

## Motivation to run for the LYMEC Bureau!

This year became a turning point for me due to critical changes in my life. You just cannot remain the same person you were when you see the injustice happening today.

I always saw LYMEC as an organization where everyone will find a place regardless of their background or appearance. And now I got a chance to come from the country where everyone feels the same way, where people consider each other a family, where there is no place for discrimination or inequality. Moreover, after seeing mass torture and the killing of civilians, I cannot tolerate anything that diminishes the value of individuals and human lives.

Since February, I felt on my skin that we ourselves set our own boundaries. I would never imagine that I would find so many people ready to support me and many of them were from the LYMEC community. Now, I am totally sure that everything is possible.

I run for the LYMEC Bureau not because I want to spread liberal values, but because I am ready to act to do it. In a world where fundamental liberal principles get violated on a daily basis, I am ready to fight for them. I am ready to fight against any discrimination and do everything to protect the unprotected. I want to get to people and fight the indifference. Furthermore, I am always ready to help others with their struggles because in LYMEC and the global liberal community we all fight for the same cause. Now is the high time for the world to become more liberal!

And to be completely honest, I hate empty talking which is a major part of today's politics. I have seen its consequences. It does not work and has to be finally substituted by doing that has never failed.

### **Proposals for doing:**

1. Increase cooperation of LYMEC with external organizations:
  - Youth wings of other political groups;
  - Organizations from the EU Bubble;
  - NGOs and INGOs adhering to liberal values.

*Purpose:* build partnerships and cooperation to conduct common actions and strengthen the public image of LYMEC.

2. Build up LYMEC campaigns to put an emphasis on the action-based component

- Base campaigns on projects, physical campaigns, roundtables with stakeholders, etc. and strengthen LYMEC activities in communication with stakeholders;
- Elaborate SMART framework and performance assessment mechanism to evaluate the effectiveness of campaigns (just to begin with...);
- Conduct timely evaluation of campaign and LYMEC actions connected to campaigns to introduce changes to the framework and boost its effectiveness.

*Purpose:* demonstrate tangible results and increase quality LYMEC activities.

3. Increase in-person cooperation between LYMEC MOs and IMS to facilitate exchange within LYMEC and aid LYMEC MOs in their national environment.

- Develop a toolkit for the exchange of experience (including related to the mobilization of youth before elections), create and gather outcomes of LYMEC activities in a knowledge database, and advocate more youth-oriented ELF research and activities for LYMEC MOs;
- Create a database with the information from MOs and reflect it in the calendar to facilitate in-person cooperation;
- Organize in-person projects for regular members of MOs for exchange.

*Purpose:* reduce the negative impact of the pandemic on cooperation within MOs, stimulate personal relationships, and invest in the proficiency of liberals in Europe.

### **Personal Priorities:**

1. Direct LYMEC activity in the framework of European elections in 2024.

- Before conducting an activity evaluate its impact on the political image of LYMEC;
- Follow the agenda of the EU institutions more closely and provide a timely response from LYMEC (be more proactive);
- Create action plans to maximize the effectiveness of specific activities.

*Purpose:* increase liberal representation in the European Parliament and a share of youth among MEPs.

2. Increase attention to non-EU Europeans in LYMEC.

- Generalize campaigns topics so non-EU MOs can relate to and participate actively;

- Create a rapid action plan on Ukraine that takes into attention not only Ukraine but also European states affected by the war;
- Organize discussion sessions between MOs to exchange their priorities and proposals.

*Purpose:* raise general involvement and awareness about other national environments, and address the war in Ukraine and its impact on Europe.

### 3. Strengthen the LYMEC IMS.

- Raise awareness of MOs about the role of IMS in LYMEC;
- Boost cooperation with interested MOs;
- Involve IMS in MOs activities by agreement.

*Purpose:* provide a stronger platform for individual members to speak up.

#### **Topics of interest and expertise:**

1. Security and defense (including energy security);
2. Women's and children's rights;
3. Sustainability.