

Proposal

Creation of the working group of ELSN - European Liberal Students Network

For approval by the Executive Committee

The LYMEC Bureau and the member (student) organisations listed below are proposing the formation of the European Liberal Students Network (ELSN) working group.

The European Liberal Students Network is a group of liberal students' organisations and liberal youth organisations with special interest in student and higher education matters. The Network is part of LYMEC asbl., supervised by the LYMEC Bureau and supported by a working group with the same name.

Goals of the Network

The main purpose of the Network is to strengthen relations between liberal students and liberal student organisations in Europe and to promote liberal values in higher education (HE) and student politics all over the continent.

To achieve this goal, the member organisations (MOs) will share knowledge and information on recent developments in national, European and international politics in the areas of common interest as well as best practices on political or organisational activities through regular communication (mailing list, forum, website) and joint events such as working group meetings or seminars. The Network will foster programmatic work on HE within LYMEC and develop joint or coordinated campaigns on topics that are of concern for some/all of its MOs.

Membership

All applicant, observer and full member organisation of LYMEC can become members of the Network by declaring their interest in becoming members. The members of ELSN are then approved by the Bureau of LYMEC after consultation of the Network's coordinator.

Working methods

Each member organisations appoints one contact person responsible for the Network's activities of its organisation. Once a year, the ELSN members select a "coordinator" among themselves by means to be agreed upon within the Network. The coordinator supports the Network by encouraging information exchange and joint activities between the MOs, moderating discussions and serving as a contact person to interested persons and organisations outside ELSN. If **explicitly requested** within the Network, the coordinator can help with the organisation of

events or represent (parts of) ELSN in other fora. The names of MOs' and ELSN's contact persons will be listed publicly on the Network's website.

The Network's working group will meet at every LYMEC Executive Committee or Congress meeting, usually **before the main event**. It shall serve as an open contact and discussion forum, and it will be chaired by the coordinator or a substituting member agreed upon within the Network. Decisions within the Network and its working group are reached through **common agreement** between interested members and they can be made whenever deemed necessary. Any decision that does not include the explicit agreement of all MOs shall list the names of the MOs supporting that decision instead of "ELSN". Majority votes should only be held where necessary, i.e. in procedural or certain organisational questions. In these cases, every organisation will have one vote.

Legal status of ELSN

The legal status and the working methods of ELSN and its working group are defined by LYMEC's rules of association, article 17, LYMEC's statutes and the strategy paper on the European Liberal Student Network of May 2006.

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