

MINUTES Online Bureau Meeting 7 June 2021

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

MS and AA arrived later due to the ALDE Party Working Groups.

Meeting starts at 18 h 45 CEST (Brussels time).

1) Finances - MP - 10 minutes

* Latest updates:

- Regarding the cooperation project, the organisers found extra money from FNF for the hybrid side of the event in July. We pay for extra rooms and an extra night at the hotel. We ended up with a few EUR above the 3000 EUR foreseen fund which is not an issue. 3000 EUR from FNF and 4000 from USR are to complete the project and the event in-person.

* Outstanding MO fees:

- 5 open invoices still missing payment;
- The Bureau discusses the open cases and follow up points.

2) ELF - BG/IS/LC - 30 minutes

***ELF 2022 Projects Concept Notes - All proposals had to be drafted by this meeting**

- Last changes and comments on prepared proposals

- DAS prepared the YLM 2022 application. He explains that we ask our Presidents usually what topic they would like to deal with. This time we propose to decide ourselves about the topics. DAS suggests **youth unemployment and work policies**. Youth is the hardest hit and we need a proper discussion and tackle this topic for 2022 after COVID. No survey will be sent out this year.

The Bureau agrees with the topic and approach.

- LC worked on the former 'book project' proposal. She came up with a new concept. We would have active participants in the framework of a liberal hackathon. We would go for teams or individual participation, we can decide later. It is about discussing **digitalisation** and how we envisage the future of big tech, privacy - focus on different sectors and policy or companies. Implementation at different levels. They will work on projects and we will prepare a **booklet** with the main proposals for the EP and the EC.
- LC worked also on the 'IMS project' proposal. She was in touch with the SC of the IMS. The focus is on concepts related to **public health, AI and climate in a**

scientific approach. Two parts - one more capacity-building and another one more concrete and applying the concepts learnt. Analysing parts might be challenging and interactive parts should be clear to make it more attractive.

IS suggests adding liberal solutions during the pandemic with liberal leaders in this event.

DAS adds that maybe rating and evaluating our own policies would be nice for this project.

- IH explains on the YCA concept note that she took out the wording on training of representatives. On the communications' side, it will also be more project cause focused and she is therefore taking out the personal training parts.
- IS explains on the Communications' meeting proposal that she added a partner from Helsinki working in the field very well. The proposal is following up on what we were doing earlier and keeping it as an umbrella programme of course.

- Process and deadlines

- BG will submit the proposals on Thursday, June 10 the latest to make it on time;
- BG reminds to clarify if Bureau members responsible will be present at the pitching session on Friday, June 18 in the morning;
- Locations for next years' projects will be decided at the next Bureau meeting.

***Communications' Meeting - youth edition**

- Latest updates and final programme

- This event is in two weeks now - 18 and 19 June;
- We had a meeting with the trainers but also with Vicky from ELF to prepare the sessions. We have a nice programme. We have a few hours on Friday and then the whole day on Saturday. We finally sorted the situation regarding the fees of the trainers.
- We have 12 participants. Good distribution geographically and gender wise.

- Communications' Manual

- It was planned to be between the 3 organisations but we end up doing the manual ourselves with tips and tricks to our own MOs. Two trainers will be involved in this manual. We will tackle it mostly after the event to follow up on the sessions.

***EU Diplomacy fit for the future**

- Publication

- The proofreading and editing parts are over - we received all contributions and needed inputs;
- The design is on its way adapted to the new guidelines of ELF;
- We should be all ready with the digital version on time for the event;
- IH reminds us to print less books than last time because they aren't all used. DAS agrees as well.

The Bureau decides to go with 100 printed publications this time.

- Book Launch

- LC runs the Bureau through the programme. The invitations were sent to the selected guests. There will be 3 sessions with the authors being actively involved.
- The Facebook event will be created later, we have the visual now after many exchanges with the Communications Unit of ELF. We will try to cross-post and broadcast live the whole event.

-Use of InDesign and issues with visuals

- Sara needed access but we couldn't grant her because already two people were logged in (Lucasta and DAS);
- DAS and IS propose that we upgrade to 3 users if possible.
- MP proposes Figma for free and wonders if it takes time to log off or if it's just easy.

The Bureau decided to check how much it is for expanding to 3. If needed, DAS will in the meantime log off so that the staff can easily work with it. He would then ask for access again when needed and relevant.

***YCA 2021**

- Online learning platform

BG and Sara are working on a draft based on the discussion with IH and LC and to be presented to them when ready. The goal is to open it for Changemakers in July.

***Public consultation on Regulation on European parties and foundations**

- LYMEC input in the public consultation was submitted on the platform of the EC;
- Action on ELF membership - we sent a letter to invite other ELF MOs to do the same;
- Action with the Political Party Youth Organisations - AA, BG and IH met some of the PPYO's and we sent out a communication to encourage them to contribute as well.

3) Digital Assembly - BG/MS – 30 minutes

- Policy renewal outcomes

- Deadline to publish the outcomes of the process is on Friday, June 18;
- IH and Lucasta will work on this in the next few days as MS is busy with the ALDE Congress.

- Call and registrations

- The call will open this week by Friday;
- The visual is ready, Sara made a great job;
- Registrations are available through the website;
- They are open till 21 June.

- Agenda

- 'Part 1' with the Bureau presentations and 'Part 2' with policy discussions with the presentation of the new website in-between.

- New website updates and launch

- We encounter some small delays - we are about to have the final call with their team in the coming weeks;
- Final delivery is set to happen by the end of next week;
- IH stresses that we can't really test everything as long as it's not in use;
- A shorter testing phase is proposed and then launch it and see what needs to be improved on the go.
- IS explains that it would be cool to have some excitement at the launch and not just share a screen;
- BG reminds that old website will be used before the DA so the new won't be really look at yet before the launch;
- DAS to suggest to contact the provider to see what are the options
- **IS suggests that we do a video to launch it with background music with someone scrolling through the website. DAS agrees - 30 seconds video will be perfect.**

4) Next LYMEC Bureau Meeting - BG/AA - 20 minutes - for decision

- Update on the situation and feasibility to meet in-person

- Discussion around the different options and rules in place to see where would be the safest option and the most strategic;
- Several places were mentioned - Brussels, Vienna or Sweden.

After checking the rules in place and considering all aspects of the organisation of the meeting, **the Bureau decides to hold an in-person meeting. We will go somewhere in Belgium, not in Brussels. Good internet connection is necessary. BG will come up with some options this week.** Travels need to be booked soon for DAS, LC, MP, IS and MS.

5) ALDE Party - AA/MS - 30 minutes

- Congress and elections

Discussion on the elections of the ALDE Party Bureau for Vice-President and Treasurer positions.

- Policy work and delegation

- 2 WG's taking place as we speak - amendments were submitted and we have two resolutions to defend;
- All of our amendments have positive recommendations - only one has no recommendation. We have more tomorrow and there will be a debate on the resolution about the Conference.

- LDLU letter to ALDE Bureau and members

- 'Servants of people' would join ALDE and the youth organisation would connect to LYMEC;
- 'Servants of people' aren't applying at the end this time so no discussion at this stage on our side.

6) Conference on the Future of Europe - AA - 30 minutes

- Social Media campaign updates

The campaign is on-going until the end of June.

- Communications to MOs and online digital platform

- Proposals were uploaded to the Conference platform - endorsements are needed. We communicated about the idea of a prize if it reaches 500. MOs need to be pushed to endorse on the platform;
- IS explains that the only way to get the endorsements up is to contact people directly. We need to do whatever we can to boost this. We need to contact people directly and especially the IOs that we know are interested. We should also send out a special newsletter for the Conference to our database;
- IH adds the idea of asking MEPs to promote specific proposals in their networks; IS thinks it's a good idea and we should pick some of them on specific issues.

- Events in the Autumn

We have to further discuss the events for the Autumn at a next meeting and we asked our MOs already to reach out if they want to set up an event with their members.

7) Libertas - LC- 10 minutes - for decision

- PDF magazine first release final version

- It brings together the content of the last half a year / first part of 2021;
- IS proposes to print them or send it in a targeted way instead of sharing it on Social Media;
- DAS backs the idea of printing it;
- IH would prefer to only print a very limited amount and stick to a digital approach because we shouldn't use so much paper;
- IS proposes to use recycled paper for 10-20 versions - we should probably do both printed and online. We should push the authors to share it on their personal accounts - that would help in increasing reach/engagement. LC states that it's something that is already always done. LC explains that what would work is posting a story and tag also the member organisation;
- MP expresses that we should print for the authors and print 5-10 more for the Congresses - we don't give it away but they can borrow it. If someone wants more we will have it available online then.

The Bureau decides that we will have some versions sent to the authors and some printed for borrowing at Congresses. We will also have a digital version for those interested to read more.

- Dissemination plan + budget proposal

- Meeting will be foreseen soon to come up with a plan;

- Budget will be needed for a few copies of the magazine printed out to be sent to the authors and the Congress samples.

The Bureau decides that LC will discuss with IS on dissemination and the budget with MP.

- LC and Lucasta discussed responsibilities with LC taking back some of the work regarding Libertas
- More articles to come before the summer: German elections, political scandals in the Netherlands ...

8) Cooperation Project Renewing Education - IH/MP - 15 minutes

- Updates and budget changes

- Bigger budget is available now for the project leaders as stated earlier in the meeting;
- Nova Stranka Youth from Serbia left the project now because they weren't available anymore. Spots for them will be distributed among the other organisations evenly for the event in Timisoara.

- Hybrid event in Timisoara + LYMEC representatives - 16/17 July - for decision

- The event is going to be hybrid in the hotel venue - it's all booked now and the contracts were signed.

The Bureau decides that IH will go and IS or DAS will be the second person attending.

9) Invitations - All - 5 minutes

- Poland of the future camp

The Bureau decides that this is not for us since it's unclear who organises and it has no relevant scope for us.

- LC attending the FNF Summer Academy school

LC's participation was approved at the last meeting and she will be there in-person. The week after that is JNC Summer school - we will receive an invitation soon. FNF will cover the travel to go but she needs the way back to Barcelona to visit JNC to be covered.

The Bureau decides that we would cover the travel since she joins JNC Congress as a representative of LYMEC.

10) News from MOs and IMS - All - 5 minutes

- IS explains that there will be municipality elections this Sunday in Finland with strong campaigning from the liberal side. Will be interesting to see the results for our members.
- LC explains that a second meeting took place between PANKS and YLG with LC mediating. It didn't go well unfortunately. No arrangements were found and it was hard to create bridges. Cooperation proposals were discussed and no agreement was reached. They are in competition at this stage. No moderation meeting is planned for the close future.

- IH adds that we have some talks with a new Slovenian youth organisation. We might meet them soon. There is also an interested party in youth politics from Armenia. We might meet to check what the situation is there. DAS is kept in the loop for this.

11) AOB

- Post-COVID project public presentation event online

IH explains that from the Renew Europe side, they are open to have the event but nothing came from Jovenes Ciudadanos yet. We will wait until they take the initiative, we stay ready to support and set up an online event with MEPs together with Renew.

- EYE activity application

- LC explains that we submitted a quick application to organise an activity during the EYE. We can get a grant and they would give us financial support. Activity was about gathering young people and getting them to discuss the various pillars of the Conference with the main ideas in a booklet. We could also gather a few MEPs for this event. Two variables will have to be considered by the Bureau - if selected and - if feasible or worth it. It will be taking place 8-9 October 2021.
- DAS finds it very interesting but challenging regarding our resources. We have a lot to do this Autumn.

The Bureau decides to discuss it when we get feedback and at the next meeting.