

# Minutes of the Bureau meeting

Bruxelles, 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2014

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## Bureau members present

Jeroen Diepemaat, Anne van der Graaf, Igor Caldeira, Sissel Kvist, Ed Sanderson

## Bureau members absent

Claudia Benchescu

## Other present

Slaven Klobucar

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### 1. Opening, regularia and adoption of the minutes from the last meeting.

JD has announced that the quorum has been reached and welcomed the present bureau members. The minutes from the last meeting were adopted unanimously.

### 2. Follow up from last meeting

Everything planned on the last bureau meeting has been accomplished.

### 3. LYMEC office changes

Slaven Klobucar has resigned effective of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014. He offered to be present on the Audit for 2013 and to help the new person during a transition period.

Igor Caldeira is interested to be the interim Secretary General for two months. The call for the permanent Secretary General has been launched but no applications have been received. IC will freeze his mandate for the two months of his service as interim Secretary General.

After the discussion the Bureau has agreed to keep the salary of the Secretary General equal to the current amount. Still, the Bureau wishes to put an article in the contract for the new Secretary General that the salary might be revised after the European Parliament Election. The Bureau will investigate if this is a legally possible.

### 4. Events for 2014

#### *ELF Conference in Bruxelles*

SKI reported about the happenings with the organizational and program side of the event. We do not have many applicants, but the program and majority of speakers are set. JD asked that we call the candidates directly.

VG asked that we make a video with the Candidates for our network that we could use during our campaign. ES proposed to open a Facebook group for the young candidates; he is in charge of setting it up.

### *Congress in Zagreb*

VG reports that the organization of the event is on its way. IC should check the deadlines and set up the web site for the Congress. The Congress will take place from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of June.

### *Quick overview of other events*

VG suggested that we organize the Fringe meeting in Vienna. Stefan from NEOS proposed to organize it in cooperation with LYMEC. The event will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> of April. IC is in charge.

AvdG will contact Julis Germany to start the preparation for the Autumn Congress.

## **5. Campaigns in 2013: European elections and Young Candidates**

IC said that there are 7 points in LYMEC manifesto and we should focus on one per week until the Elections. IC said that we could use the oDesk for the video. SKv defended that we should instead focus on three topics, to be agreed upon, plus one general video presentation of LYMEC and one general video on our electoral manifesto. JD agrees with SKv that we should base our campaign on only three points rather than all 7. ES said that we should urge the parties to have a youth spokesperson as well.

The video would be taped on the March event. Trough MOs we can organize more videos with the candidates that will not be present during Bruxelles event. SKv, ES and VG will do the time line of the campaign. IC and SKI will check what will happen with the gathering in the Strasbourg. The Bureau agreed to make info graphics which tend to be viral.

## **6. ALDE party Congress preparations**

LYMEC is in favor of the compromise.

## **7. European Youth Forum**

LYMEC and PPYOs have sent a letter to Youth Forum demanding that the situation with the Grants is resolved before the membership fees to YFJ are paid. We received the reply from the President of European Youth Forum and apparently the situation has been resolved and we will be eligible for the grant.

## **8. Finances**

AvdG gave a report. The last year looks very good. The outstanding debt is very low; we need to write off some of the debt, notably MLBiH.

Audits will happen in March, both Internal and external. Daniel George has been elected as the Treasurer of IFLRY so the question is should he stay as our Auditor in this case. JD will talk to Daniel George. Bureau does not mind that he remains Auditor for 2013 Budget.

SKI and IC are obliged to go the meeting with the European Commission regarding the Erasmus + programme. SKI gave a report on the progress regarding the application process. SKI, IC are in charge.

### **9. Possibilities to have interns in the office**

IC should look into it. We should scout for possibilities. SKI reported on the meeting with the Swedish-Finnish Cultural Foundation.

### **10. AOB**

SKv was approached by Darbo Party youth from Lithuania.

AvdG proposed to get in contact with European Youth of Ukraine and see how we could help.

### **11. Next Bureau meeting and Closing**

Next Bureau meeting will be in Bruxelles during the March event or on Skype.