

Minutes of Congress

Ljubljana, Slovenia, November 2010.

1. Opening by the LYMEC Bureau

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

Welcome speeches are given by MLD President, Borut Cink, LDS President, Katarina Kresal, ALDE MEP, Jelko Kacin and ELDR Treasurer, Roman Jakič.

The Bureau proposes the following persons to be the chairs of the congress: Anne Solsvik, Majda Zeherović and Klemen Fajmut. **There are no other candidates.** The proposal is put on vote and adopted unanimously.

Kinga Szemere and Linus Hannedahl are proposed as Congress minute takers by the Bureau. They are adopted unanimously.

Elected Congress scrutineers are Johanna Lönn, Martina Monti and Ben Burgers.

2. Roll call and voting rights

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

FEL, Belgium	5
LVSU, Belgium	5
JongVLD, Belgium	6
YMRF, Bulgaria	10
MHL, Croatia	5
MHNS, Croatia	7
IDY, Croatia	4
RU, Denmark	4
SU, Finland	7
LHG, Germany	5
JuLis, Germany	10
GIV Italy	6
LPYO, Moldova	7
JD, Netherlands	6
JOVD, Netherlands	5
TNL, Romania	10

LSC, Romania	8
MLD, Slovenia	5
CS, Sweden	3
CUF, Sweden	5
LUF, Sweden	6
IMS, Europe	3

Total votes present 132

Quorum is reached.

Later the number of votes is increased by NUV Norway with 4 votes and IDY Croatia with 4 votes making a total of 140 votes present at the Congress.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda is amended to include the discussion of the urgency of submitted urgency resolutions as new agenda point 4, as requested by the Bureau.

The thus changed agenda is put to the vote and adopted unanimously.

4. Urgency of resolutions

1. Urgency resolution “Reaffirming the principle of absolute separation between temporal and spiritual powers as a liberal value” is withdrawn by FEL as the movers.
2. Urgency resolution “No double standards - the EU needs a frugal budget that invests into the future!":
Alexander Plahr speaks on behalf of the Bureau in favor of the urgency of the resolution. No speaker against. Resolution is voted as urgent.
3. Urgency resolution “Liberal futures on the single market”:
Lukas Schweiger (LUF) speaks in favor of the urgency of the resolution. No speaker against. Resolution is voted as urgent.
4. Urgency resolution “The EFSF and bailouts in the EU”:
Lukas Schweiger (LUF) speaks in favor of the urgency of the resolution. No speaker against. Resolution is voted as urgent.

5. Snap vote on order of resolutions

Acting Secretary General, Slaven Kobucar makes a new roll call to distribute voting ballots for the vote on the order of resolutions. The result of the vote is as follows:

5. “No double standards - the EU needs a frugal budget that invests into the future!” with 74 votes
6. “Liberal futures on the single market” with 63 votes
7. “Learning lessons from France - Roma issue” with 51 votes
8. “Innovation Union” strategy with 36 votes
9. “Demanding the immediate release of political opponents in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (Burma)” with 21 votes
10. “The EFSF and bailouts in the EU” with 18 votes

6. Adoption of minutes from the Executive Committee in Zagreb

The minutes are adopted with 11 abstentions.

7. Adoption of minutes from Sinaia Congress

The minutes are adopted with 5 abstentions.

8. Bureau Members reports - for information

Vice President Mette Lykke Nielsen reports about the activities of the Bureau.

Daniel George (JuLis), Ivo Thijssen (JD), Jeroen Diepemaat and Alexander Plahr take the floor in the debate.

8. Secretary-general report - for information

Outgoing Secretary General Srd Kisevic presents his last report.

9. Approval of the new Secretary-general

Alexander Plahr on behalf of the Bureau proposes Slaven Klobucar as the new Secretary General. Slaven Klobucar presents himself to the Congress.

Erik van der Meij (JD) takes the floor in the debate.

Slaven Klobucar is approved as the new Secretary General with 120 votes in favor, 1 invalid and 2 against.

10. Ruling of the CDA on LYMEC vs. Jeroen Benning - for information

Alexander Plahr presents the ruling of CDA in case LYMEC vs. Jeroen Benning as the members of CDA are not present.

Daneil George (JuLis) takes the floor.

11. Approval of the Committee of Discipline and Arbitrage

Alexander Plahr presents the candidates selected by the Bureau in accordance with the procedures outlined in the statutes:

Johann Sebastian Michels (JuLis, Germany)
Sven Sipos (MHL, Croatia)
Bastian Schrøder Larsen (RU, Denmark)
Johannes Knewitz (LHG, Germany)
Mario Tocci (IMS, Italy)

The candidates are adopted with 5 abstentions.

12. Reports from member organisations

Following organizations take the floor and present reports:

Radikal Ungdom (Sissel Kvist), Denmark
Jonge Democraten (Ben Burgers and Erik van der Meij), The Netherlands,
LUF, CUF and CS (Johanna Lönn, Johan Kling and Leo Pierini), Sweden
LHG (Daniel George and Kristina Kämpfer), Germany
JOVD (Timo Roeleveld), The Netherlands

13. Membership issues

There were five applications for applicant membership status and two for full membership status.

Liberal Party Youth Organization, Moldova (Full membership)

Organisation was presented by: Anna Cernomaz
Organization fulfills technical criteria.
Recommendation of the Bureau: Neutral

Nooen took the floor.

Accepted as full members with 12 abstentions

Zares Aktivni, Slovenia (Full membership)

Organization was presented by Dejan Radunic.
Organization fulfills technical criteria.
Recommendation of the Bureau: Positive

Igor Caldeira and Timo Roeleveld take the floor.

Accepted as full members with 6 abstentions

L2, Belgium (Applicant membership applications)

Organization was presented by Jeffrey Van der Straeten and Eline Joukes
Organization fulfills technical criteria. Recommendation of the Bureau: Neutral

Daniel George, Jasper Pillen, Timo Roeleveld, Igor Caldeira
Ivo Thijssen Florent Baudewyns took the floor.

Youth of NMSP, Bulgaria (Applicant membership applications)

Organization was presented by Ivo Chiflichki
Organization fulfills technical criteria.
Recommendation of the Bureau: Neutral

Daniel George, Igor Caldeira, Marino Komes and Dejan Radunic take the floor.

In favor: 70, against 33, abstain 25.
Application accepted

Alliance of Young Liberals, Lithuania (Applicant membership applications)

Organisation was presented by Arturas Laktionkinas
Organization fulfills technical criteria.
Recommendation of the Bureau: Neutral

Igor Caldeira and Martina Monti take the floor.

Daniel George raises a point of order to postpone the application until next Congress.

In favor 71, against 48, abstain 13

Point of order accepted, application postponed.

Liberal Democratic Party Youth, Serbia (Applicant membership applications)

Organisation was presented by Milos Kuzmanovic
Organization fulfills technical criteria.
Recommendation of the Bureau: Positive

Erik van der Meij takes the floor.

Application accepted unanimously.

European Youth of Ukraine (Applicant membership applications)

Organization was presented by Vitaliy Iliashenko and Stanislav Zozulia
Organization fulfills technical criteria.
Recommendation of the Bureau: Negative

Daniel George, Erik van der Meij, Timo Roeleveld, and Tomas de Jager, Lukas Schweiger take the floor.

Tomas de Jager raises a point of order to postpone the application to the next Congress.

In favor 112, against 6, abstaining 14.

Point of order accepted, application postponed.

14. Finances

Matilda Flemming presents the financial report.

Ivo Thijssen, Lukas Schweiger and Tomas de Jager take the floor.

Daniel George and Lukas Schweiger present the auditors report.

Matilda Flemming presents the proposal of membership fees for 2011.

Lukas Schweiger takes the floor.

Lukas Schweiger put forward a proposal not to increase the membership fee for observer and applicant members. It passes with 63 for, 40 against and 18 abstaining.

The thus changed proposal for membership fees for 2011 is adopted.

Matilda Flemming presents the draft Budget for 2011.

Tomas de Jager and Daniel George take the floor.

The budget for 2011 was adopted unanimously.

Matilda Flemming presents the Financial Protocol.

Tomas de Jager, Ivo Thijssen and Alexander Plahr take the floor.

Matilda Flemming puts forward to replace “visa card” by “master card” in the protocol which is accepted.

The financial protocol was adopted with 5 abstentions.

15. Adoption of the Program of Action 2011-2012

Mette Lykke Nielsen presents the Programme of Action.

The PoA was adopted unanimously with following amendments:

Ivo Thijssen takes the floor.

Amendment 1 - Delete "Croatian" - Carried

Amendment 2 - Add sports on the list Carried with 84 in favor, 7 against and 29 abstain

16. Resolutions

No double standards - the EU needs a frugal budget that invests into the future!

Alexander Plahr presented the resolution on behalf of the Bureau

Amendment from Lukas Schweiger

Line 26 Delete the word "Framework"

Amendment accepted by movers

Amendment from Lukas Schweiger

Line 41-44 *Replace*

For a phase-out of the subsidies created under Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

The investment of those funds into education, research and infrastructure projects instead.

The refusal of common taxes as well as the mandatory harmonization of taxes.

With

Demands the phasing out of subsidies the Common Agricultural Policy(CAP) and the Common Fishery Policy (CFP) and investing these funds in education, research, and environmental responsibility, there by establishing a commitment of the Union to intergenerational fairness

Amendment accepted by movers

JD amendment

Delete Line 28-29

80 in favor, 48 against, 5 abstain

Amendment carried

JD amentment

Delete Line 43

87 In favor, 46 against

Amendment carried

With adopted amendments the resolution was adopted with 5 abstentions

Liberal futures on the single market

Lukas Schweiger presented the resolution

Fourth section of the resolution

LUF asks for changed text

CS and CUF asks for removal

JD amendment

Deletion (CS and CUF)

Not Carried

Change (LUF)

74 In favor

17 Against

43 Abstain

Amendment carried

JD adding article after article 4

42 against

83 in favor

0 abstains

Amendment carried

JD article 5 (debt market)

Amendment rejected

The resolution was adopted by the Congress

Learning lessons from France - Roma issue

IMS Delegate Igor Caldeira presents the resolution.

All amendments by IMS Aloys Rigaut were accepted by the mover.

YMRF

Amendment 1 row 16

Accepted by mover.

Amendment 2 row 31-32 replacing

59 In favor

40 Against

22 Abstain

Amendment carried

Amendment 3 add bullet point

Not carried

JoVD

Amendment 1 (Line 40-41)

Amendment 2
Both accepted by IMS

Igor Caldeira
Delete 34-35
62 In favor
35 Against
20 Abstain
Amendment carried

Resolution as whole
56 In favor
63 against
5 abstain

Not adopted

Resolution on the “Innovation Union” strategy
Presented by Daniel George, adopted unanimously

**Motion for a resolution demanding the immediate release of political opponents
in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (Burma)**
The Resolution was adopted unanimously

The the EFSF and bailouts in the EU
The resolution was presented by LUF and JOVD

48 In favor
70 Against
3 Abstain

Not carried

17. Any Other Business

Daniel George takes the floor.

18. Closing

Alexander Plahr takes the floor and closes the Congress.