

## MINUTES

### Online Bureau meeting

### 2 November 2020

**Attending: Antoaneta Asenova (AA), Dan-Aria Sucuri (DAS), Marten Porte (MP), Ines Holzegger (IH), Laia Comerma (LC), Marina Sedlo (MS), Ida-Maria Skytte (IS - joined at 19 h 27) and Bálint Gyévai (BG)**

**Meeting starts at 19 h 10**

#### 1) Congress (for information) - AA, BG - 45 min

##### - Allocation of tasks and go through the agenda

- Go through the agenda and division of the tasks to Bureau members.
- Emphasis to be put on the reports from the Bureau and the SG but also the guides that were published already before the Congress to gain time and ensure smooth online Congress.
- Make sure the financial aspects are explained and procedures clarified.
- Bureau members to get in touch with their applicant organisation to know what will be presented at their application so that we can prepare
- AA proposes to open up the discussion around the terms of the Secretary General:

##### *Amendment to the Statutory Changes:*

- A) Proposal to Congress to consider the opportunity to enlarge the mandate of the Secretary General for one more time (2 times repropounded option) - submit to discussion as amendment.
- B) No limitation will also be proposed so that MOs can make a choice and there are several proposals on the table.

**The Bureau remains neutral on these two proposals and would only open the discussion to Congress.**

##### *Amendment to the agenda of the Congress:*

- Motions and resolutions: The Bureau will propose to extract the 2 proposals on the Conferences on the Future of Europe from the package to have it as a new point 18 before the resolutions.

##### *AOB at Congress and AA to mention the following points:*

- Launch of the cooperation project call on the Monday after Congress
- Report about the Working Groups and work in progress

*Final tasks division for Congress:*

- MS: Policy
- AA: Speeches and introduction of points
- MP: Finances
- IS: Social Media
- DAS: Bureau reports
- IH and LC: Absolute support to OpenSlides and questions

**- Latest updates**

- Online
- 3 trainings organised
- Asked if Newbies session needed in last communication
- Links communicated
- Minute-taking prepared

**- Tool and chairs - briefings**

- Next Monday, the second meeting will take place to get into the details and discuss all aspects of the Congress

**- Working groups**

- Programme was sent with the planning
- The protocol taking is prepared
- BG to add the Statutory Changes point on the programme in the next communication

**- MO applications**

- Updates
- Any presentations?
  - YLG slides + video to be sent by the end of the week
  - No news from Vesna at all, Congress will have to decide, we hope they will reach out ahead of the event
  - Movement for from Latvia and Nova Stranka Youth to be double-checked by responsible Bureau members

**-Additional points**

- MS proposes to communicate about accepted proposals at the end, after the Congress
- 5 most interesting/controversial topics to be used for that

## 2) Finances (for information) - MP - 15 min

- *Renew grant and Paris Congress*

Renew Europe always pays for a part of our Congress costs. After Skopje was cancelled in spring 2020, we could move all the available money from the 2020 grant towards the Paris Congress. Since this Paris Congress is now also moved to next year, but we cannot transfer the grant money to next year, we might run into financial troubles for our congresses next year. We tried to keep the already paid amounts as part of the 2020 grant, but this was not possible. We will try to find ways to compensate for this "hole" in the budget. The moving of the Paris Congress also freed up €4.000 that was moved to the congress budget for next year. Also, the website appears to become less expensive than prospected in the budget. We will also look for ways to decrease costs for both Congresses.

- *MO fee payments and debts*

We received UDI Jeunes but also Progressive Slovakia Youth payments and Nasa Stranka's Spring payment was allocated to their debt.

- *Website offers*

1. 8000 EUR - Romanian company
2. 5500 EUR Spaceroom - Dan Pomlett

We will ask for one more offer and then take a decision next time. Next Bureau meeting, the decision will have to be taken.

- *UDI Jeunes suspension*

Since they paid their debt, and are corresponding with us, we would agree that they are active again, **suspension is hereby lifted**.

## 3) 2021 Calendar (for approval) - AA, DAS, BG - 30 mins

- Provisional calendar is approved by the Bureau with minor changes to the proposal. Events and locations were discussed.
- We will be communicating at the end of the year when finalised completely. It is needed for the Commission grant so far.

## 4) ELF (for information) - BG, LC, IH - 15 min

- *YCA III*

- Online event on 3 days (Thursday-Saturday)
- Thursday with bilateral sessions, for the moment 2/10 confirmed
- T-shirts for all participants will be created and sent to them
- Quite positive feedback from the first two sessions and adapt it for the third YCA

- *Values first publication - bilateral meetings with MEPs*

- 3 meetings between MEPs and authors planned

- 1st week of December for these bilateral talks

#### 5) Moria Camp Hackathon 28-29 November Young Liberals Greece updates - LC - 10 mins

- Probably online because Thessaloniki is going into lockdown.
- Hackathons are difficult to be online - so Laia will propose to wait until February, there is no rush.
- EU response to the migration crisis will still be relevant and it would be better to allow people to go there. She will provide support and reflect on the prizes to give to the winners. BG sent via email some ideas of prizes without involving our finances since we have no budget for this kind of activity.

#### 6) MO news - 10 mins

- Online debate last week with Julis and YLG - Laia took part and it went very well and the organisation was good
- Youth MRF 21 november electoral Congress - Ani invited to give a speech on EU values
- BG adds that the resolution on excluding Fidelitas from YEPP for this Congress is in national media with a huge fight between the two youth organisations (Fidelitas and TizenX)

#### 7) Applications for LYMEC Congress - 10 mins

- *TizenX Momentum for Budapest*

Given that there are so many uncertainties and we have transferred Paris and Skopje to next year. The whole year is now taken. We will thank them for the application - the whole year is covered and we will relaunch a process later in 2021 and they should resubmit this application at that time.

#### 8) AOB - 15 mins

- *MS*: Had the meeting with the European Youth Jewish Association about the definition discussion. They want to work on a definition of anti-semitism and would like us to cooperate on this. The best way is probably to open the cooperation with the civil and minority rights working group to work on a resolution for the next Congress and cooperate with them on that.
- *AA*: Nasa Stranka has elections during the weekend - AA to make a video for their effort, they asked for it. BG to email Mladi Liberali BIH to ask if a support video for the elections would also be interesting for them. We need to ask both organisations.  
Process for social media: send it to them and then we reshare from their accounts.

#### Next and last Bureau meetings of the year:

- 15 November 2020 at 10 h
- 7 December 2020 at 19 h

**Meeting ends at 22 h**