

## **MINUTES**

### **Brussels Bureau meeting**

### **10 to 12 July 2020**

**Present: Antoaneta Asenova (AA), Dan-Aria Sucuri (DAS), Marten Porte (MP), Laia Comerma (LC), Marina Sedlo (MS), Ines Holzegger (IH), Ida-Maria Skytte (IS) and Bălint Gyévai (BG)**

*Invited for one agenda point: LYMEC representative to IFLRY - Benjamin Fievet (BF)*

**Day 1 - Start meeting at 19 h 20**

#### **1) Adoption of the new work regulation of LYMEC (BG,MP) – for decision**

- Last update of the document was in 2005. Regulations and the organisation changed since then so we need to approve the updated document, developed with lawyers from our social secretariat.
- Document was sent before the meeting to the Bureau.

**\*\*\*DECISION: The Bureau approves and the document is signed by the Treasurer and President on spot. It will be submitted to authorities by BG and available for all in the office and also on the website in digital format.**

#### **2) Modification of the statutes and congress rules: adapt to the new regulation + online Congress option (BG,AA) – for decision**

- Tasks
  - a) Adaptation is needed to the new regulation from last year - more responsibility for administrators, definitions to be clarified, social object specified and activity limits evolving.
  - b) We also need to add the online Congress option as a new provision. This will allow us in case of need to go online without having to go back to the MOs. It might be necessary in the near future because of COVID for example.
  - c) In addition, we have to fix all inconsistencies between statutes and Congress rules: number of delegates at Congress limited and it shouldn't be the case, Working Groups status between the two documents should be clarified, Topical working groups to be added, ...
  - d) A last change would be that the delegate number 10 from the ALDE delegation is de facto from the Bureau. It would adapt the statutes to the actual practice.

**\*\*\*DECISION: The Bureau decides to involve a notary so that we can make sure that the entire revamp is done properly and we don't need to modify the statutes again in the coming years. The notary is also needed to adapt our statutes to the latest regulations.**

- Timeline
- a) Deadline for first draft submission from **AA with the help of MS is at the end of August.**
- b) Deadline for notary work with BG is the end of August too.
- c) MS to go through the statutes in the coming weeks to see if we miss something.
- d) Deadline for Bureau approval is beginning of September.
- e) Deadline for submission is **Friday 18 September (statutory deadline).**

### **3) ELF Board elections nomination (AA) – for decision**

Proposal: **Svenja Hahn**, former LYMEC President and Renew Europe MEP

- Elections are taking place in September.
- Not sure if it is for Bureau or Vice-President positions yet. We will start to build bridges and alliances in the coming weeks.

**\*\*\* DECISION: The Bureau approves the nomination of Svenja Hahn for the ELF Board.**

### **4) LYMEC internal platforms (BG,AA,MP) – for decision**

*Platforms to be used for internal communications:*

- Telegram for IMS: the Steering Committee will discuss its relevance and take a decision;
- Messenger will be kept for the social media team chat;
- Whatsapp will be used for the already existing chats (Future of Europe and Working groups);
- Signal will be generalised for the Bureau and the Secretariat.

*Platforms for online meetings:*

- We continue with Zoom but we decrease the subscription to 100 participants in order to have the 14 EUR/month rate and re-purchase a higher subscription only on need to do basis, for example to cover the need for a hybrid congress or digital assembly

*Online learning platform:*

- The ELF platform will be used if we manage to have the access the way we need it, if not then clickmeeting and other similar options will be checked.

*NationBuilder:*

- IMS database is there, imported already;
- Registration form is nearly ready, will be set in a few weeks probably;
- Working on a workflow and processes for new members and approvals is the next steps;
- We can in the future have our newsletter but even other email listings there;

- Website also could be moved and ran through this eventually.

*Storage space:*

- We will after the summer, use more and structure better the shared Google drive. This means we will end with Basecamp: move the documents and cancel the subscription.

*Finances:*

- We keep Paypal if it can be used with NationBuilder, otherwise we move to Stripe.
- Revolut should be investigated more and used with certain MOs for refund of fees.

*Kialo:*

- We still have the free trial version till September.
- IMS wouldn't necessarily use it so there are not a lot of indicators in favor of keeping it.

**5) Secretary General position Autumn Congress (AA) – for decision**

**\*\*\* DECISION: The Bureau proposes Bálint Gyévai** for another mandate as Secretary General to the Autumn Congress, and the Bureau thanks him for his great work. Bálint Gyévai would be delighted to continue the work in the coming 2 years.

**6) IMS (MS,IH)**

*Latest updates and upcoming actions (MS):*

- Memberships: The SC couldn't contact one guy for an interview, rest went fine. Meeting with the IMS delegates went well and they are happy. IMS delegates would want to change the name of the hangouts. There would be thematic hangouts but under a different name.
- Creation of two working groups for IMS - one on the EU response on cyber-attacks and the second on the use of blockchain. Direct outcome from the ELF event as requested, the goal is to work on a resolution for the Congress. Cooperation with the WG on Security and Defence to be found to avoid doubling the work.
- Welcome pack is being renewed with a few IMS involved.
- IMS is participating in the COVID-19 project of Jovenes Ciudadanos and they sent their contributions.
- Every second month there is a meeting between SC and delegates.

*NationBuilder (IH):*

- Update on the latest developments was given by IH in a previous point (point 4, part D).

**First day ends at 21 h 00**

**Day 2 - Start meeting at 9 h 40**

### **7) Website service provider – discussion (BG)**

BG explains that several issues were identified with the current settings of our website:

- The service provider is overcharging us and the expenses are growing over the years for small changes;
- We are not having access to all features of the website (for example not able to add any pop-up plug-in);
- Our website needs some updates and better design to be more attractive.

We would need a nicer and better website. More holistic experience is what we would need. We want a more modern website and do a complete revamp. It should be user-friendly and targeted to our Member organisations. This would be a consequent work and budget.

NationBuilder is under development and we need to take that into account. First, we would see how ALDE would develop it and have a call with them to identify the needs and process for a new website. We would then take a decision whether we move our website to NationBuilder or find another alternative.

**\*\*\* DECISION: The Bureau proposes a taskforce with IH, IS and BG to work on this. The Bureau also decides to have the development of a new website as a technical priority for this mandate.**

### **7bis) VOTING AND RESOLUTION TOOLS (MS, IH)**

**MS presents the first option - “Openslides”:**

- Online Congress tool for online or in-person meetings;
- It would be gathering the existing tools: Ombea, Antragstool and Electionrunner;
- Live voting on resolutions, amendments but also the option to download the results are featured;
- Deadlines can be set too;
- Available in English but it is originally German, it can be fully translated for us;
- Cost: 150 EUR/month (+VAT) around 1200 EUR a year in total;
- We could test it for Paris first.

**IH presents the second option - “Antragschmiede”:**

- It's not a Congress tool per se, so no voting available unfortunately;
- It's free of charge, could be ran on our server or the server of the owner for 120 EUR/year;
- It is more for policy than voting;
- It implies less work during the Congress.

**\*\*\*DECISION: The Bureau would prefer to focus on Openslides and test it for the Paris Congress as a trial. IH, MS and BG will make some additional demos in the coming weeks. We would need additional clarifications on the modifications we need to make it fit our needs: how much work in the backend, how does it work when we order resolutions, how amendments and resolutions are showing remain open questions for now.**

We keep the tools we have already until 2021 as they are anyway already paid for until then and we would stop their renewal in 2021 if we are happy with this new tool.

## **8) Finances (MP)**

- ALDE Party Political Project proposals 2021 – *for decision*

ALDE member parties can request to use this special fund for pan-European projects. LYMEC would need to be the organising partner and apply on behalf of our MOs.

It could work for twinings or capacity-building with the involvement of ALDE and their trainers. The Financial Advisory Committee of ALDE is giving advice on this and is involved in the selection process. We need to be careful with our projects. Equal footing financing might be requested by ALDE (the EP Authority) if it's a sensitive project without clear limits with national party or campaign funding.

We need to keep in mind the latest updates:

- Need to be cross-border and involve at least 3 countries/truly transnational.
- Need to involve other ALDE Party members, at least 1.
- Need to involve the ALDE secretariat in the training sessions.

Twinings could be conceived as a “topical engagement with capacity-building”. We need our MOs to submit a cooperation project with a plan and a preliminary budget. Competing projects/ideas would be applying for the funding and the Bureau would decide.

- Proposal of allocation for the 3000 EUR project fund (IH, MP) – *for decision*

IH explains that the trial edition for a twinning project would be done with this budget line. We would show what we did to ALDE and apply for political projects then with the experience of this first project. “Youth participation and engagement of young people” should be the concept when presenting the project.

**\*\*\*DECISION: The Bureau decides that MP and IH will be developing a concept for a trial on topical and regional cooperation (twinning).**

**A call to MOs with the following content -description project, timetable, budget and expected outcomes- will be developed by them.**

**Timeline: Call opens at YLM in September until the end of the year. Project to be selected and implemented in 2021.**

- Overview 2020 budget: where are we now? What about the next Bureau meetings?

- MP explains that some items are over budget but at the same time some others are under budget because of the situation. We don't really spend on promotional materials and travels for example. MO representation is under huge surplus for the time being.
- MP adds that the funds from Renew are used on one Congress instead of having it spent on 2 so we will be good on budget on that.
- ALDE Congress, not happening this year is saving us even more money.

**\*\*\*DECISION: The Bureau decides that since we need to replace a Bureau meeting, we will have one in The Hague beginning of October instead of Stockholm.**

- Short discussion on next year's budgetary priorities

- Regarding the website related costs, a substantial budget should be foreseen. We would need an indication on the cost for the end of the summer.
- The project funding of 3000 EUR according to previous discussions today will be moved to 2021.
- Depending on the agenda point on strategic priorities coming up later in the meeting, we will have other priorities to spend money on.

- Alumni network and first event

MP explains that the network is kicking off well, many people registered already and the idea is to have a smaller event in Brussels to give visibility to it. Then, we can do a bigger reception together with the network for the anniversary in 2021.

- Phone bills Bureau members

**\*\*\* DECISION: The Bureau decides the policy on refund of phone bills so it's clear to everyone:**

- There is money available to Bureau members to get a refund for phone bills and use of their private mobile internet.
- It is recommended to be used. The refund form needs to be completed and sent to the Treasurer and Secretary General together with the relevant bills/invoices. The form has to be signed.

- European Youth Foundation application 2021

Unfortunately, it wasn't granted so it has an impact on our potential structural grant for upcoming years. We will have to apply again for the second part of 2021 in October.

## 9) **Definition of the Bureau's strategic priorities and programme of action (All) – for decision**

### **Initial task distribution by topic between the Bureau members:**

Political priorities	Marina Sedlo and Laia Comerma
Communication and Branding	Ines Holzegger and Ida-Maria Skytte
Campaigns	Ida-Maria Skytte and Dan-Aria Sucuri
Organisational development	Antoaneta Asenova and Dan-Aria Sucuri
Alumni Network	Marten Porte
IMS	Marina Sedlo

Introductory text: AA will come up with a proposal.

Political Priorities defining the focus/topics of the mandate: MS will propose a text for that part.

**\*\*\* DECISION: The Bureau decides after discussing the different proposals to focus on the following 6 political priorities for the mandate:**

- °Future of Europe and structural reform
- °Democracy, civil rights and rule of law
- °Climate, environment and energy
- °Digitalisation, cybersecurity and the free internet
- °Trade and economy
- °Education and youth employment

**Tackling the COVID-19 pandemic and its negative consequences(response is needed) and the Future of Europe conference (on-going matter) are two horizontal priorities for the coming months.**

Descriptive text: Overarching priority of COVID and more cooperation between MS. Tackling future crises and the conference on the future of Europe will be explained. AA and MS to come up with a proposal.

MS proposes some ways of bringing our policy further that should be explained in the programme of action:

- Meeting important stakeholders in the EP (meet youth group Renew Europe);
- Sheet with all our MEPs and their respective commissions;
- Write articles on LYMEC website + partners and reach national Press/Media in cooperation with the MOs;
- Organise political actions together with other European youth groups;
- Use MOs to lobby our policies to their local MEPs;
- Organise discussions around Europe and involve the MOs. More outreach to grassroots debates and tell the message of LYMEC.



Objectives and KPI's:

All BM to give theirs measurable objectives.

Communications and branding:

IS/IH - Extract from final Social Media Strategy

Campaigns:

DAS - No major events coming up, we should therefore focus on our topics/political priorities and assist MOs in their objectives.

Organisational development:

AA, DAS and BG will explain the main points and focus: constant flow of three employees/monthly report/more transparency with DA/more political discussions online.

IMS:

MS will give an overview on: Latest updates IMS, Nationbuilder and priorities of the SC.

Alumni Network:

Promoting them as a network, more visibility is given and event organisation should be the focus.

Everytime KPIs for each section are made by the responsible Bureau member(s).

**Bureau members to send their respective parts to the office by 17 August 2020.**

**10) Policy strategy discussion + presentation on the website (ALDE delegation, FoE, Policy book clean-up) (AA, MS) – *for decision***

MS proposes to organise our policy proposals on our website in a better and clearer way. The objective is to make our content visible and accessible on the website. We need to show our content in an overview in alphabetic order. Mayor topics would be available when clicking on their first letter. A text explaining our position would then show. This work should start with the chapters that are already cleaned. Chapters 1 to 2 should come therefore first.

**\*\*\* DECISION: The Bureau agrees to start the project in a long-term perspective. The preparations should begin under the leadership of MS with AT, our Intern helping out but this will be implemented directly on the new website.**

Policy work: Chapter 2 has to be finished with the WG and Chapter 10 should be cleaned as soon as possible too. This will be the focus after summer for the renewal working group.

ALDE delegation: The Congress is not taking place this year but the delegation was elected nevertheless last Spring.

**The Bureau decides that they will be transferred to next year.** Once the information is public on the ALDE side, we will reach out to them to ask if they are willing and able to participate next year in April to the postponed Congress. If not, we have to ask the substitutes for availability.



Topic of resolutions put forward by the Bureau in this mandate: Digital Services act, Censorship on internet, Geo-blocking, Facial recognition. We will have to come up with a concrete and relevant proposal.

Sunset clause: AT, our intern to work on a list and a document to make sure we have a record of the process for the future.

## 11) Social Media Strategy - discussion (DAS, IS)

The document was sent ahead of the meeting to the Bureau by IS. Discussion points were highlighted in yellow by IS.

*Main comments from the Bureau:*

- It should be in line with the political priorities, more concrete.
- Audience targeting is key and adapting the message to the platform is important (not post everything everywhere).
- Strengthen our brand through our colours: blue and pink/magenta need to be present.
- Important that the Bureau members share and interact with the content we post to give it more impact and disseminate better.
- To get personal with followers and get our values out there.
- Focus should be not on getting more likes but rather more engagement (we need to mobilise our followers).

On **Facebook**, boosting posts is important because of algorithms in place with Facebook. 10/15 EUR are enough per boost. Maybe, the COVID-19 project should get some money to reach beyond the liberal bubble.

*Additional ideas from Bureau members:*

- IH suggests to put money to the posts receiving more interest.
- MP would directly tag our MOs to engage and enhance reach.
- MS proposes the question/intervention of the week by Antoaneta?
- IS raises the question of being controversial. We should have strong sentences sometimes and **we could be more controversial**, not all the time but when it's relevant. To be more political should be the line. Impact is important in the Renew Europe Group.
- BG reminds that we should also add ELF rules/basic guidelines for communications around events.

On **Twitter**, objectives of Increasing the followers and sharing more political statements. We need to be alert and quick to act on social media when something comes up.

On **Instagram**, we are quite small while we have our target audience there.

On **LinkedIn**, we should delete the profile but keep focusing on the existing page.

Our target audience it's not there but posting would be relevant because some of our partners are. Alumni members are there so we could get in touch with them. LinkedIn would be perfect to publish our publications and articles, and would help strengthen the professional brand.

*Target group:*

The objective is to roll out a survey during this Bureau mandate to see who the target audience is for private use only.

*Additional social media channel:*

**TikTok** is very used by the youngest population. It's becoming political slowly. If we create it, we need to use it on a regular basis and look young. A social media intern to work on it nearly full time would be needed. We would have to start it when having the capacities to properly manage it.

**Crisis communication package** will be created and added in the SM strategy because it's important to have it and we didn't have it so far.

**New hashtag for the Bureau** was introduced, it should be reflected in the strategy and used by the Bureau members (#LYMECBUREAU).

*Final comments from AA:*

- The purpose on page 3: Influence the life of young people, be more specific.
- Page 4 on top: Based on our values - to add: "and tailored to the regional audience if regionally relevant".
- Page 5: ALDE Party to take us into account when monitoring and organising data on social media analysis.
- Page 5: should include numbers - leave it to 15%.
- Page 6: target regional/national press too, not only European level.
- Ambition level on the website: make it more interactive.
- Ambition level on Facebook: plan ahead when we have special "days" and take 2 days/month and what is relevant for us.
- Need for a **social media calendar** on our G-suite accounts to plan properly (through calendar invitations).
- We should also foresee a calendar of elections in our MOs to be more political. We could post in favor of our MOs when running at elections and when not opposing each other. We would do a video with BM sharing support upon request.

## 12) ELF (All)

- 2021 project proposals (All) and precise locations

BG explains the process with Bureau members working on their respective proposals and explaining the deadlines. Bureau members should be ready by 19 July evening so that we can comment on each other's proposals on 20 July. The submission needs to happen on 21 July in the morning.

BG reminds the importance of ELF comments sent by Lauren a few days ago and asks Bureau members to start reaching out to potential partners ahead of the deadline.

This will be an absolute priority for the next week and LC proposes to support Bureau members in their applications if necessary.

**\*\*\*DECISION: The Bureau decides on a final list of locations for the 2021 ELF projects:**

YLM - Bucharest  
YCA 1 - Thessaloniki  
YCA 2 - Andorra  
YCA 3 - Brussels  
Book project - Rijeka  
Skill Camp - Ljubljana  
Communications meeting - Copenhagen

As a side note, LC explains that Movimento Liberal Social from Portugal reached out to us. LYMEC will cooperate on a series of their podcasts focusing on youth.

- Idea Accelerator online event (LC)

LC explains that feedback is very good. Both MEPs did great PechaKucha and presentations were very nice. We should cooperate in the future with both (Svenja Hahn and Martin Hojsik).

- Energising Europe online seminar (DAS, LC)

DAS explains that feedback is great too. It was hard to get the participants but they were very active during the event. We had a very good outcome with the sustainability toolkit and high level speakers. Regarding social media, the Facebook event didn't really help that much, the quiz did well. The Bureau likes the sustainability toolkit as well and approves it.

- YLM 2020 (DAS)

DAS explains that we plan an in-person meeting for our Presidents. An accommodation proposal was sent to us, a very nice proposal but we need a proper offer to consider. Friday we would be charged a lot at the conference room of the hotel. Therefore, we would be split between the Parliament and the Town hall of the city. Digitalisation is the topic, the goal is to have a press release at the end of the event.

We will take press photos during that event so Bureau members should be prepared, we will also order the business cards and distribute to Bureau members at that moment.

- YCA 2020 (IH)

The call for participants is right now open already, using the Alumni from last year's edition of the YCA on social media to share experience and motivate people to register. Bureau members should reach out to their MOs to promote the initiative.

IH and BG are in touch with VVD International helping us with the logistics on the ground and with the speakers/trainers.

**13) Intern and assistant recruitment (BG,MP) – for decision**

- Future contracts– tasks and remuneration (MP,BG)

**\*\*\*DECISION: The Bureau agrees that the compensation will be 900 EUR each and if possible and advisable increase it to 950 EUR first and then 1000 EUR based on performance and financial situation of our organisation.**

**Tasks and division remains:**

Assistant: ELF projects and administrative aspects/logistics for events + communication + NationBuilder

Intern: Policy related work + trainings + campaigns + ELF publications

- Opening for the administrative assistant position – timeline and call (BG)

**\*\*\*DECISION: The Bureau agrees on the proposal regarding the timeline as follows:**

- The call will be open from Monday 13 July till 17 August 2020.
- The objective is to have the new person start by 7 September 2020.
- AA and BG will carry out the interviews on the week of 24 August 2020.

**End of meeting at 16 h**

**DAY 3 - Start of meeting at 9 h 15**

**14) Internal guidelines on present and future COVID-19 related crisis - contingency plan (BG,MP)**

Criteria according to which we move from an in-person/hybrid event to a fully digital:

- A) Follow and evaluate the situation through the reopen EU page to check restrictions related to the specific situation of the country and participants.
- B) Advice for representatives from risk groups not to come but rather connect online for the events (possibility to be hybrid will be offered - also in case of restrictions).
- C) If more than 30% of the organisations are unable to attend in person due to restrictions then we move the discussion to emergency planning with the Bureau taking a decision to potentially move it online.
- D) Representatives attending should commit to not come if sick/with symptoms or were in close contact with a sick person/with symptoms. Then, no show fees won't apply.
- E) Event specific regular updates on a weekly basis on the website pages starting mid-August.

**Hybrid concept:** Hybrid concept would involve participants present in person and others connecting from home. We will probably in any case have to give this possibility to participants.

*All events disclaimer:*

- In general, if you attend it is under your own responsibility.
- Everyone has to wear masks, use sanitiser products and wash hands regularly.
- Please don't shake hands and ensure social distancing with other participants.

### 15) Paris Congress (BG,MP)

- Size of the event, venue and COVID-19 measures - *for decision*

In view of the general movement in liberal family in terms of cancelling/postponing events, we need to move to a more restricted planning of our 2020 Autumn Congress. Therefore, **1 representative per MO** - each person will have his/her own room and we make sure that the 165 seats are distributed properly with social distancing.

**\*\*\*DECISION: The Bureau decides to limit the next Congress to 80 people maximum.**

BG and MP to work on a projection on what it means in terms of bookings.

- Chairs: The Bureau suggests to have 2 former Bureau members and one representative from the local organisers.
- On the logistical side: 2 rooms were booked to make sure we can implement the needed measures. We will foresee sufficient hygienic rules.
- Evening programmes: No party will be organised but only a dinner will be set up. No activities outside of the official programme are planned by LYMEC.  
Regarding dinner, we will wait for more offers to come in, we have only one for the time being. It should be a dinner with measures implemented but still nice to compensate for the party.
- Masks: We will order LYMEC branded masks for the Congress and distribute to all delegates. We keep it simple with our logo.
- Digital opportunity to join the Congress should be possible. BG to work on this with the technical team together with Rémi.
- Bureau starts to reflect on the next Committee of Discipline and Arbitrage that has to be nominated at the Autumn Congress.

### 16) Upcoming LYMEC Congresses (AA)

- Approval of contingency transfer of Spring Congress 2021 in Skopje, North Macedonia (Due to COVID-19 crisis) – *for decision*

**\*\*\*DECISION: The Bureau decides to move the next Spring Congress to North Macedonia.**

- 2021 Autumn Congress call

Call will be open for the second Congress in 2021 in September with the same call and criteria as last time.

## 17) Invitations

- ECI initiative on "Voters without borders":

°IH is discussing deeper cooperation with the organisers.

°LC likes the idea of having webinars organised with our members, IH thinks about having them as part of the YCA as well. One of the online sessions could be focused on this topic with a speaker close to the initiative (advocacy topic).

°MS to check with the policy book if we can support/participate but it should be something we stand for.

- Civil Forum Youth campaign for democracy in Belarus:

°Democracy in Belarus should still be supported even if there is a suspension, relations should still be maintained and this is a key topic for us.

°IS to contact Kasper from RU Denmark to inform them that we would speak up for this.

- SU Congress will be at the beginning of September but the invitation was not yet sent.

°IS would attend on behalf of the Bureau.

- Young Liberals UK online seminar with LC participating but no date was fixed yet.

- Summer school with Young Liberals Greece:

°AA is not going to attend, LC will be at the Congress to represent the Bureau at this statutory meeting, her flights were booked and arrangements have been made with the local organisers.

- Gummersbach event with FNF about a policy weekend with the opportunity to apply for our membership:

°MS and IH to work on a concept. We could bring together our working groups for example with this support of FNF.

## 18) AOB

### ° High level political discussions series:

- AA explains that she had a discussion with the team of Didier Reynders, Liberal European Commissioner. We could do online events every 3 months with a high-level politician. We could later do Vestager and then Jourova maybe. We could first do all liberal Commissioners. Later, we could do with some MEPs as well according to the topic.

- The format proposed is as follows: 45 minutes online session on zoom for example and then shared on Facebook. Commissioner could present quickly for 15 minutes and then 30 minutes of open Q/A. Open to LYMEC membership with registrations.
- Reynders would start in October first, we have to send an invitation by the end of next week. We could also have Sophie Wilmes, Prime minister of Belgium.

° **Digital Assembly assessment:**

Evaluation was well received and we will work on improving the event and being a bit more concise with the Bureau presentations to leave more ground for Q/A. We were happy that the first trial gave mostly positive feedback and would repeat the exercise next year.

° **YFJ Board elections:**

Benjamin Fievet joined the call for this agenda point as IFLRY representative.

A) BF reports on IFLRY first:

- They will have a Congress before the end of the year, not sure when and under which format. Online would exclude some people and travel restrictions too so a physical would be an issue too, maybe a hybrid format could be envisaged. Elections will take place at that Congress.
- Good cooperation is important on the topic - international for IFLRY and European for us, coherence should be kept straight, BF will remind that to IFLRY.
- AA emphasizes that it's Important that IFLRY doesn't move its Congress to our weekend in November. BF will deliver the message.

B) Candidate for YFJ:

BF explains that it is important for LYMEC to support a liberal candidate. Only supporting wouldn't be that great but we should show that we work together and make a common campaign. Common nomination should be done. IH was part of the discussions with the different actors.

Due to the lack of time, IH will send an email to the Bureau regarding the decision we have to take and a written procedure will be launched on this topic.

The Bureau decides to co-nominate a candidate with IFLRY after the interview to have a strong liberal candidate.

**End of the meeting at 11 h**