

MINUTES
ONLINE BUREAU MEETING
11/01/2021

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

Meeting starts at 19 h 01

1) Finances - 15 minutes - MP/BG

- *Internal Audit and year closing:*

*2020 ends with a profit of around 25 000 EUR;

*BG worked on the digitalisation of the requests from the auditors as we move towards a fully online Internal Audit on Saturday.

- *External Audit:*

*This will take place in the office with BG and the auditors in person but MP will join online in a hybrid concept.

- *MO Survey 2021:*

*Less than half of the MOs did it so far only. Bureau members will reach out to their MOs more times;

*Next check will be on Wednesday, BG will update the Bureau then;

*The deadline is 18 January 2021.

2) Decision on the next in-person Bureau meeting (February)

The situation is very bad in Europe, and in the world. We can't meet now due to the restrictions but also because the situation is very risky. We need to show an example and be responsible. Health can't be ensured when travelling and for meeting.

MS emphasized that we should all do the test if we meet later in the year to ensure we won't carry it with us. The rest of the Bureau agrees, if not vaccinated, PCR test should be taken.

The Bureau meeting will be fully online on 6 February 2021. In-person meeting at a later stage in the year with PCR test before arrival and measures in place. We aren't planning any meeting for the moment and will reconsider it in the future according to the latest developments.

3) Cooperation Projects - 30 minutes - IH **Selection and decision**

- Overview of the applications as well as pre assessment were made available to the Bureau before the meeting.

IH explains that BG, MP and herself met and assessed the applications. All applications were very good and it was a tough decision to narrow it down.

Project number 1 (USR Tineret): In line with the initial idea of the project call - regional cooperation. Similar to the OSE approach but impact limited to their countries.

Project number 2 (Julis): European dimension present but not clear what would happen if world pride wouldn't happen.

Project number 3 (RU): Good plan of in-person event but lack of broader impact, beyond the participants.

Project number 4 (JNC): Similar to the post-COVID project and the organizations involved had a lot of events involving LYMEC lately.

Bureau comments:

- AA explains a slight preference for the first project, because the applicants are poorer organisations that would benefit more.
- LC agrees that project 1 has less opportunities to get money. It is about best practice spreading in the region which was one of the core objectives of the call. We did a lot on LGBTQ already and what happens if the Pride is not taking place in-person is an open question. She would therefore favor the first one.
- IS emphasizes the importance to give proper guidance to the selected project. From a Communications perspective, having an LGBTQ campaign in Russia would be cool and as an organisation, we would benefit from it. However, it would be more reasonable to give this to the first project, they might have more to gain from the fund.
- DAS adds that we do a lot on LGBTQI+ it's true but that's not necessarily negative. We could build on that stronger since we already have a message. Important to get promotion and that's something we can get with the first project - money would be well spent. He is also more towards the first.
- IH highlights that all proposals were good but we had to narrow down and now make a choice.

- MP explains that the second project has a better budget forecast but the in-person event possibility is very small. Online aspect of the first project is good. MP ready to work with them to make it more realistic.
- AA expresses the need to give proper guidance on what the money should and shouldn't be spent on to the selected project.

The Bureau decides to select the first project from USR Tineret, Nova Stranka Youth and Nasa Stranka Youth. We will explain why we make the choice to all applicants and additional guidance to the winning one. We will also encourage other organisations to come up with funds outside of LYMEC to make these good projects happen (we could still provide some structural support especially if it takes place online).

4) Digital Assembly - 30 minutes - BG/MS

- *Call and timeline*

BG explains that the call is open now.

The timeline is the following:

- End of the registrations: **22 January, end of the day (23 h 30 CET).**
- End of amendments to the proposals: **24 January, end of the day.**
- Amended proposals to delegates: **before 27 January 2021.**
- Digital Assembly: **30 January 2021.**

- *Update on the Policy work*

A call will be taking place tomorrow evening with the working group to validate the outcomes. The work was done during the holidays mostly.

MS has some questions to be addressed by the Bureau:

- 1) *Most of the Chapter 10 is going to be archived, what should we do with it? Should we make a new document called "motions" that would be separated from the policy book? Do motions go in the sunset clause or not?*

°AA advises to keep them in the Policy Book not to forget them and apply the sunset clause. We should clean everything and leave the minimum motions but it's not policy so technically it could be taken out in another document.

°MS explains that we have quite outdated resolutions in Chapter 10 that need to be archived, they are not relevant anymore.

°IH adds that it's easier to not forget to keep it but it takes a bit from the strength for example of the diversity plan to have it at the end of the whole book. We will make it more interesting on the new website in any case. We could have a separate document for internal motions.

°MP is in favor of having a separate document for motions to keep better track of them.

°DAS explains that it is misleading to have it there, it's better if kept outside of the policy book.

The Bureau decides to create a separate document for internal motions and to archive most of the current chapter 10.

- 2) *There is one resolution on the cooperation between LYMEC-IFLRY that is going to be archived. Is it better to let the member organisations write something new or that we, as Bureau, propose a motion to the congress on that topic?*

The Bureau is set to propose a new document on the cooperation. BF should be involved and both organisations should be actively taking part in the drafting.

- 3) *What do we do with resolutions that are not changed in the process? Do they still automatically get into the sunset clause watchlist?*

They indeed become part of the sunset clause and should be included in the tracking document.

- 4) *During the DA, how do we proceed with the voting? Everyone voting?*

Plan A is to find a system for free where only IOs are voting (IH and BG to look into digital solutions for the voting at this event).

Plan B is to ask MOs to limit the amount of people voting and respect the rule of only the IO through the Zoom polling or the chat.

5) Young Liberal Women Summit - 10 minutes - LC

- Updates and timeline

LC asks for feedback about the title. The Bureau agrees but we should not use the abbreviation. It will happen on **6 March 2021** as agreed previously. It will be fully online.

She has the plan prepared:

- Session 1: Inspirational speaker (invite one person) - Brooke Van Veldwn is a first proposal;
- Session 2: Something funnier like a quiz after that - learning side (LC to prepare the quiz);
- Session 3: Beyond politics and sharing good practices from their countries

Ask feedback on how to move forward and how LYMEC can help them in that regard.

Moderation will be done by someone from the Bureau for this session;

- Reach out to ALDE for tips about the speakers (Adam).

6) ELF - 10 minutes - BG

- *Call for adapting 2020 ELF publications*

We would reprint our last publication from 2020 because of the EU “ORMS” mistake on the side of the book.

The Bureau decides to apply for reprinting of the publication with the correct side title to ensure proper further dissemination when conditions will allow (namely in the European Parliament to decision-makers).

- 2020 project closing calls

On-going with the ELF team this week for each of our 2020 projects. We are closing a total of 5 projects.

7) "From our MOs" 2020 concept - 15 minutes - LC/BG

Decision + Attachment

This new concept was drafted by LC and BG to trigger best practice sharing and enable inspiration from one organisation to another in times of uncertainty.

Bureau comments:

- Include pictures in their proposals, and visuals to increase each other's visibility.
- Final document should be visually appealing and add that it will be published but also disseminated on social media.

The Bureau approves the concept and moves forward with launching this new initiative, the material gathering part needs to happen by mid-February 2021.

8) Libertas - 10 minutes - DAS/LC

DAS explains that they had a discussion on how to market Libertas further.

Lucasta and LC to ensure that a proper editorial team is set up. An updated calendar about the publication of articles was also created. The team will check the target groups and see how to move forward according to the channels used. We will make a target group within LYMEC and then further outside of the organisation.

IS adds that the visual identity is important. In fact, it might be boring if we always have the same visual identity so we will come up with different frames using our colours but creating a new logo for Libertas. Having someone to make this work would be good. She is asking if we can hire someone maybe.

MP replies that we have enough for a logo, we need to find the right person with a friendly price to do it.

LC explains that the reform of the editorial team starts next week already. Only regular writers will be actually part of the editorial team. We need to aim for quality (we have 2 to 4 articles per month).

IS adds that the website will be more visual so it is important to harmonise Libertas with the overall concept. IH suggests that LC should be involved at the next phases for consistency.

LC brings up the issue of Chris Liesen constantly putting pressure on the team. We will reach out to him and give a warning. BG to reach out.

9) "Our Sustainable Europe" JAM project updates - 5 minutes - IH

IH explains that the event was supposed to be in person in Paris at the end of January. The event will now be planned online instead for the 3rd weekend of February. The team is analysing the outcomes of the survey at the moment.

10) Renew Europe Group - 10 minutes – BG/DAS Updates on cooperation + Attachment

Based on a willingness from both parties to start a new chapter in the relations between our organisations, we are shifting from a relationship mainly based on MEPs towards the establishment of a workflow between LYMEC and the Renew Europe Group. We wish to go beyond what was done in the past. This means not only a financial and technical relationship but also work together on a political, strategic and communicational agenda.

Comments on the document sent out before the meeting, these cooperation points were developed by Laia Garrido, Renew Europe and BG following an initial call involving also DAS.

MS emphasizes 3 points:

- Closer cooperation on policy views is needed, we should meet on a regular basis to channel the issues important for us. Moving our policy to Renew is key. Meeting with the Youth Group several times a year should be the objective when the Policy Officer and President meet with MEPs.
- There is a bulletin every morning - after the Congress, the idea would be to include LYMEC content there. Communication should be developed with Ida and their team as well.
- We should start our own project next to License to heal - a campaign on medication accessibility and vaccination. We should work together with them on this once we have a proper concept.

Rolling programme: The Bureau will have a look and flag interesting events.

11) IMS - 10 minutes - MS

- Updates

The Christmas party took place before the holidays. Some people were outside of the SC or delegates so it opened up a bit.

Discussion about the interviews we are doing to welcome new IMS took place in the SC- we will do written interviews only starting this week to reduce workload.

- Delegates elections 2021

Applications are open, nothing received yet, more reminders are needed.

12) Invitations - 5 minutes

- ELF meets the Board sessions

BG gives a short summary about the talk - extra BM positions for non-EU members, projects and daily work of ELF, get to know each other were the main points discussed during the meeting.

Other opportunities are available, Bureau members can join these calls if interested.

-Biodiversity survey

We will share it in our network and post on social media.

13) News from MOs - 5 minutes

There are no significant changes - NUV, LUF did have elections and we registered that information change already.

End of the meeting at 21 h 15