

**INTERNATIONAL OFFICER**

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**Martin PORTE**  
**Treasurer LYMEC**

Dear Mr. Porte,

I hope this letter finds you well.

After the great earthquake that hit Zagreb on March 22 last year, the HSLS Party premises were severely damaged (please find images attached). Reconstruction has not started yet, the heating is not working and the premises are not usable. We have permanent premises of approximately 100 square meters and two permanent employees. As for public financing, the party receives money for our two members of parliament. Another way of financing is through membership fees. We have about 2,000 members who regularly pay dues. The financial situation is currently stable but we are facing local elections that are extremely important for the party and that will cost a lot.

Although the premises are owned by the state, we will have to renovate it ourselves. Namely, the scale of the earthquake damage in Zagreb is enormous (estimated at EUR 6 billion), the priorities for reconstruction will be residential buildings and premises where business and profit activities take places. As we are a non-profit organization (political party), we will be the last to come to the reconstruction.

The initial estimates of the funds we need for this are enormous for HSLS (est. 20.000 EUROS), although it is only a "necessary patch" and not a thorough renovation that the premises require given that the building is 145 years old and a protected cultural property.

As in previous years, MHL will participate in the work of LYMEC by participating in congresses and all other activities.

**We take this opportunity to kindly ask you and LYMEC to reduce our membership fee for 2021 (290 EUR) to €1.**

Thanks in advance and kind regards!

Daniel Majer

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