

Guidelines on the ALDE Party resolution process

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General information

These guidelines provide a clear overview of the process for submitting, reviewing, and adopting resolutions within the ALDE Party. They are based on the [ALDE Party Internal Regulations](#) and [the ALDE Party Statutes](#), and aim to support an effective and impactful resolution process.

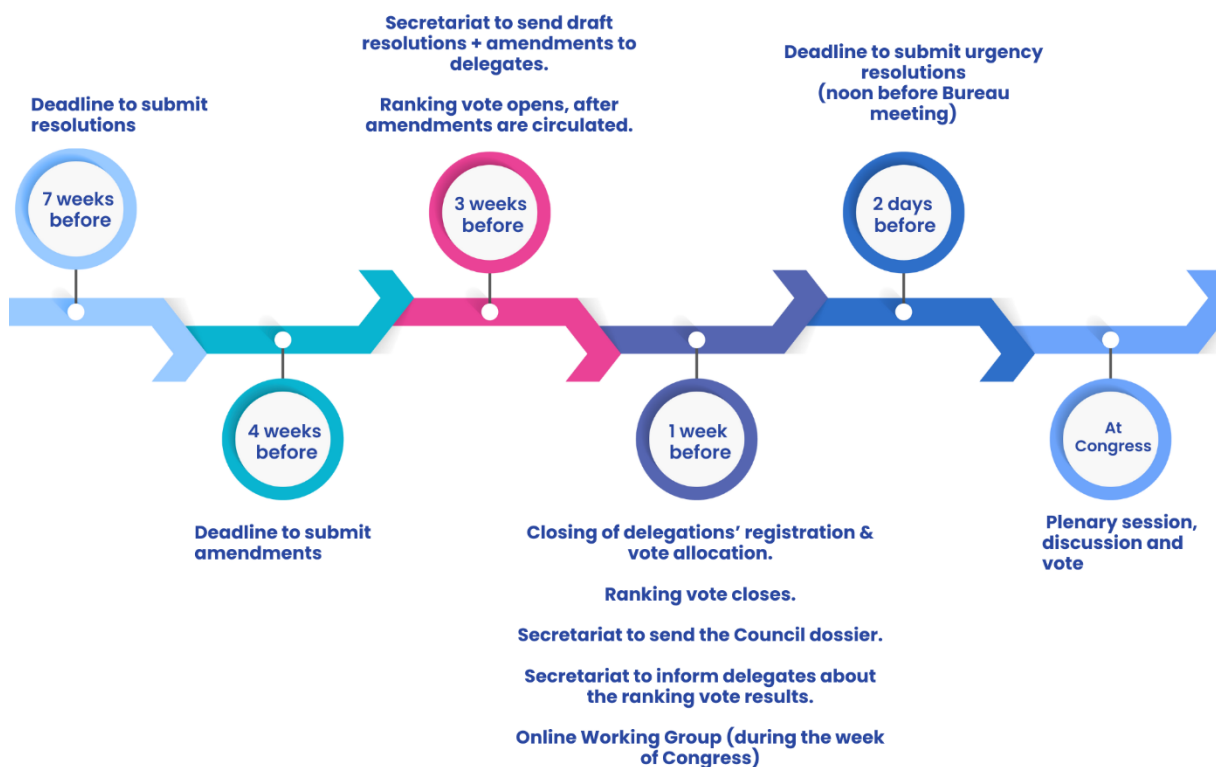
Purpose of the guidelines

- **Giving the opportunity** for member parties to submit resolutions that can have a positive impact for the development of liberal values and politics in their country and in Europe.
- **Improving the quality** of ALDE Party resolutions to ensure their relevancy for political and communication outreach of the ALDE Party and its member parties.
- **Reducing the quantity** of ALDE Party resolutions to a manageable level that guarantees that all texts submitted will be reviewed and voted in Congress and can be followed up.

Submission platform

All draft resolutions must be submitted through the online platform: <https://alde.openslides.com/>

Timeline for the adoption of resolutions in ALDE Congresses



Resolutions

These guidelines apply to resolutions submitted at ALDE congresses.

Submission requirements: who can submit and how

- **Submitters, eligibility and co-signatories**

Resolutions may only be submitted to the Secretariat of the ALDE Party via the online platform, not less than **seven weeks** prior to the Congress by:

- full 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;
- the Bureau of the ALDE Party;
- ALDE Party supporters and LYMEC through their elected delegates.

To be submitted, a resolution must have **a minimum of 3 co-signatories from a minimum of 3 different countries**. This criterion applies to full member parties, as well as LYMEC (considered as one delegation and one country) and ALDE supporters (considered as one delegation and one country).

This criterion does not apply to MEPs, members of the CoR or members of the PACE, who are able to submit resolutions to the ALDE Party Congress if they collect a majority of 50%+1 within their respective group.

Urgency resolutions are not subjected to the co-signatory criterion.

- **Format and motive**

It is recommended that a resolution should be **no longer than 1500 words**.

It is recommended that a resolution should **follow the below structure**:

- **“Notes that”** (or equivalent wording) – to include factual information
- **“Believes that”** (or equivalent wording) – to include values and political principles
- **“Calls for”** (or equivalent wording) – to include action points

To improve its quality, each draft resolution should include **a clear motive or justification** relating to the relevance of a European-wide position on the discussed topic as well as how the positions taken in the resolution can be used at national and/or European level. Such justification can be included in the text of the resolution or in the “comment section” on the submission platform.

Resolution adoption process

- **Coordination**

The ALDE Party Secretariat **support the coordination between delegations**. International Officers (IOs) are encouraged to share with each other any resolution plans and to associate together if the topic is the same. The ALDE Party Secretariat can facilitate this discussion within the common IO WhatsApp group or during bilateral meetings.

- **Amendments**

Amendments to draft resolutions may only be submitted to the Secretariat via the online platform, not less than **four weeks** prior to the Congress by:

- full 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;
- the Bureau of the ALDE Party;
- ALDE Party supporters and LYMEC through their elected delegates.

Delegates will receive the amendments not less than three weeks prior to the Congress.

- **Ranking vote**

Three weeks ahead of the Congress and after the amendments have been circulated, delegations will be invited **to vote to determine the order upon which the submitted resolutions will be considered and voted in Congress.**

The ranking vote will take place online via the online platform. The International Officer, in the name of their delegation, will rank all submitted resolutions by order of preference. This vote will be weighted based on the number of delegates. The voting time shall be between three and one week ahead of the Congress. The ranking established by the vote shall be communicated to the delegates one week ahead of the Congress and prior to the online Working Group.

- **Online working group**

Prior to the Congress, an **online Working Group (WG)** will be organised. The WG's role is to identify the resolutions and amendments that can be easily and quickly adopted in plenary, the resolutions and amendments that would require a debate in plenary before a vote and start conversations for compromise amendments.

The WG will be held online on the week of the Congress. Each delegation will be limited to **one person speaking per resolution**. The International Officer, in the name of their delegation, will vote during the WG, with their vote being weighted based on the number of delegates.

The WG session runs as follows: (1) the resolution is introduced and parties have the opportunity to speak against, (2) amendments are introduced and parties have the opportunity to speak against, (3) delegations vote on each amendment, (4) based on the votes, the chair formulates a recommendation to the plenary session: adopt, reject or further discuss.

- **Vote at Congress**

All eligible resolutions and amendments are reviewed and voted in **a plenary session during the Congress meeting.**

The session runs as follows: (1) resolution is introduced by the Chair as per the ranking established in advance (2) each amendment is discussed with a concise debate moderated by the Chair, (3) delegates vote on each amendment, (4) delegates vote on the resolution as amended.

Urgency resolutions

These guidelines apply to urgency resolutions submitted at ALDE congresses and councils.

Submission requirements: who can submit and how

- **Submitters and eligibility**

At Congress meetings

Urgency resolutions may be proposed by: the Council, any full 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, the ALDE Party Bureau, or ALDE Party supporters and LYMEC through their elected delegates.

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.**

At Council meetings

Urgency resolutions may be proposed by any full member party.

These must relate to **current or recent political events that have occurred since the last meeting of the Council.**

- **Format and motive**

Urgency resolutions **may not exceed 300 words.**

It is recommended that a resolution should **follow the below structure:**

- **“Notes that”** (or equivalent wording) – to include factual information
- **“Believes that”** (or equivalent wording) – to include values and political principles
- **“Calls for”** (or equivalent wording) – to include action points

To improve its quality, an urgency resolution should include **a clear motive or justification** relating to the relevance of a European-wide position on the discussed topic as well as how the positions taken in the resolution can be used at national and/or European level. Such justification can be included in the resolution text or the “comment section” on the submission platform.

Resolution adoption process

Based on the requirements for eligibility, **the Bureau will make a recommendation** on which draft urgency resolutions will be debated at the Congress or Council.

- **Coordination**

The ALDE Party Secretariat will **support the coordination between delegations.** International Officers are encouraged to share with each other any resolution plans and to associate together if the topic is the same. The ALDE Party Secretariat can facilitate this discussion within the common IO WhatsApp group or during bilateral meetings.

- **Amendments and vote**

Urgency resolutions are discussed and amended orally during the dedicated session at Congress/Council.

Follow up actions on adopted resolutions

As agreed at the ALDE Party Council in Estoril in October 2024, the following **actions are designed to promote and implement resolutions adopted** by the ALDE Party at Congress and Council meetings.

Resolutions are the foundation of the party's policy agenda, and the outlined measures will help ensure that they influence policymaking at both European and national levels, engage member parties and stakeholders, and mobilise public support.

- Communicate adopted resolutions to ALDE member parties and policymakers to ensure they are aware of the new policy positions and encouraged to align their activities accordingly. The adopted resolutions will also be publicised through a variety of channels, including the ALDE website.
- Adopted resolutions are the foundation for all statements and reactions issued by the ALDE Party. This ensures consistency in messaging and reinforces the party's policy positions across all communication platforms.
- The ALDE Secretariat will ensure that adopted resolutions are shared with relevant stakeholders, through communications, meetings, briefings, or events. This could involve discussing and designing engagement activities and initiatives that reflect the specific objectives and actions of resolutions, leveraging ALDE's extensive network of member parties for maximum impact, or launching public awareness campaigns using a diverse mix of channels such as social media, petitions, etc. to mobilise public support.
- The ALDE Party Bureau will monitor progress of adopted resolutions and regularly present updates to member parties. Every year, a written report will be put together by the Secretariat and shared in writing to the Council. Following the same structure as the Bureau member reports, the report on progress of resolutions will be included in the Council dossier.