

## **LYMEC Bureau report: Ines Holzegger Outreach & Cooperation Officer**

Dear liberal friends,

Before elaborating on what I have been doing in the past months since the last Congress, I would like to thank all of you once again for giving me this amazing opportunity and allowing me to work towards a more liberal Europe.

### **Outreach and Cooperations**

A concept for a project I have promised in my election campaign for the Bureau has now been launched as "Cooperation Project" and we received a lot of great applications, which made the selection very challenging. We decided to go with the project on "Renewing Education: A liberal approach in the Balkans" by USR Tineret, Nova Stranka Youth, Forum mladih Naše stranke and Young Liberals Greece. The survey is currently carried out and lobbying events with important stakeholders as well as a final event are planned.

I am also the Bureau member responsible for representing LYMEC to the European Youth Forum. In that, LYMEC also cooperated with IFLRY in the form of a joint nomination of Simon Lindkaer Andersen (Denmark, VU) for the board of the European Youth Forum, including working as a joint campaign team. Simon has since been elected and has started his 2-year term in January.

Due to the great cooperation, LYMEC decided to nominate another joint candidate (Nickolas Pagonakis, RU) for the Advisory Council on Youth to the Council of Europe for the elections taking place a week before the LYMEC Spring Congress.

Since the last Congress, we were able to conclude our cooperative project "Our Sustainable Europe" initiated by Jeunes Avec Macron on environment and sustainability. A survey was carried out and the final results were presented to Renew Europe in an online event.

Furthermore, LYMEC has cooperates with other youth organizations in Europe on initiatives for Solidarity with the democracy movement in Belarus (for instance a joint statement and an official request to illuminate the EP in white-red-white for the unofficial Freedom Day by the opposition), initiated and coordinated by JEF.

Finally, in order to reach you, our members and especially the International Officers better, we introduced a Bulletin, which is published to the International Officer Facebook Group as a short summary of some key points discussed during our last Bureau meeting. Together with the link to the minutes, it is an attempt to make our work more transparent. More projects are currently planned and conceptualized in order to increase our outreach and try using new communication tools to reach members and interested young people.

### **Events**

After the last Congress, we finished up the Young Changemakers Academy with the last event (online) with bilateral talks between the participants and speakers that fit best to their individual project topics.

Also, I was able to participate in the FNF/ELF event “Voice for the Youth” as a speaker, talking about LYMEC and youth advocacy efforts and projects within LYMEC, as well as the Young Changemakers Academy.

### **Tech Agendas**

Part of my responsibilities are also various technological agendas, including NationBuilder, which acts as LYMEC’s CRM, being part of the task force for a new LYMEC website, as well as being part of the taskforce on OpenSlides as the new LYMEC resolution and Congress tool.

Within NationBuilder, we migrated our Newsletter to the tool. We are planning to using it even more in the future, even basing our new website on it, which will make it even easier and seamless to migrate new individual members and newsletter subscribers to our CRM.

As for OpenSlides, with Marina in the lead, we got our own opensource solution and set it up on our own rented server space, due to the increased costs of the company’s package we used last Congress. That way, the costs are way lower, reduce setup time in the future, and we can use it in the future also for our Digital Assemblies.

I hope I could give you a broad overview of what has happened in the last months since the Congress and I am very happy to answer your questions and concerns!

Hopefully, we all can meet in person soon again –

All the best,  
Ines

### **Events attended:**

Date	Place	Event/Purpose	Organization(s)
<b>13-14 November</b>	Online	Autumn Congress 2020	LYMEC
<b>15 November</b>	Online	Bureau Meeting	LYMEC
<b>20-22 November</b>	Online	YFJ General Assembly	European Youth Forum
<b>26-28 November</b>	Online	Young Changemakers’ Academy 3	LYMEC/ELF
<b>28 November</b>	Online	Voice for the Youth (speaker)	ELF/FNF
<b>7 December</b>	Online	Bureau Meeting	LYMEC
<b>15 December</b>	Online	Christmas Bureau + Staff Meeting	LYMEC
<b>11 January</b>	Online	Bureau Meeting	LYMEC
<b>30 January</b>	Online	Digital Assembly	LYMEC
<b>6 February</b>	Online	Bureau Meeting	LYMEC
<b>16 February</b>	Online	Bureau + Staff team-building	LYMEC
<b>22 March</b>	Online	Training OpenSlides	LYMEC
<b>27 March</b>	Online	Discussion Panel on Education	Ógra Fianna Fáil
<b>6 April</b>	Online	Training OpenSlides	LYMEC
<b>17-18 April</b>	Online	COMEM (YFJ)	European Youth Forum