

# Minutes of Congress

Copenhagen (May 11th to May 13th)

## 1. Opening by the LYMEC Bureau

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

Welcome speeches were given by:

Speech given by CBS Union President, Niklas Frijs – Madsen

Speech given by Ditte Sondergaard (RU)

Online-speech given by Graham Watson (ELDR)

## 2. Roll call and voting rights

LYMEC Secretary General, Slaven Klobucar starts the roll call. This list presents overall number of present votes on the congress which varied from point to point depending on presence of the delegates in the room. The voting cards are distributed as follows:

Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund - CUF	5
Centerstudenter - CS	3
CSL, Romania	9
Estonian Reform Party Youth (ERPY)	6
Fédération des Etudiants Libéraux - FEL	7
GIV - Giovani dell'Italia dei Valori	6
Individual members	3
Istrian Democratic Youth - IDY	4
Jeunes MR	9
Jonge Democraten - JD	7
Jongeren Organisatie Vrijheid & Democratie - JOVD	6
Jong-VLD	6
Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya - JNC	8
Junge Liberale - JuLis	10
Jungfreisinnige Schweiz - JFS	5
Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto - KOL	4
LHG - Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen	5
Liberal Youth	6
Liberala Ungdomsförbundet - LUF	6
LLJ, Lithuania	5
LPYO, Moldova	5
LVSF, Belgium	5
MHL, Croatia	5
Mladi Hrvatske Narodne Stranke - Liberalni Demokrati	7
MLD, Slovenia	3

Norges Unge Venstre - NUV	5
Projekt:Polska - Project: Poland Association	3
Radikal Ungdom - RU	4
Suomen Keskustanuoret - FCY	10
Svensk Ungdom - SU	6
TNL, Romania	10
Venstres Ungdom - VU	6
YMRF - Youth Movement for Rights and Freedom	10

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

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

Charlotte Linvald  
Pietro Paganini  
Simon Dyhr  
Minna Lindberg

The proposal was put on vote and adopted unanimously.

Proposed Congress minute takers by the Bureau are:

Xose Casas  
Trine Laumann

The proposal was put on vote and adopted unanimously.

Proposed Congress scrutineers by the Bureau are:

Timo Roeveld  
Erik Carter  
Matilda Molander  
Marino Komes

The proposal was put on vote and adopted unanimously.

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

The agenda was presented by the chairs of the congress.

Following persons took the floor:

Amendment #1 was proposed by Alexander Plahr on behalf of LYMEC to add the point of the

election of the ELDR delegates, reduced membership to the Finance point of the agenda, and to change the 14th point of the agenda as the 12th point. The amendment was adopted unanimously.

The amended agenda was put on vote and adopted with 141 votes.

## **5. Urgency of resolutions**

Proposed urgency resolution #1: The Future of the Euro

Following persons took the floor:

Timo Roeveld JOVD

The urgency resolution was put on vote and adopted with: 171 votes in favor, 16 abstentions, 27 against

Proposed urgency resolution #2: Completing the Digital Single Market

Following persons took the floor:

Trine Laumann (RU)

The urgency resolution was put on vote and adopted with: 126 votes in favor, 0 abstentions, 26 against.

Accepted urgency resolutions are as it follows:

The Future of the Euro  
Completing the Digital Single Market

## **6. Adoption of minutes from the Congress in Barcelona**

The minutes from the Barcelona Congress were adopted with 154 votes.

## **7. Bureau Members reports – for information**

LYMEC President Alexander Plahr took the floor to report on his duties and activities in LYMEC.

LYMEC Vice President Mette Lykke Nielsen took the floor to report on her duties and activities in LYMEC.

LYMEC Treasurer Matilda Flemming took the floor to report on her duties and activities in LYMEC.

LYMEC Bureau Member Vedrana Gujic took the floor to report on her duties and activities in LYMEC.

LYMEC Bureau Member Claudia Benchescu took the floor to report on her duties and activities in LYMEC.

LYMEC Bureau Member Jeroen Diepemaat took the floor to report on his duties and activities in LYMEC.

Following persons took the floor:

Daniel George

## **8. Secretary-general report**

Secretary General Slaven Klobucar took the floor to report on his duties and activities in LYMEC.

## **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. The vote was taken and the result of the vote was as follows:

1. Act on ACTA
2. Future of the Euro
3. A truly European asylum system
4. Free Syria from violence and oppression
5. Capital Punishment in Belarus
6. Resolution on the protection of Arctic area
7. Sexual orientation, gender identity
8. Completing the Digital Single Market
9. Save the European Court of Human Rights
10. Science Not Stigma: Ending the Blood Ban
11. On the completion of the single market ....
12. On the right of privacy concerning agreements
13. Resolution On Organized Crime in Europe
14. Combating the negative effects of immigration
15. Resolution on Immigration
16. Resolution on the fiscal compact
17. European Commission President Member
18. Resolution for a European Constituency
19. Enhancing the Single Market for Retail

20. European regulation vs State interests;
21. RESOLUTION for a new and fresh approach
22. For a common digital management rights.
23. Health is wealth
24. For facilitating the common automotive market.
25. Against the European Endowment for Democracy

## **10. Annual Report 2011 and debate**

LYMEC Vice President Mette Lykke Nielsen took the floor to report on the Annual Report 2011.

## **11. Finances**

(#1) LYMEC Treasurer Matilda Flemming took the floor to report on the Financial Report 2011.

The FINANCIAL REPORT 2011 was put on vote and adopted with 123 votes in favor, 0 votes against and 11 abstentions.

(#2) LYMEC Auditors Lukas Schweiger and Daniel George took the floor to report on the Internal Auditor's Report.

(#3) LYMEC Treasurer Matilda Flemming took the floor to report on the Financial Report January - May 2012.

(#4) LYMEC Treasurer Matilda Flemming presented the Reduced Membership Fee Applications for the following member organizations: Civil Forum (Belarus), ELSV (Belgium), LYA (Bulgaria) YAECEP (Estonia), and MLD Slovenia.

The Reduced Membership Fee Application for CIVIL FORUM was put on vote and adopted with 137 votes in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.

Following person took the floor:

Lode Cossaer.

The Reduced Membership Fee Application for LVSV Belgium was put on vote and adopted with 116 votes in favor, 0 against and 16 abstentions.

The Bureau proposes not to accept the reduced membership request for LYA. The proposal was put on vote and adopted with 73 votes in favor, 31 against and 30 abstentions. LYA was not granted reduced membership fee.

The Redued Membership Fee Application YAECEP for Estonia was put on vote and adopted with 117 votes in favor, 0 against and 21 abstentions.

Following persons took the floor:

Vedrana Gujic,

The Reduced Membership Fee Application for MLD Slovenia was put on vote and adopted with 135 votes in favor, 0 against and 9 abstentions.

(#5) LYMEC Treasurer Matilda Flemming took the floor to present the proposal of budget changes for 2012.

The Proposal of Budget Changes for 2012 was put on vote and adopted with 144 votes in favor.

## **12. Membership issues**

LYMEC Bureau proposed disaffiliation of: MLBiH - Bosnia and Herzegovina, LIDEM Macedonia, and Youth Alliance.

Following persons took the floor:

Silviu Gujoosen TNL – Romania

Laurens Heinen IMS

Jeroen Diepemaat LYMEC

Matilda Flemming LYMEC

Niklas Milthers VU

Ermanno Martinetti GIV

(#1) The Proposal MLBiH - Bosnia and Herzegovina was not put on vote, as the Bureau recommendation was against disaffiliation, due to recent developments inside of the organization.

(#2) The Proposal LIDEM Macedonia was put on vote and not carried with 69 votes in favor, 77 votes against and 25 abstentions.

(#3) The Youth Alliance UK Proposal was put on vote and adopted with 145 votes in favor, 0 votes against and 40 abstentions.

## **13. Discharge of the Bureau**

The chairs took the floor and relieved the Bureau at duty.

## **14. Elections of Bureau members. Discharge of the Bureau**

Candidate for the LYMEC presidency, Jeroen Diepemaat, took the floor to present his candidacy.

LYMEC Secretary General did the roll call and distributed the ballots. Delegates preceded the voting.

The candidacy was put on vote and carried with 164 votes in favor, 3 abstentions and 21 against.

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Candidates for the LYMEC vice presidency, Vedrana Gujic, took the floor to present her candidacy.

LYMEC Secretary General did the roll call and distributed the ballots. Delegates preceded the voting.

The candidacy was put on vote and carried with 183 votes in favor, 0 abstentions and 11 votes against.

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Candidate for the LYMEC treasurer, Lukas Schweiger, took the floor to present his candidacy.

Candidate for the LYMEC treasurer, Anne Van Der Graaf, took the floor to present her candidacy.

Following persons took the floor:

1. Lynneth Mollis

LYMEC Secretary General did the roll call and distributed the ballots. Delegates preceded the voting.

The candidacy was put on vote and Anne Van Der Graaf was elected with 140 votes in favor, 52 against and 2 abstentions.

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Candidates for the LYMEC bureau: Claudia Benchescu, Ed Sanderson, Igor Caldeira, Sissel Kvist, Kazimieras Celiesius and Toppi Seppala took the floor to present their candidacy.

Following persons took the floor:

Laurens Heinen IMS  
Daniel George IMS  
Ermanno Martinetti GIV  
Danica Vihinen – SU  
Matilda Flemming – LYMEC  
Egle Markeviciute (LLJ)  
Christopher Andersen (RU)

LYMEC Secretary General did the roll call and distributed the ballots. Delegates preceded the voting.

The candidacy was put on vote and Ed Sanderson was elected with 178 votes; Claudia Benchescu with 177 votes; Igor Caldeira with 172 votes and Sissel Kvist with 154.

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## **15. Election of the Auditors and substitutes**

The Following persons were nominated as candidates:

Daniel George IMS  
Timo Roeleveld (JOVD)  
Danica Vihinen (Svensk Ungdom)

The Secretary General Slaven Klobucar did the roll call and distributed the votes. Delegates proceeded to voting.

Following persons took the floor:

1. Laurens Heinen IMS

The candidacy was put on vote and Daniel George was elected with 164 votes in favor and Danica Vihinen with 144 votes in favor.

## **16. Announcement of the elected Bureau members.**

The chairs announced the following persons elected with the following amount of votes.

Ed Sanderson (178 votes)  
Claudia Benchescu (177 votes)  
Igor Caldeira (172 votes)  
Sissel Kvist (154 votes)



## **17. Speech of the elected President**

Jeroen Diepemaat gave his first speech as LYMEC President.

## **18. Election of the ELDR delegates**

The Following persons were nominated as delegates:

Nils ter Braake, JD  
Igor Caldeira, LYMEC  
Jeroen Diepemaat, LYMEC  
Andreas Goffin, LHG  
Vedrana Gujic, LYMEC  
Lynneth Moliss, IMS  
Timo Roeveld, JOVD  
Dan - Aria Sucuri, LUF  
Danica Vihinen, SU  
Benedikt Yavuz, JULIS  
Carlota Macia Fontanals, JNC  
Claudia Benchescu, LYMEC  
Hugo van Haaster, JD  
Sissel Kvist, LYMEC  
Leo Pierini, CUF  
Kseniya Schedova, IMS  
Jeroen Dipemaat, LYMEC

The Secretary General Slaven Klobucar did the roll call and distributed the votes.

Delegates proceeded to voting. The candidacy was put on vote and the following people were elected:

Jeroen Diepemaat  
Nils Ter Braake  
Vedrana Gujic  
Timo Roeveld  
Igor Caldeira  
Sissel Kvist  
Leo Pierini  
Dan - Aria Sucuri  
Claudia Benchescu

The Secretary General Slaven Klobucar did the roll call because there was a tie between two candidates (Carlota Marcia Fontanals and Danica Vihinen). Danica Vihinen was elected with 94

votes.

## **19. Announcement of the elected Auditors and substitutes.**

The chairs announced the following persons elected with the following amount of votes.

1. Daniel George (164 votes)
2. Danica Vihinen (144 votes)
3. Timo Roeveld (substitute)

## **20. Resolutions**

### **(#1) Act on ACTA**

Resolution #1 presented by Kazimieras Celiesius (LLJ)

Nobody took the floor.

Following amendments were received:

Amendment presented by Marc Vidiella - JNC.

To: add “ensure all Europeans citizens are granted with the same rights in order to view that content across Europe” as line 29.

Following people took the floor:

- Egle Markeviciute (LLJ)

Amendment was adopted by the mover.

The amended resolution was put on vote and adopted unanimously.

### **(#2) Future of the Euro**

Resolution # 2 presented by Jarico Vos (JOVD)

Following amendments were received:

Amendment presented by Lode Cossaer (LVSV)

To: change the last sentence into “calls on all Euro Member States to work towards a free market monetary system, fiscal solvency and stop further bailouts and financial aid.”

Following persons took the floor:

Tomas de Jager (IMS)  
Niklas Milthers (VU)  
Markus Ylimaa (FCY)  
Christopher Andersen (RU)  
Ermanno Martignetti (GIV)  
Cosimo Avesani (GIV)  
Marino Komes (IMS)

Amendment was put on vote and carried with 120 votes in favor, 64 votes against and 10 abstentions.

The amended resolution was put on vote and adopted with 85 votes.

### **(#3)A truly European asylum system**

Resolution #3 presented by Julis - Junge Liberale

Following persons took the floor:

Jarico Vos (JOVD)  
Laurens Heinen (IMS)  
Jan Van Run (IMS)  
Nils ter Braake (JD)  
Tomas de Jager (IMS)  
Ermanno Martinetti  
Niklas Millhers (VU)  
Lode Coasser (LVSV)  
Matilda Flemming  
Jordi Domingo (JNC)  
Danica Vihinem (SU)  
Lynneth Mollis (IMS)  
Lukas Schweiger (LUF)  
Leo Pierini (CUF)

Following amendments were received:

Amendment presented by: Nilster Braake

To: delete “is to replace” and add “has the responsibility to coordinate” (line 26)

Amendment was adopted by the mover.

Amendment presented by Timo Roeleveld

To: Delete line 30: Concludes the replacement of the “one state only” principle with a quota for the distribution of refugees in Europe.

Resolution writers accepted the amendment.

Amendment presented by: Danica Vihinem (SU)

To: change line 31 “with a quota” and add to “with a more flexible system”

Resolution writers accepted the amendment.

The amended resolution was put on vote and carried.

#### **(#4) Free Syria from violence and oppression**

Resolution #4 presented by Andreas Skjaeret (LHG)

Following persons took the floor:

- Marc Vidiella (JNC)

Following amendments were received:

Amendment presented by: Lorenzo Marchese (IMS)

To: add “according t Human Rights Watch, both government and opposition forces have infringed on Human Rights”

Amendment was adopted by the mover.

Amendment presented by Lorenzo Marchese (IMS)

To: add “ Support only pro-freedom forces, rejecting any cooperation with the Muslim brotherhood of salafist movement”

The amended resolution was put on vote and carried.

Amendment presented by Lorenzo Marchese (IMS)

To: add “press opposition forces to respect religious minorities and guarantee that Allzwites, Christians and shite minority are not going to be massacred after the fall of the regime.

The amended resolution was put on vote and carried.

Amendment presented by Nikie Van Thief (JD)

To: delete from line 26: “with or without a UN mandate”

The amendment was put on vote and not carried.

Amendment presented by Tomas de Jager (IMS)

To: delete lines 18-19 “Turkey, being Syria’s major trading partner, have recently threatened to react against Syria, but have not ceased its import from the country.

The amendment was put on vote and carried.

Amendment presented by Lode Cossaer (LVGV)

To: delete last sentence “express the possibility for the international community to consider a military intervention in order to protect the civilian population against the brutal regime, with or without a UN mandate.

The amendment was put on vote and not carried.

Amendment presented by Lode Cossaer

To: add paragraph “encourage European and other countries to open asylum for Syrian citizens”

The amendment was put on vote and was carried

Amendment presented by Jarico Vos (JOVD)

To: change “with or without” and add “only with”

The amendment was put on vote and not carried.

Following people took the floor:

Lorenzo Marchese (IMS)

Andreas Skjaeret (NUV)

Leo Pierini (CUF)

Marc Vidiella (JNC)  
Jarico Vos (JOVD)  
Laurens Heinnen (IMS)  
Danica Vihinem (SU)  
Slaven Klobucar (LYMEC)  
Jordi Domingo (JNC)  
Anna Abrahamsson (SU)  
Lynneth Mollis (IMS)  
Andreas Oxhold (VU)  
Isak Engqvist (CS)  
Sveinung Rotevatn (NUV)  
Matilda Flemming  
Timo Roeveld

The amended resolution was put on vote and carried. <sup>ao</sup>

#### **(#5) Capital Punishment in Belarus**

Resolution #5 presented by Kseniya Shedova (IMS)

Following persons took the floor.

Nobody took the floor.

Following amendments were received:

No amendments were received.

The resolution was unanimously carried.

#### **(#6) Resolution on the protection of Arctic area**

Resolution # presented by Anna Abrahamsson (SU)

Following persons took the floor:

Ermanno Martignetti (GIV)  
Antti Kurvinen (FCY)  
Jukka Koivula (KOL)

Following amendments were received:

Amendment presented by: Jukka Koivula (KOL)

To: add line 46: cooperation between EU and Russia should be more effective in the Arctic issues.

The Amendment was adopted by the mover.

Amendment presented by: Jarico Vos (JOVD)

To: Delete lines 52 - 53.

The amendment was adopted by the mover

The amended resolution was put on vote and carried.

### **(#7) Sexual orientation, gender identity**

Resolution #7 presented by Danica Vihinem (SU)

Following persons took the floor:

Laurens Heinen (IMS)  
Kazimieras Celiesus (LLJ)  
Fredrika Akerö (SU)

Following amendments were received:

No amendments were received.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

### **(#8) Completing the Digital Single Market**

Resolution #8 presented by the seminar on European Digital Agenda.

Following persons took the floor:

- Daniel Eberz (LHG)

Following amendments were received:

1. Amendment presented by: Andreas Goffin (LHG), Daniel Eberz (LHG)

To: replace “Mobile internet in both cheaper and less energy than the landline alternative” with

“mobile internet offers significant growth opportunities”

Amendment was adopted by the mover.

The amended resolution was put on vote and carried.

### **(#9) Save the European Court of Human Rights**

Resolution #9 proposed by: Jong VLD (Belgium)  
(Nobody presented it)

Following persons took the floor.

Nobody took the floor.

Following amendments were received:

No amendments were received.

The resolution was put on vote and carried unanimously.

### **(#10) Science Not Stigma: Ending the Blood Ban**

Resolution #10 presented by Ed Sanderson (LYMEC)

Following persons took the floor:

Lode Cossaer (LVSV)  
Ermanno Martignetti (GIV)  
Hugo Van Hasstert (JD)  
Laurens Heinen (IMS)  
Danica Vihinem (SU)  
Fredrika Aker (SU)  
Marino Komes (IMS)  
Timo Roeleveld (JOVD)

Following amendments were received:

Amendment presented by: Lode Cossaer (LVSV)

To: Delete last paragraph from “to bring legislation in live with scientific evidence rather than outdated attitudes” and add “to urge countries to remove restrictions and allow healthcare institutions to develop their own guidelines”



The amendment was put on vote and carried.

Amendment presented by Hugo Van Haastert (JD)

To: delete line 24, 25, 26 and 27 of the resolution

The amendment was put on vote and not carried.

Amendment presented by Jarico Vos (JOVD)

To: leave out line 6.

Following persons took the floor:

Pauline Kastermans (JD)  
Jarico Vos (JOVD)  
Ermanno Martignetti (GIV)

The amendment was put on vote and was not carried.

The amended resolution was put on vote and carried.

### **(#11) On the completion of the single market for pharmaceuticals.**

Resolution #11 proposed by JD and RU.

Following persons took the floor:

Sissel Kvist took the floor

Following amendments were received:

Amendment was presented by Lode Cossaer (LVSV)

To: Delete line 25 “that these drugs are bought within the single market”

Following persons took the floor:

Lynneth Mollis (IMS)  
Niklas Milthers (VU)

Amendment was not adopted by the mover.

The resolution was put on vote and carried.

### **(#12) On the right of privacy concerning agreements on Passenger Name Record**

Resolution #12 presented by JOVD, JD.

Following persons took the floor:

Nobody took the floor.

Following amendments were received:

No amendments were received.

The resolution was put on vote and carried.

### **(#13) Resolution On Organized Crime in Europe**

Resolution #13 presented by Lorenzo Marchese (IMS)

Following persons took the floor:

Christopher Andersen (RU)  
Lorenzo Marchese

Following amendments were received:

No amendments were received.

The resolution was put on vote and carried.

## **21. Reports from member organizations**

Following organizations took the floor and presented reports:

JNC - Jordi Domingo  
LLJ - Egle Markeviciute  
LLJ - Kazimieras Celiesius  
NUV - Sveinung Rotevatn  
IFLRY - Thomas Lays  
JOVD - Jarico Vos  
JD - Pauline KASTERMANS

LUF - Lukas Schweiger

LVSU - Lode Cossaer

## **22. Any other business**

Former LYMEC Treasurer Matilda Flemming took the floor.

VU international officer, Andreas Oxholm, took the floor.

LYMEC President, Jeroen Diepemaat took the floor to close the Copenhagen Congress.