martseniuk (EYU), Sven Sipos (MHL), Anna Rogovchenko (EYU), Anne van der Graaf (JD)

Amendment 1 from Allan Siao Ming Witherick (IMS)

Add to end of “Welcomes” following text:

*“And the support which the ALDE group has given in the European Parliament”*

The amendment was adopted by the mover.

Amendment 2 from Allan Siao Ming Witherick (IMS)

Add at the end following text:

*“Calls on the LYMEC Bureau to ensure our concerns are heard in the ELDR party.”*

The amendment was adopted by the mover.

Resolution as a whole was put on vote and unanimously adopted.

### **3. Roaming Free Europe, proposed by JNC.**

Marc Vidiella took the floor presenting the resolution.

Following persons took the floor:

Ben Burgers (IMS), Florent Baudewyns (FEL), Timo Roeleveld (JOVD), Ed Sanderson (Liberal Youth), Kazimieras Celiesius (LLJ), Alexander Plahr, Sissel Kvist (RU).

Amendment 1 from Tomas de Jager (IMS)

Delete lines 4 - 29

Amendment adopted by the mover

Amendment 2 from Tomas de Jager (IMS)

Replace lines 56-61:

*“Maintaining and standardizing existing contracts with your Provider. This includes those calls sent and received, sms, and data services that have occurred while outside your home country.*

*Allowing you to switch to another operator in the new country and being able to maintain the same phone number. This would add the international prefix to your number to avoid conflicts with that country's numbering system.”*

With following text:

*“Maintaining and standardizing existing contract between customers and their providers. This includes those calls sent and received, text, and data services that have occurred while outside the customer's home country.*

*Allowing customers to switch to another operator in the new country and being able to maintain the same phone number. This would add the international prefix to the phone number in order to avoid conflicts with that country's numbering system.”*

Amendment adopted by the mover.

Amendment 3 from Tomas de Jager (IMS)

Delete lines 63 - 66

Amendment adopted by the mover.

Amendment 4 from Allan Siao Ming Witherick (IMS)

Add the following text at the end:

*“The creation of an international prefix for Europe, recognizing the success of .eu for the Internet”*

Amendment was adopted by the mover.

Following persons took the floor: Timo Roeleveld (JOVD), Antonio Fusco (GIV).

Amended resolution was put on vote and passed with 89 votes in favor, 52 against and 7 abstaining.

#### **4. Responsibility First, proposed by YMRF**

Stanislav Anastassov took the floor presenting the resolution.

Amendment 1 from JOVD, presented by Timo Roeleveld

Change Title

From *“Responsibility First”*

To *“No double Standards”*

Amendment adopted by the mover

Amendment 2 from JOVD, presented by Timo Roeleveld

Delete Lines 8 - 10

Whole text starting with *“Placing the following...”*

Amendment adopted by the mover

Amendment 3 from JOVD, presented by Timo Roeleveld

Change whole text Line 13

From: *“The European Union is a union of unanimity where no serious division should exist: neither racial nor cultural or linguistic”*

To: *“The European Union is a union of unanimity where no discrimination should exist: neither racial nor cultural or linguistic nor on nationality”*

Amendment adopted by the mover

Amendment 4 from JOVD, presented by Timo Roeleveld

Change Lines 28 - 29

From: *“to do that as soon as possible preventing issues dangerous to internal integration, such as “Why is this possible for them and not for us?”*

To: *“to do that as soon as possible preventing issues dangerous to internal integration without double standards, such as “Why is this possible for them and not for us?”*



Adopted by the mover

Amendment 5 from JOVD, presented by Timo Roeleveld

Delete line 30

*“For stronger integration of the European Union, which will resolve these issues”*

Not adopted by the mover

Following persons took the floor:

Timo Roeleveld (JOVD), Stanislav Anastassov (YMRF), Anne Van Der Graaf (JD), Igor Caldeira (IMS),

Timo Roeleveld (JOVD) took the floor to change the wording of the 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment

Amendment 5 (updated) from JOVD

Change whole text Line 30

From: *“For stronger integration of the European Union, which will resolve these issues”*

To: *“for stronger integration of mutual regulatory mechanisms of the member states”*

Amendment adopted by the mover

Anne Van Der Graaf took the floor asking to refute last amendment and keep the old text.

The proposal was put on vote and not accepted with 71 votes in favor, 61 against and 17 abstaining. Thus resolution text remains with the last amendment from JOVD.

Amendment 6 from Allan Siao Ming Witherick (IMS)

Delete all references to individual countries

Amendment not adopted by the mover

Following persons took the floor: Stanislav Anastassov (YMRF), Igor Caldeira (IMS), Joonas Vanto (ERP)

Amendment was put on vote and carried with 85 votes in favor, 48 against and 19 abstaining.

Amendment 7 from Julis, presented by Katrin Säckel

Change lines 24 - 25

From: *“the governments of these countries to introduce a nationally responsible policy and to apply the same fiscal restrictions as East European countries”*

To: *“the governments of these countries to introduce a nationally responsible policy and put the European criteria for stability into effect”*

Amendment not adopted by the mover.

Amendment was put on vote and not carried with 63 votes in favor, 81 against and 16 abstaining.

Resolution as a whole was put on vote and adopted with 131 votes in favor and 18 against.

#### **5. Free Armenia, proposed by Ben Burgers**

Ben Burgers took the floor to withdraw the resolution.

#### **6. On Europe's Sovereign Debt Crisis, proposed by LUF, JOVD, Young Liberals of Slovakia**

Lukas Schweiger took the floor presenting the resolution

Following persons took the floor: Igor Caldeira (IMS), Anne Van Der Graaf (JD), Cosimo Avesani (GIV), Timo Roeleveld (JOVD), Alexander Plahr, Lukas Schweiger

Amendment 1 from JD, presented by Anne Van Der Graaf

Delete line 47

Amendment not adopted by the mover

Following persons took the floor: Lukas Schweiger (LUF), Igor Caldeira (IMS), Anne Van der Graaf (JD)

Amendment was put on vote and not carried with 65 votes in favor and 97 against.

Amendment 2 from JD, presented by Anne Van Der Graaf

Change Lines 54 - 56

From: *“Calling upon the European Union not to extend the temporary European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) and European Financial Stabilisation Mechanism (EFSM) and furthermore abandon all plans to implement a permanent successor such as the envisioned European Stability Mechanism (ESM)”*

To: *“Calling upon the European Union to extend the temporary European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) and European Financial Stabilisation Mechanism (EFSM) and furthermore to implement a permanent successor such as the European Stability Mechanism (ESM)”*

Amendment was not adopted by the mover.

Following persons took the floor:

Lukas Schweiger (LUF), Cosimo Avesani (GIV), Timo Roeleveld (JOVD), Alexander Plahr, Robson Brown (Liberal Youth), Anne Van Der Graaf (JD)

Amendment was put on vote and not carried with 49 votes in favour and 113 against.

Amendment 3 from JD and GIV, presented by Anne Van Der Graaf

Add after Line 82 following text:

*“Second, Italy’s political financial situation needs to be addressed. Common productivity should be prioritized; austerity measures need to be taken by the Italian Government. For the measure to be effective, they must be compliant with the Stability and Growth Pact. The European Commission will implement austerity measures in Italy if the Italian government [..]”*

Amendment was not adopted by the mover.

Following persons took the floor:

Cosimo Avesani (GIV), Robson Brown (Liberal Youth), Timo Roeleveld (JOVD), Florent Baudewyns (FEL), Leo Pierini (CUF), Anne Van Der Graaf (JD), Alexander Plahr, Ivo Thijssen, Anne Van Der Graaf.

Amendment was put on vote and not carried with 30 votes in favour, 127 against and 15 abstaining.

Resolution as a whole was put on vote and adopted with 95 votes in favour, 55 against and 8 abstaining.

#### **7. A True European Customs Union, proposed by LUF**

Lukas Schweiger took the floor presenting the resolution.

Following persons took the floor: Timo Roeleveld (JOVD)

The resolution was put on vote and carried with 107 votes in favor, 24 against and 8 abstaining.

#### **8. Regarding the European Commission’s decision concerning the reinstatement by Spain of labour market restrictions for Romanian workers, proposed by TNL**

Silviu Grigorescu took the floor presenting a new version of the resolution with amendments from RU that were adopted by the mover.

#### **End all Restrictions on the Free Movement of Labour, proposed by TNL and RU**

Following persons took the floor: Marc Vidiella (JNC), Sissel Kvist (RU)

Resolution was put on vote and adopted with 128 votes in favor and 3 abstaining.

#### **9. Save stem cell research in Europe, proposed by LUF**

Lukas Schweiger took the floor presenting the resolution.

Following persons took the floor: Timo Roeleveld (JOVD)

Amendment 1 from Allan Siao Ming Witherick (IMS)

Change wording Lines 42 - 43

From: *“LYMEC will put forward an urgency resolution in this spirit to the 2011 ELDR congress”*

To: *“LYMEC will consider an urgency resolution in this spirit to the 2011 ELDR congress”*

Amendment is not adopted by the mover and is put on vote.

Amendment is carried with 59 votes in favour, 6 against and 58 abstaining.

Amended resolution is put on vote and adopted with 135 votes in favour, 7 against and 22 abstaining.

**10. Freedom of Movement for All Families in Europe, proposed by Igor Caldeira (IMS) and Mario Tocci (IMS)**

Igor Caldeira took the floor presenting the resolution.

Resolution was put on vote and adopted with 131 votes in favor and 14 abstaining.

**11. Legalising the production, the trade and the use of soft and hard drugs, proposed by FEL and LVSV**

Florent Baudewyns took the floor to present the resolution.

Amendment 1 from GIV, presented by Ermanno Martignetti

Lines 100 - 101 delete phrase “and hard drugs”

Following persons took the floor: Tim Huiskes (IMS), Lyneth Mollis (IMS)

Amendment was put on vote and carried with 49 votes in favor, 36 against and 23 abstaining.

Amendment 2 from GIV, presented by Federico Minca

Delete Line 6

Amendment adopted by the mover.

Amendment 3 from GIV, presented by Federico Minca

Change Lines 7 - 8

From: *“Nowadays, there are nearly 200,000,000 drug users around the world, most of them being occasional users. The struggle against narcotics traffic is and kills people every day.”*

To: *“Nowadays, are estimated nearly 200,000,000 drug users around the world, most of them being occasional users. The struggle against narcotics traffic is expensive and sometimes ineffective related to the resources used.”*

Amendment adopted by the mover

Amendment 4 from GIV, presented by Federico Minca

Delete Lines 9 - 12

Amendment adopted by the mover.

Amendment 5 from GIV, presented by Federico Minca

Delete following phrase from Line 15: “deterioration of the quality and purity of products”

Amendment adopted by the mover.

Amendment 6 from GIV, presented by Federico Minca

Change Lines 16 - 17

From: “It transforms consumers-citizens in severed repressed criminals.”

To: “Some Legislation system transforms consumers-citizens in repressed criminals and becoming a social problem.”

Amendment adopted by the mover.

Amendment 7 from GIV, presented by Federico Minca

Delete following text from Lines 17 - 18

“It seems also that no relation has been proved between the rate of use and the severity of authorities.”

Amendment is not adopted by the mover and is put on vote.

Amendment is not carried with 17 votes in favour, 37 against and 45 abstaining.

Amendment 8 from GIV, presented by Cosimo Avesani

Delete following words from Line 45: “the quality and “

Amendment adopted by the mover.

Amendment 9 from GIV, presented by Cosimo Avesani

Delete following phrase from Lines 58 - 59:

“and that some of them are used in a different way than the one for which they are sold”

Amendment adopted by the mover.

Amendment 10 from Liberal Youth, presented by Robson Brown

Delete Lines 126 - 129

Amendment adopted by the mover

Amendment 11 from Liberal Youth, presented by Robson Brown

Replace instances of verb “legalise” with verb “decriminalise” in whole text.

Amendment not adopted by the mover.

Following persons took the floor:

Igor Caldeira (IMS), Florent Baudewyns (FEL), Tims Huiskes (IMS), Robson Brown (Liberal Youth)

Amendment is put on vote and not carried with 31 votes in favour, 33 against and 58 abstaining.

Amendment 12 from Liberal Youth, presented by Robson Brown

Add following text to Lines 20 -21:

*“That there is increasing evidence that the drugs policy of criminal prohibition is not only ineffective and expensive, but actually harmful, impacting severely on the poorest and most marginalised.”*

Amendment adopted by the mover

Amendment 13 from Liberal Youth, presented by Robson Brown

Add following text on Line 109:

*“Calls for evidence based policy making on drugs with a clear focus on prevention and reduction of harm, instead of puritan ideology and moralising as at present.”*

Amendment adopted by the mover.

Amendment 14 from Liberal Youth, presented by Robson Brown

Add following text before Line 114

*“Declares that independent experts, scientists, and health professionals should be at the heart of European drugs policies and not partisan politicians or national commissioners”*

Amendment adopted by the mover

Amendment 15 from Tim Huiskes (IMS)

Delete all reference to hard drugs for recreational use throughout the entire resolution, to the effect that all proposals only relate to soft drugs. Furthermore add “soft” to every mention of “drugs”.

Amendment was not adopted by the mover.

No vote taken on this amendment, because the mover of the amendment was not present in the congress room.

Resolution as a whole was put for the discussion.

Following persons took the floor:

Timo Roeleveld (JOVD), Ed Sanderson (Liberal Youth), Tomas de Jager (IMS), Silviu Grigorescu (TNL), Lynneth Mollis (IMS), Tim Huiskes (IMS), Florent Baudewyns (FEL).

Resolution was put on vote and not carried with 59 votes in favour and 108 abstaining.

## **12. On Flexicurity and the European Labour Market , proposed by Lukas Schweiger**

Lukas Schweiger took the floor presenting the resolution.

Amendment 1 from JOVD, presented by Timo Roeleveld

Delete lines 34 - 36

Amendment not adopted by the mover and put on vote.

Amendment was not carried with 39 votes in favor, 57 against and 11 abstaining.

Following persons took the floor: Tim Huiske (IMS), Lukas Schweiger (LUF)

Resolution was put on vote and adopted with 118 votes in favor, 18 against and 7 abstaining.

## **13. Towards a more transparent and accountable Europe, proposed by JD**

Robert Wintraecken took the floor presenting the resolution

Amendment 1 from LUF, presented by Lukas Schweiger

Delete Lines 20 - 21

Amendment adopted by the mover.

Amendment 2 from LUF, presented by Lukas Schweiger

Delete Lines 25 - 27

Amendment was not adopted by the mover.

Following persons took the floor:

Igor Caldeira (IMS), Alexander Plahr, Robert Wintraecken (JD), Robson Brown (Liberal Youth)

Amendment was put on vote and carried with 81 votes in favor and 39 against.

Amended resolution was put on vote and was unanimously adopted.

Following resolutions have been postponed to the next congress:

- Enhancing the Single Market for Retail Financial Services
- On Immigration
- On the Completion of the Single Market for Pharmacy
- Health is Wealth
- European Constituency
- European Commission President Member of the European Parliament
- Against European Endowment for Democracy

## **16. Membership issues: disaffiliations**

### **16.1 DLS, Denmark**

Mette Lykke Nielsen took the floor to present Bureau's position.

Disaffiliation was put on vote and with 143 votes in favor and 3 against DLS was disaffiliated from LYMEC.

### **16.2 YPD, Ireland**

Jeroen Diepemaat took the floor to present Bureau's position.

Disaffiliation was put on vote and with 152 votes in favor and 5 against YPD was disaffiliated from LYMEC.

### **16.3 New Generation, Hungary**

Vedrana Gujic took the floor presenting Bureau's position.

Following persons took the floor: Daniel George (IMS)

Disaffiliation was put on vote and New Generation was unanimously disaffiliated.

### **16.4 LiDem, Macedonia**

Vedrana Gujic took the floor presenting Bureau's position.

Following persons took the floor:

Tim Huiskes (IMS), Vedrana Gujic, Stanislav Anastassov (YMRF), Allan Siao Ming Witherick (IMS), Matilda Flemming, Daniel George (IMS), Tims Huiskes (IMS), Alexander Plahr, Robson Brown (Liberal Youth)

Disaffiliation was put on vote and with 56 votes in favor, 108 against and 11 abstaining LiDem was not disaffiliated from LYMEC.

### **16.5 OT AMN, Moldova**

Claudia Benchescu took the floor presenting Bureau's position.

Disaffiliation was put on vote and OT AMN was unanimously disaffiliated from LYMEC.

## **17. Membership issues**

### **17.1 Youth of LDP, Serbia, for full membership**

Milos Kuzmanovic took the floor presenting the organization and its application.

Following persons took the floor:



Nils Ter Braake (JD), Allan Siao Ming Witherick (IMS), Vedrana Gujic, Chris Ward (Liberal Youth), Stanislav Anastassov (YMRF)

The mLDP delegation left the congress room.

Full Membership Application was put on vote and mLDP was unanimously accepted as a full member to LYMEC.

Following persons took the floor: Milos Kuzmanovic and Alexander Plahr

Secretary General, Slaven Klobucar, gave 10 voting right to mLDP.

### **17.2 European Youth of Ukraine, Ukraine, for applicant membership**

Natalia Tserklevych and Anna Rogovchenko presented the organization and its application.

Following persons took the floor:

Daniel George (IMS), Olena Martseniuk (EYU), Erik Van Der Meij (JD), Sunniva Skjeggstad (NUV), Natalia Tserklevych (EYU), Anna Rogovchenko (EYU), Alexander Plahr, Ed Sanderson (Liberal Youth), Allan Siao Ming Witherick (IMS), Tim Huiskes (IMS), Tatiana Lyubimova (IMS), Sven Sipoc (MHL).

The EYU delegation left the congress room.

Claudia Benchescu took the floor presenting Bureau's position.

Following persons took the floor:

Daniel George (IMS), Igor Caldeira (IMS), Allan Siao Ming Witherick (IMS), Kseniya Shvedova (IMS), Tatiana Lyubimova (IMS), Priit Kallakas (ERP), Timo Roeleveld (JOVD), Robert Wintraecken (JD), Sven Sipoc (MHL), Alexander Plahr, Tim Huiskes (IMS), Leszek Jazdzewski (Projekt Polska)

Vote on postponing the vote on EYU's application was announced.

With 131 votes in favor, 34 against and 8 abstaining the vote was postponed to the next Congress.

### **17.3 Alliance of Young Liberals, Lithuania, for applicant membership**

Arturas Laktionkinas took the floor to present the organization and its application.

Following persons took the floor: Allan Siao Ming Witherick (IMS), Timo Roeleveld (JOVD)

The AYL delegation left the congress room.

Matilda Flemming took the floor presenting Bureau's position.

Following persons took the floor: Kazimieras Celiesius (LLJ), Daniel George (IMS), Thomas Leys (IFLRY)

Applicant membership was put on vote and was unanimously approved.

#### **17.4 Liberal Club, Belarus, for observer membership**

Claudia Benchescu took the floor presenting Bureau's position.

Following persons took the floor: Tomas de Jager (IMS), Daniel George (IMS), Kseniya Shvedova (IMS).

The vote on non-deliberations was suggested. With 143 votes in favor of non-deliberation and 22 against, the Congress did not vote on this application.

## **18. Finances**

### **18.1 Financial Report**

Treasurer Matilda Flemming presented Financial report January - October 2011 (for information).

Following persons took the floor: Allan Siao Ming Witherick (IMS), Slaven Klobucar

### **18.2 Internal Auditor's Report**

Lukas Schweiger and Daniel George took the floor presenting internal auditor's report.

### **18.3 Draft Budget 2012**

Treasurer Matilda Flemming took the floor discussing membership fees for organizations.

Membership fees were put on vote and were unanimously approved.

Matilda Flemming continued presenting the draft budget 2012.

Following persons took the floor: Anne Van Der Graaf (JD), Lukas Schweiger (LUF), Alexander Plahr, Tim Huiskes (IMS), Allan Siao Ming Witherick (IMS), Matilda Flemming

Draft Budget 2012 was put on vote and was approved with 128 votes in favor and 1 abstaining.

## **19. Report from Member Organizations**

As suggested by the Congress Chairs, point 19 of the Congress Agenda was spread throughout the Congress.

Following Member Organizations took the floor to report:

LLJ, presented by Kazimieras Celiesius

RU, presented by Sissel Kvist and Christopher Roehl Andersen

SU, presented by Silja Borgarsdóttir Sandelin

NUV, presented by Sunniva Skjeggstad

MHL, presented by Sven Sipos

IFLRY, presented by Thomas Leys

FEL, presented by Florent Baudewyns

YMRF, presented by Stanislav Anastassov and Ikmal Dzhomova

Liberal Club, presented by Robson Brown

## **20. Any other business**

There were no discussing suggestions for this point; therefore agenda point 20 was skipped.

## **21. Closing**

President Alexander Plahr took the floor and closed the Congress.