

EB draft minutes

11 September 2025, 6:00 pm CEST

Present: Christelle, Xesc, Christos, Brigita, Kati, Hanna, Alexiane, Reinis

Excused: Aléxandros, Nikos

Minutes: Christos (review Christelle)

Agenda

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (28/08)
3. Secretariat Update
4. Advocacy Update
5. YFJ GA
6. Europe what if? feedback and next steps
7. Action plan with JEF Serbia and implementation
8. To do list
9. Section update
10. AOB

Minutes

1. Adoption of draft agenda	Decision: Adopted
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (28/08)	Decision: Adopted
3. Secretariat Update a. ESC project writing update b. CERV grants c. Congress Operating grant: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All legal & financial documents submitted last week and approved for financial assessment.• Grant Agreement Data submitted; Declaration of Honor signed.• LEAR updated to Brigita (temporary). The team should wait to change the LEAR again until late Oct/Nov to avoid jeopardizing signature timing.	Decision: use the standard form for the Congress because there's no detailed pre-programme yet; once available, we'll communicate options. We will ask the JEF Strasbourg and France partners to add fields over the weekend and publish on Monday as agreed. Sections (e.g., Malta) are already asking about logistics, and the request to allow two external guests for part of a session is accepted.

- Grant Agreement signature deadline: September 30; advised to sign at least one week earlier so Commission can countersign.
- Commission may reopen for corrections; Christos briefed on next steps.

European Solidarity Corps (ESC) Grant:

- Proceed and write the ESC application now, anchoring it to preparing the simulation in next year's capacity-building work plan (second training week, Moldova), so it's concrete -not vague. Use relevant text from the work plan / study session materials to speed up drafting.

European Remembrance:

- The call is not the same as last year (no "European integration"; now policy-making & capacity-building), so the application must be adjusted. Contacts of Christos & Theresa to be exchanged and a clarifying call to follow with UEF. Work with Satellite continues.

Heinrich Böll Foundation application:

- We will submit the climate & democracy 2026 work plan (it will serve as the foundation).
- Draft to be shared; note political-foundation link (Germany) and implications for transport/funding neutrality; proceed while also seeking other funders -no one expressed disputes.

Congress

- Compile and circulate a not-exhaustive to-do list; keep it living.

- Meeting with Strasbourg & JEF France, together with Christos for a 1-to-1 explanation of financing and next steps of the Congress upcoming; the call for participants opens 2 months before. Jan-Gert will lead the process.
- Clarification on registration: there was a misunderstanding about the registration form.

Brigita's last board meeting;

- Expressed thanks and shared a farewell.
- The Board and the President expressed their gratitude and offered a gift that will be given in the upcoming days to Brigita (after 12/09/2025).

Handover with Christos:

- To-do lists prepared for each employee (except Julian) + short-/long-term lists, plus one for Christos.
- Last working day: Friday 12 September

Needs to publish:

- call for participants
- delegate nomination form for sections
- call for candidates for statutory positions (EB, DEFC, Auditors, AB)
- call for hosting autumn FC 2026
- call for code of conduct contact person
- call for UEF Congress and FC delegation

Need to prepare:

- calls
- draft agenda

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - announcement of debate/ communication around candidates - finance report and 2026 budget for congress - FC finance report - EB report for FC - EB report for Congress - activity report for the mandate - any coms material to print (rollup etc) - hearing of JEF Austria + monitoring report <p>Capacity building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In discussion with the Taskforce Capacity-Building about the date and location. 	
<p>4. Advocacy Update</p> <p>Christelle was a speaker and attended the economic forum in Karpaz, Poland, the Central-Eastern European Davos. She met several MPs of different countries and the vice-minister for interior of Lithuania. Lithuanian MP Tomas Tomolinas was interested in creating a national Spinelli group in Lithuania and invited her for a meeting with young people to help create a new JEF section. Christelle will follow up with UEF and the MP.</p> <p>She was invited to attend again next year and bring another JEFer and to pitch an idea to host a panel.</p> <p>Christelle was also the guest speaker of European parliamentary association breakfast with MEPs Angel, Benifei, Costanzo, Grossmann, Kemp, Ní Mhurchú, Pellerin-Carlin, Ratas, Schenk, Sieper, Vincze, Walsmann and Wechsler among other guests.</p>	<p><i>Decision:</i></p>

<p>Xesc had a call with the International Affairs secretary of the CYC¹ (2/9) about topics related to the upcoming YFJ² GA;</p> <p>Alexiane attended, with JEF France, a political event, to pitch federalism (30/08).</p>	
<p>5. YFJ GA</p>	<p><i>Decision: Postponed to online or next EB meeting</i></p>
<p>6. Europe what if? feedback and next steps</p>	<p><i>Decision: Postponed to next EB meeting</i></p>
<p>7. Action plan with JEF Serbia action plan and implementation</p> <p>Reinis is executing a joint action plan with JEF Serbia on the escalating situation in Serbia. Instead of the previously discussed and prepared plan, we have expedited it.</p> <p>Short-term plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Send a letter of condemnation to President Vučić. ● Email all sections for co-signatures and partners for support; after collecting signatures, publish on socials/website and disseminate to MEPs (especially those handling the Serbia file). Also send the letter to the Presidency. ● Influence strategy: The letter to the President of Serbia may have limited effect; increase pressure at European Commission level (e.g., a letter to the relevant Commissioner). Civil Society Europe has already been contacted. ● Content/language: Note that some protests feature genocide deniers and convicted war criminals who aren't always explicitly condemned; proposal to use clearer language on 	<p><i>Decision:</i></p>

¹ Cyprus Youth Council

² European Youth Forum

<p>this (perhaps in the long-form statement), while keeping the short letter concise and targeted. Julian will contact the original drafters to broaden sign-ons.</p>	
<p>8. To do list</p> <p>EB goes over their to-do lists.</p>	
<p>9. Section update</p> <p>The EB discussed the latest news from sections.</p>	<p><i>Decision:</i></p>
<p>10. AOB</p> <p>No AOB</p>	<p><i>Decision:</i></p>

The EB meeting closes at 19:33 CEST.