



## INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBERAL YOUTH

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Dear members,

Since Istanbul, the Bureau has both settled into our new roles, as well as continued to develop IFLRY. We were thrown into the work by having to hire a new Executive Director. Although it was sad to say goodbye to Mane after all her years in IFLRY, I'm very happy to now have Andrea Ugrinoska as ED, together with assistant Elliot McArdle. I also look forward to welcome another assistant after this Bureau report is submitted. From the Bureau's side, the handover has been an important and big task, which has been handled by Danylo, Pauline and me, together with Mane and Andrea from the office.

When it comes to communication, I have helped with the website (after an introduction to WordPress by Pauline and Ahmad), social media, the newsletter and the international officer newsletter. I am very happy about the consistency we have with our newsletter, as well as the work we have done with social media, where we are trying to create more content, and to keep you updated on our work and our opportunities. I am in charge of Twitter, where I am trying to keep the account more active and engaging. Together with Anders and the rest of the Bureau, I have worked to increase and develop our social media presence the last eight months. We have also made IFLRY more transparent, by sharing the Bureau Meeting agendas and minutes with the International officers. Further, I have tried to be available for the members and the Bureau at all times, which I think is important. I will continue to work for this, and hope that you will contact me if you have any suggestions or comments.

Another thing I am doing is working continuously on a functioning and up-to-date membership list, email lists as well as contact information for the member organizations. Anders and I have worked together on contacting potential members, also with great help from Sven. I have attended several events, which you can see at the end of the report, that has led to stronger relationships between IFLRY and our member organizations and partners. For example, vital bonds have been created during my involvement with planning a grant application with a deadline in March 2017, co-hosting a workshop in Bali with CALD Youth, as well as our presence in Marrakech this November, which was coordinated by Sven and I. In addition, I have represented IFLRY in networks such as the European Youth Forum and ICMYO, which has been great in terms of learning about them and how IFLRY can contribute.

I also serve as the Bureau buddy to the Climate Change Programme. In the fall, I took over the coordination of the COP22 delegation. The delegates did an amazing job in representing IFLRY. In the future, I wish to see increased engagement from the team and the programme manager, to make sure we can uphold IFLRY's tradition in working actively with climate change issues.

These first eight months have been both challenging and rewarding. Thanks to the Bureau and the Office for all you work. I also want to thank Pauline for showing great and encouraging leadership. Lastly, I look forward to celebrate IFLRY's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year with you all!



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Events attended:

- LYMEC Congress, Vienna, Austria. April 29 – May 1
- Young Liberals of Canada Biannual Meeting, Winnipeg, Canada. May 26-29
- Young Liberals of Norway Summer camp, Arendal July 16-21 and Radikal Ungdom Summer camp, Middelfart, Denmark August 3-6
- CALD-IFLRY seminar, Bali, Indonesia. August 18-21
- Radikale Venstre Congress, Nyborg, Denmark. 17-18 September
- Meeting with ALN, LibDems International and FNF, Johannesburg, South Africa. October 3-4
- Radikal Ungdom Congress, Copenhagen, Denmark. 28-30 October
- Meetings in Marrakech, Morocco. 10-19 November
  - o Liberal International's Executive Committee
  - o ICMYO's annual meeting
  - o COP22
- Future Movement annual congress, Beirut, Lebanon. 25-28 November
- EC preparation meeting, London, United Kingdom. 2-4 December