



INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF THE ALDE PARTY

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The internal regulations regulate the functioning of the Association and its bodies in general and may not conflict with the Articles of Association.

I. NAME OF THE PARTY

1. "Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party" is the official name of the Party and is abbreviated ALDE Party.

II. CONGRESS

1. The Congress shall be held in Europe at least once a year. The Bureau shall take the decision as to which Party will host the Congress after having reviewed applications submitted by member parties.

III. AGENDA AND TIMETABLE OF THE CONGRESS

1. The Bureau shall draw up the agenda and submit it to the Congress for formal adoption.
2. The Bureau shall act as a steering committee for the Congress.
3. If the subject of a draft resolution is not covered by the agenda, and the Bureau acting as a steering committee rejects its inclusion in the agenda, the Congress may decide by a simple majority whether the motion will be admitted for discussion and decision.
4. Items, including draft resolutions, for the agenda may only be submitted to the Secretariat of the ALDE Party, not less than seven weeks prior to the Congress, by full and associated member parties, 50% + 1 of the Members of the European Parliament, of the Committee of the Regions, of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe who are signed up to the ALDE Party or the Bureau of the ALDE Party.
5. The final agenda, together with draft resolutions and any other relevant items, including reports, will be sent to all delegates not less than six weeks prior to the Congress.
6. Amendments to draft resolutions may only be submitted to the Secretariat, not less than four weeks prior to the Congress, by full and associated member parties, 50% + 1 of the Members of the European Parliament, of the Committee of the Regions, of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe who are signed up to the ALDE Party.
7. Amendments must be in the possession of all delegates not less than three weeks prior to the Congress.
8. The Bureau may for organisational reasons decide to alter the above schedule for the Congress up to six months prior to the Congress.
9. The Council, any full and associated member Party, 25 voting Congress delegates, 50% + 1 of the Members of the European Parliament, of the Committee of the Regions,

of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe who are signed up to the ALDE Party or the Bureau of the ALDE Party may propose draft urgency resolutions, which may not exceed 300 words, to be added to the agenda. These must relate to current or recent political events which could not have been dealt with in the draft resolutions seven weeks prior to the Congress. The Congress shall decide which draft urgency resolutions to debate, after considering the recommendation of the Bureau.

10. The Bureau may propose a draft resolution as the result of a debate in the Council. The topic of this draft resolution should be added to the agenda. The Congress will decide whether to debate this resolution.

11. Prior to European parliamentary elections an electoral manifesto must be discussed and adopted by full member parties from EU member states. Amendments may be submitted by any full member Party, the Council, 25 voting Congress delegates, 50% + 1 of the Members of the European Parliament, of the Committee of the Regions, of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe who are signed up to the ALDE Party or the Bureau of the ALDE Party.

12. Any full and associated member Party or 25 Congress delegates may propose to set up a committee during the Congress.

13. The parliamentary representation of the ALDE Party in the European Parliament, in the Committee of the Regions and in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe shall report on their activities to the Congress.

14. Candidates for election to the Bureau must be nominated up to three weeks prior to the Congress. In the event of having an insufficient number of candidates, the Council may waive this rule. No more than 1/3 of the total number of Bureau members can be from an associated member party. Member parties shall be mindful of the aim for a gender balanced Bureau.

15. Associated members may not together vote in any body or committee of the Association for a number of votes exceeding one third of the number of votes cast in each ballot. When applicable, associated members' votes shall be subject to proportional reduction in the calculation of the results of the relevant ballot.

IV. PARTICIPATION AND REPRESENTATION AT THE CONGRESS

Until the Congress following the first elections to the European Parliament to be held by the uniform procedure envisaged under the terms of Article 138 (3) of the Treaty of Rome as modified by the Treaty on European Union, the results of national elections will apply.

1. The following delegates shall be entitled to attend the meetings of the Congress with voting rights.

a) Delegates of member parties whose number shall be allocated as follows:

- One base delegate for every party
- Total number of Council delegates
- Additional delegates based on the rounded sum of the party's vote total divided by
 - o 100,000 for the first 3 million votes,
 - o 250,000 between 3 million and 5 million votes
 - o and 500,000 for votes exceeding a total of 5 million votes

- Additional delegates based on the vote share divided by 3% (only for parties in countries with a total population exceeding 250,000)

The total number of Congress delegates is expressed in the formula as follows:

$$1 + \text{Council Delegates} + \left| \frac{\text{Vote Total}}{*} + \frac{\text{Vote Share}}{3\%} \right| = \text{Number of Congress Delegates}$$

* according to the thresholds listed here above

A member party whose exact number of votes cannot be determined because it ran in an electoral alliance or coalition of parties will be allocated delegates as follows: the vote total of the coalition is divided by the total number of the elected coalition's MPs and then multiplied by the number of MPs that were elected from the ALDE member party.

The total number of associated members' delegates cannot exceed 1/3 of the total number of Congress delegates. The number of delegates for each associated member party may have to be proportionally adapted to respect that limitation.

b) Members of the ALDE Party Bureau. Each Bureau member carries an individual vote and cannot take an additional proxy vote, either on behalf of another member of the ALDE Party Bureau or of an ALDE Party member party.

c) Ten delegates nominated by LYMEC (European Liberal Youth).

2. The following delegates will be entitled to attend the meetings of the Congress, without voting rights:

Two delegates from each observer party.

3. Other persons may be entitled to attend the meetings of the Congress, without voting rights, by prior written invitation of the Bureau.

4. Member Parties and LYMEC shall communicate the names of the Congress delegates and the list of voting delegates to the Secretariat at least one week prior to the meeting. After that date, changes to the voting delegate lists will only be accepted in exceptional cases such as sickness, flight cancellations and last-minute political developments requiring a delegate to attend a political mission or event and must be communicated to the Secretary General at latest one hour before the first voting session.

5. Any verification of credentials will be carried out, if required, by the Bureau.

6. A member party's votes are not transferable.

7. The ALDE Party is committed to the principle of gender mainstreaming and to the promotion of equality between genders in all its activities. It therefore actively encourages its members to submit delegate lists that are gender balanced.

V. CONDUCT OF CONGRESS SESSIONS

1. The sessions of the Congress shall be public unless the Congress decides otherwise.

2. Delegates may not speak for longer than the Chair decides and may not speak more than once, except by leave of the Chair. The Chair shall announce the maximum speaking time before the beginning of the discussion session.

- 116 3. A delegate who asks leave to speak for a procedural motion shall have a prior right to
117 do so, in particular:
- 118 a) to raise a point of order;
- 119 b) to move the closure of a debate;
- 120 c) to move the adjournment of a debate.
- 121 4. An amendment shall only relate to the text it seeks to alter.
- 122 5. Votes will be cast by holding up voting cards or by electronic means. A ballot may be
123 taken by decision of the Congress. Decisions of the Congress are taken by simple
124 majority unless otherwise specified by the Articles of Association. For decisions of the
125 Congress at least one third of the total number of delegates must be present and voting.
- 126 6. There shall be a ballot for the appointment and discharge of members of the Bureau or
127 officers.
- 128 7. The President or session Chairperson shall announce the result, or, if of the opinion
129 that the result is not clear, shall order a count. The President's or Chairperson's
130 decision may be challenged, and a vote held if 30 delegates stand to request this.
- 131 8. Separate votes shall be taken on any section of any motion or amendment if:
- 132 a) requested by the President or Chairperson of that session;
- 133 b) requested by the Bureau; or
- 134 c) requested by any delegate as a point of order and either accepted by the proposer
135 of the motion or amendment as appropriate or put to a vote and confirmed by
136 decision of the Congress.
- 137 9. At the end of any debate on an amendment or motion, a vote will be taken.
- 138 10. Election for a common top candidate(s) for the European elections:
- 139 The candidate(s) will be elected by full member parties from EU Member States and
140 LYMEC delegates during a Congress or an extraordinary Congress.
- 141 The voting system follows the system of election for ALDE Party President.
- 142 11. Adoption of common electoral manifesto for the European elections:
- 143 The manifesto will be adopted by full member parties from EU Member States and
144 LYMEC delegates during a Congress or an extraordinary Congress.

145 VI. THE COUNCIL

146 Until the Council following the first elections to the European Parliament to be held by the
147 uniform procedure envisaged under the terms of Article 138 (3) of the Treaty of Rome as
148 modified by the Treaty on European Union, the results of national elections will apply.

- 149 1. The following persons will be entitled to attend the meetings of the Council, with voting
150 rights:
- 151 a) Delegates of member parties whose number shall be allocated as follows:
- 152 - One base delegate for every party

153 - Additional delegates based on the rounded sum of the vote total divided by
154 500,000 and the vote share divided by 10% for parties in countries with a total
155 population exceeding 250,000.

156 The total number of Council delegates per party is expressed in the formula as follows:

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$$1 + \left| \frac{\text{Vote Total}}{500\,000} + \frac{\text{Vote Share}}{10\%} \right| = \text{Number of Council Delegates}$$

158 A member party whose exact number of votes cannot be determined because it ran in an
159 electoral alliance or coalition of parties will be allocated delegates as follows: the vote total of
160 the coalition is divided by the total number of the elected coalition's MPs and then multiplied
161 by the number of MPs that were elected from the ALDE member party.

162 The total number of associated member delegates cannot exceed 1/3 of the total number of
163 Council delegates. The number of delegates for each associated member may have to be
164 proportionally adapted to respect that limitation.

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166 b) Members of the ALDE Party Bureau. Each Bureau member carries an individual
167 vote and cannot take an additional proxy vote, either on behalf of another
168 member of the ALDE Party Bureau or of an ALDE Party member party.

169 c) One delegate appointed by LYMEC (European Liberal Youth).

170 2. The following persons will be entitled to attend the meetings of the Council, without
171 voting rights:

172 a) One delegate from each observer party;

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174 3. Other persons may be entitled to attend the meetings of the Council, without voting
175 rights, by prior written invitation of the Bureau.

176 4. The ALDE Party is committed to the principle of gender mainstreaming and to the
177 promotion of equality between genders in all its activities. It therefore actively
178 encourages its member parties to submit delegate lists that are gender balanced.

179 5. Member Parties shall communicate the names of the Council delegates and the list of
180 voting delegates to the Secretariat at least one week prior to the meeting. After that
181 date, changes to the voting delegate lists will only be accepted in exceptional cases
182 such as sickness, flight cancellations and last-minute political developments requiring
183 a delegate to attend a political mission or event and must be communicated to the
184 Secretary General at latest one hour before the first voting session.

185 6. Should the President be absent or unable to carry out his/her duties, he/she shall be
186 replaced by one of the Vice Presidents who shall have full powers.

187 7. The agenda for Council meetings shall be drawn up by the Bureau and circulated to
188 member parties four weeks before each Council meeting.

189 8. The President may limit both the speaking time and the number of times a delegate
190 may speak on any one topic.

191 9. The Council may set up committees as it thinks fit and may provide terms of reference
192 and rules of procedure for those working and advisory groups and any other
193 committees set up by Congress or Council.

- 194 10. Decisions of the Council are taken by simple majority, unless required otherwise by the
195 Statutes. For decision of the Council at least one third of the total number of delegates
196 must be present or represented. In addition to their own personal vote, Council
197 delegates may also be allocated a maximum of one proxy vote, meaning that a
198 maximum of two votes per delegate can be cast. Upon the proposal of the Bureau,
199 decisions may be taken by circular letter.
- 200 11. Bureau members do not have voting rights concerning the annual discharge of the
201 Bureau.
- 202 12. In case of any dispute over procedure, the ruling by the President or Chair of that
203 session shall be final.
- 204 13. The Council may discuss urgency resolutions. Any full and associated member party
205 may propose urgency resolutions. These must relate to current or recent political
206 events or to topical issues that have occurred since the last meeting of the Council.
207 Draft urgency resolutions can be submitted to the Secretariat. Draft urgencies may not
208 exceed 300 words. The Council shall decide which draft urgency resolutions to debate,
209 after considering the recommendation by the Bureau.

210 VII. BUREAU

- 211 1. The Secretary General of the Association shall serve as secretary of the Bureau.
- 212 2. The following persons shall be entitled to attend the meetings of the Bureau as
213 observers, without voting rights:
- 214 a) If the President of the parliamentary representation of the ALDE Party in the
215 European Parliament is unable to attend the meeting, the Secretary General of this
216 Group, or the highest-ranking ALDE Party member from this Group may attend by
217 invitation of the Bureau.
- 218 b) If the President of the parliamentary representation of the ALDE Party in the
219 Committee of the Regions is unable to attend the meeting, the Secretary General of
220 this Group, or the highest-ranking ALDE Party member from this Group may attend by
221 invitation of the Bureau.
- 222 c) If the President of the parliamentary representation of the ALDE Party in the
223 Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe is unable to attend the meeting, the
224 Secretary General of this Group, or the highest-ranking ALDE Party member from this
225 Group may attend by invitation of the Bureau.
- 226 d) If the President of the European Liberal Forum, the foundation of the ALDE Party is
227 unable to attend the meeting, the Executive Director may attend by invitation of the
228 Bureau.
- 229 e) The President of LYMEC (European Liberal Youth).
- 230 f) The President of Liberal International.
- 231 3. Should the President be absent or unable to carry out his/her duties, he/she shall be
232 replaced by one of the Vice Presidents and/or the Treasurer who shall have full powers.
- 233 4. The Bureau may propose to the Council and the Congress the setting up of working
234 groups, advisory bodies, and committees, and shall provide terms of reference and
235 rules of procedure.

236 5. The Bureau may admit other third parties as observers without voting rights, by
237 unanimous consent.

238 **VIII. SECRETARY GENERAL**

239 1. The Secretary General:

- 240 a) shall have the citizenship of an EU Member State and must be member of an EU
241 member party of the Association;
- 242 b) is responsible for the daily management of the association;
- 243 c) shall be accountable to the Bureau;
- 244 d) shall head a Secretariat, the composition and organisation of which will be proposed
245 by the Secretary General to the Bureau;
- 246 e) shall be assisted in the exercise of his/her functions by full and associated members
247 and observer parties;
- 248 f) shall organise the meetings of the organs of the Association;
- 249 g) shall maintain contacts among full and associated members and observer parties and
250 the Association;
- 251 h) on behalf of the Bureau, shall report on the Association's activities to the Congress.

252 The Bureau – as the formal Employer - appoints and dismisses the Secretary General upon
253 proposal of the President and the Treasurer.

254 The Secretary General will be offered an open-ended contract within the Belgian legal
255 framework.

256 Conditions for the recruitment, appointment, dismissal, remuneration and evaluation of the
257 Secretary General will be decided by the Bureau.

258 **IX. TREASURER**

- 259 1. The Treasurer shall have the citizenship of an EU Member State and be a member of
260 an EU member party of the Association.
- 261 2. The Treasurer, on behalf of the Bureau:
 - 262 a) shall propose to the Council the annual budget and the financial contributions of the
263 members;
 - 264 b) shall account for the expenses of the Secretariat and all other organs of the
265 Association;
 - 266 c) shall be responsible for the accounts of the electoral fund at the disposal of the
267 Association;
 - 268 d) may propose to the Bureau - which may agree - a variation in the financial obligations
269 of any full and observer party.
- 270 3. The Treasurer shall take a particular role with the Secretary General in administration
271 and personnel management of the Association.

272 **X. MEMBERS**

273 1. Member parties and membership fees

- 274 a) Full members shall pay a membership fee (chapter II, article 8 of the ALDE Party
275 Statutes), the annual level of which is based on the number of delegates to the ALDE
276 Party Congress. This number is calculated based on the election results obtained by
277 the party in the most recent national (lower house) elections, in a two-step process as
278 stipulated in point IV.1a.

279 Each party pays a minimum fee of 4.968€ and an additional fee of 378€ per Congress
280 delegate. With a minimum number of two Congress delegates being equivalent to a
281 minimum membership fee of 5.724€.

Number of Congress Delegates	Fee Level
2	5.724€
3	6.102€
4	6.480€
5	6.858€
6	7.236€
7	7.614€
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283 Full or associated members and observers that undergo a change of name, branding
284 or legal form, but remain the same legal entity, shall notify the Council accordingly.

285 Entities that succeed to all rights and obligations of an existing full or associated
286 member or observer by way of universal or quasi-universal succession (including,
287 without limitation, mergers or demergers), shall notify the Council but shall
288 automatically continue the membership of their predecessor, without the need for
289 reapplication or approval.

290 Any entity that succeeds only partially to the rights and obligations of an existing full
291 or associated member or observer shall be subject to the approval of the Council for
292 the continuation or admission of membership.

293 Any newly incorporated entity that does not qualify as a successor of a full or
294 associated member or observer as stated above must reapply in accordance with the
295 applicable admission procedure.

296 Full members that have not paid membership fees for two consecutive years shall be
297 requested to become observer parties to be approved by the Council.

- 298 b) Associated member parties will be invoiced on the basis of their engagement.

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300 c) Observer parties based in the European Union will pay an annual fee of 2.160€ and
301 those based outside the European Union shall be invoiced on the basis of their
302 engagement.

303 The invoices of EU membership fee shall be sent out to the members as soon as possible in
304 the calendar year and paid before 1 April each year. Voting rights of newly accepted full
305 members come into force upon payment of the first membership fee invoice. Based on a
306 recommendation by the Bureau assessing both the financial and political status of the party,
307 the Council shall review annually the membership status of an observer party if it fails to pay
308 its fees.

309 2. Monitoring Mechanism for Adherence to Charter of Values

In case of a clear risk of a serious breach by the member of the values stipulated in the Charter of Values and in Article 8 of the Association, it may be determined to trigger the Monitoring Mechanism for the adherence to the Charter of Values. The full text of the Monitoring Mechanism is attached as an annex.

3. Visibility

As foreseen by Regulation 2445/2025 on the statute and funding of European political parties and foundations, member parties should respect the visibility criteria. Failure to comply with these requirements may lead to the suspension of participation in the activities of the Association.

4. Elected members

Elected members of full or associated members or observer parties sitting in any international or European assembly should belong to the parliamentary representation of the ALDE Party of that assembly.

XI. POLITICAL LEADERS

1. The Bureau shall convene meetings of ALDE Party leaders and ministers to exchange views on items on the agenda of the European Council and the current European political situation.

2. The Political Leaders' Meeting shall include:

- a) The elected members of the ALDE Party Bureau;
- b) The Political Leaders of member parties;
- c) The President of the parliamentary representation of the ALDE Party in the European Parliament;
- d) The President of the parliamentary representation of the ALDE Party of in the Committee of the Regions;
- e) The President of the parliamentary representation of the ALDE Party in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- f) The President of Liberal International;
- g) ALDE Party Prime Ministers, Ministers and Commissioners;
- h) The President of LYMEC;
- i) The President of the European Liberal Forum.

3. The Bureau may invite leading personalities to take part in the meetings of the Political Leaders' Meeting e.g. leaders of observer parties or leaders of political parties which share the same liberal, democrat and reform values, members of the European Commission and Council who belong to a full member Party, and the Presidents of parliamentary representations of the ALDE Party in other international fora.

XII SECRETARIAT

The ALDE Party is committed to the principle of gender mainstreaming and to the promotion of equality between genders in all its activities. To this end, the Secretariat of the ALDE Party

348 has adopted a policy based on the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Furthermore,
349 the ALDE Party work regulation foresees a protocol to prevent, detect, and continuously work
350 against sexual and other forms of harassment.

351 XIII DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

352 The ALDE Party has adopted as DEI Framework for its events to ensure that its events are
353 more accessible and supportive of all people with additional needs, and a Code of Conduct at
354 ALDE Party events. Participants when registering must agree to respect these when
355 participating to ALDE Party events.

Annex 1.

Monitoring Mechanism for the Adherence to the ALDE Charter of Values

Adopted by the ALDE Party Council on 28 June 2025 in Helsinki

The ALDE Party has been the home of European liberal and democratic parties since its foundation in 1976. Membership of the party is membership of a family of political parties all working and striving together to build a stronger, safer, and more liberal Europe.

Being part of the family implies a working partnership and bond based on trust and honesty and good faith in each other's actions that ultimately unite everyone behind the same mission, fostering unity and bringing shared success over the years.

In addition to following the Statutes and Internal Regulations, membership of the ALDE Party family implies adherence to the Stuttgart Declaration (1976) and later the Charter of Values (adopted March 2024), which is a shared standpoint on the heritage, vision and essence of European liberalism. This Charter reaffirms the liberal commitment to defend and promote some of the most defining issues of our generation as part of an equal, open and democratic society.

Previously, monitoring of member parties was an ad hoc process initiated by the ALDE Party Bureau or by the Council and was conducted according to assessment criteria as previously noted by the Council in Bratislava (December 2022) and often focused on parties in coalition government.

This new mechanism seeks to ensure a process that applies to all member parties without any perceived prejudice, not just parties forming a government. In the event ALDE Member Parties seem to divert or there are echoes or reports that they might, then the following steps kick in, with enhanced monitoring, engagement and fact-finding taking place as an internal process.

• Enhanced monitoring by the Secretariat

The ALDE Party Secretariat anyways actively follows political developments in countries across Europe and engages regularly with each ALDE member party accordingly. One of its roles and responsibilities is to provide insight and analysis to the ALDE Party Bureau on political developments.

If necessary, and if it hears or learns of developments that merit attention, it shall bring such concerns to the attention of the Bureau.

Through the enhanced monitoring and regular conversations with the respective party, the Secretariat will conduct ongoing monitoring to the adherence to the ALDE Charter of Values in accordance with the assessment criteria as previously noted by the Council in Bratislava (December 2022), and regularly report to the member of the elected ALDE Party Bureau with responsibility for the respective country and to which they are the main point of contact for member parties.

• Engagement and fact-finding initiatives by the Bureau

If the situation requires, the ALDE Party Bureau may conduct fact-finding initiatives including meetings both in-person or virtually, correspondence, and additional meetings with stakeholders, for example, and report back to the Bureau. To safeguard neutrality and avoid the perception of a conflict of interest, the Bureau members involved shall neither be from the

397 same country as the respective party nor have another potential domestic conflict of interest
398 with respect to the respective party.

399 If necessary, the ALDE Party Bureau can decide to organise additional meetings with the party
400 leadership, make recommendations, and if necessary, to propose suspension or expulsion of
401 a member party in accordance with the ALDE Party Statutes.

402 An update on ongoing monitoring by the Secretariat shall be included on the agenda of a
403 subsequent meeting of the ALDE Party Bureau if deemed further attention is required.

404 • Suspension by the Council

405 The procedure and timeline are contained within Article 14 of the ALDE Party Statutes. Any
406 member may be suspended for any of the following reasons:

407 (i) not abiding by the Articles of Association or the Internal Regulations;

408 (ii) not abiding by the decisions of any body of the Association;

409 (iii) not fulfilling the conditions for membership anymore;

410 (iv) not abiding by Regulation 2025/2445;(v) when it acts contrary to the interests and the
411 values of the Association in general.

412 Additionally, the ALDE Party Bureau can be instructed to put the proposal on the agenda of
413 the next meeting of the Council at the request of at least seven full and associated members
414 from at least five countries who have fulfilled their membership obligations.

415 The decision to suspend a member is taken by the Council with a majority of 50%+1 of the
416 votes cast. The status of the suspended member shall be reviewed at the subsequent meeting
417 of the Council or after a period of at least six months.

418 • Expulsion by the Council

419 The procedure and timeline are contained within Article 15 of the ALDE Party Statutes.

420 As similar for suspension, the ALDE Party Bureau can be instructed to put the proposal on the
421 agenda of the next meeting of the Council at the request of at least seven full and associated
422 members from at least five countries who have fulfilled their membership obligations.

423 The decision to expel a member is taken by the Council with a majority of two- thirds of the
424 votes cast.