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Dear friends,

This is the second time I address to you as the Vice President of LYMEC. By the time we meet half of the mandate year will be fulfilled. Unfortunately, instead of meeting in person, as many of us hoped, we will yet again see each other online.

For many of us, the year since we last met meant a lot of uncertainty. Facing a reality that hinders our ordinary lives and work has led to many challenges. For LYMEC this situation has not been any exception. Being an organization with members throughout Europe, means being all over Europe. But how to fill these routines with the current circumstances? For us in the LYMEC bureau it has meant adapting and being more innovative than ever. Last time we met I had the pleasure to report all the work we have achieved despite the current circumstances. Since the situation has not changed the LYMEC bureau decided to continue with the same strategy that was brought by the begging of the mandate. In short, we have been working on being more political. Meaning to monitor the development in Europe and act by communicating our positions around various events. This is something that I personally have been favoring, right at the begging of the mandate. Now that this bureau has not been investing time for physical events, we had more resources to monitor and being more political around Europe's development. The developments of such strategies have been good. To take a few examples; I had the privilege to write press releases and statements on LYMECs behalf concerning the situation in Belarus. We have been doing that on social media mainly, but also publishing the statements on our website. I have also been writing about the latest abortion ban in Poland and on issues on climate change. By being active and addressing the latest topics we were also able to bear its fruits. We got the attention from several civil

activists, NGO's and even our MEPs. Us being more political also opened new cooperation projects with other European youth organizations as well as Renew Europe. I will describe these projects in detail below.

Renew Europe

As I mentioned earlier; after conducting intense political monitoring LYMEC got to have a meeting with our EP-group Renew Europe (RE) on how we could strengthen our partnership. Today LYMEC has a good cooperation with Renew Europe. However, that cooperation is mostly tied to events that LYMEC holds alone or with RE. Now, me and the LYMEC President Antoaneta Asenova, along with representative from RE are discussing on how LYMEC could have a stronger position in RE's political work. This means that we will be able to bring forward our positions on various topics as part of RE's official stances. This is unique as LYMEC will directly be able to influence the work of our EP-group externally. We are not quite done with shaping this cooperation plan yet. Nevertheless, we remain positive as this is an opportunity for LYMEC's voice to be heard when the future of Europe is shaped. To be continued!

Energize Europe – the successful ELF-event

In July 2020 I had the pleasure to lead the ELF event "Energizing Europe". The event was held online. Together with participants from our member organizations and experts we were able to create a toolkit with proposals on how to tackle the climate change. Since the event LYMEC has been promoting that toolkit. And it really got attention. Now, almost seven months after the event LYMEC has been conducting talks with the office of European Commissioner Frans Timmermans, our MEP's and other organizations. The goal is to make the toolkit a part of European policies on climate change. I am proud to announce that by having many external partners interested in the toolkit our final ambition might be within reach. This is a great example on how LYMEC, all you member organizations can together work and create something that caught the interest of Europe's highest decision makers.

Political young standing up for Belarus

Together is stronger. What is happening in Belarus should every make every European that values democracy and freedom stand in solidarity with the protesters. Time has gone and the people of Belarus need all the support that can be given. This is why LYMEC has started to work together with JEF and the other European youth umbrella organizations (YEPP, FYEG, ETC) in a joint campaign against the Belarus regime. Through this network, where I represent LYMEC, we create campaigns, press statements and each our respective MEP's to strengthen EU's actions against Lukashenka.

Friends, since last time we spoke LYMEC, as many of you worked through a period of uncertainty and challenges. Despite that, it is my belief that the bureau has done as much as possible to move LYMEC forward. Through close contact with the political Europe, our partners and most importantly you member organizations we have been able, in a pandemic to develop our organization for the better. There is still much to do, and our work is ongoing. While it has been working with current circumstances, my hope is that we soon enough get to all the things that are so great about LYMEC, but then together as we meet in person. I would like to thank all you members who are contributing to our work, who contact us every day to leave valuable insights and invests time onto our working groups, seminars and other events. I would also like to thank the LYMEC Office who made extraordinary efforts with our extranal as well as internal work. With the work of Balint Gyevai, Lucasta Bath and Annemiek Van Vliet our efforts to be more visible and active has been made possible. Behind every post, statement and preparation for our events the office has a crucial part in making sure that our ideas become reality.

Thank you all for your dedication. I am looking forward to seeing you in April!

Sincerely yours,



Events attended

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Events/purpose</u>	<u>Organizations</u>
20/11-2020	Online	Meeting with YDE	LYMEC, YDE
4/12-2020	Online	Lymec cooperation with Renew Europe	LYMEC, RE
16/12-2020	Online	EU climate pact launch event	LYMEC
5/2-2021	Online	Meeting with IFLRY future cooperation	LYMEC, IFLRY
16/2- 2021	Online	Lymec team building meeting	LYMEC
26/2-2021	Online	Lymec – Sustainability toolkit with mr Vandebroek (MEP)	LYMEC, Office of Vanderbroek

Note: Aside from the activites listed above I have also attended all the bureau meetings that are available on our documentation page

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