

EB draft minutes

2 October 2025, 6:00 pm CEST

Present: Christelle, Xesc, Christos, Kati, Hanna, Alexiane, Reinis, Aléxandros, Nikos

Excused:

Minutes: Christos (review Alexiane)

Agenda

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (11/09)
3. Secrétariat Update
4. Advocacy Update
5. Long Brussels meeting agenda
6. Congress next steps
7. To do list
8. Europe what if? feedback and next steps
9. Section update
10. AOB
 - a. Next online EB meeting date?

Minutes

1. Adoption of draft agenda	Decision: Adopted
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (11/09) <i>Note: review/read Warsaw minutes by 11pm CET tomorrow</i>	Decision: Adopted
3. Secretariat Update	Decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christos will check the UEF's offices• Christos will update regarding

YFJ first contact for Christos and Christelle and Christos met with the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung EU to discuss potential financial support to JEF Europe after submitting an application. HB federation basically offered 10,000 euros when we pitched completEu and other enlargement work to them, Christos will followup with a 2 pager and a budget, HB foundation will also 5 spots financed for their big conference next year

Christos will contact the other foundations in town to set up meetings

- Application for Heinrich Böll was submitted

-Update on the 3 CERV applications:
Charter with UEF (deadline: 18/09/25);
Remembrance with Satellite and JEF Europe being the coordinator (deadline: 30/09/25)
Remembrance with UEF as coordinator

European University Institute of Florence CERV Remembrance Call

- Update on the **Horizon 2020 project** application (deadline: 18/09/25)
- Submitted the application to the **Structural grant (Council of Europe)** application (deadline: 30/09/2025)
- We prepared a draft of **European Solidarity Corps** application but will be able to submit only once we have the hosting quality label (we have the partner one already)

the 2nd Erasmus Operating Grant

- Christos will update regarding insurance

-We participate at a **COST action** after the invitation of former JEFer Marc Esteve Del Valle. Those programs do not have a significant amount regarding funding, but they are prestigious and help networking.

- still waiting on some answers from previous projects

-Update on Julian and Simone's contracts and discussions?

We need 5 staff minimum next year, plus the full time President that's 6 so depends on budget consideration (we don't have more info). If not enough money, decision to be left to the next board

-Financial update about the equity / cashflow and end-of-the -year salaries' payment?

-Discussion regarding new offices and preparatory period for people sub-lenting our offices.

Rural youth Europe had received an offer from the landlord for a space of 2,000 euros for 2 organisations each with 75 square meters in the building so we want to check it too as it would have been close to the amount at the UEF office, but while Christos, Christelle and Reinis visited it it turns out that the amount would have been much larger so not feasible

Need to inform our sublentors of this, including EM Belgium and JEF Belgium that have their registration with us

UEF seems to remain the best option, Christos will go visit the UEF office and get a draft offer

Christos is cataloging our stuff in the office to help with the move

-When do we expect the interns

We need to check the Warsaw minutes and for the 2nd intern to release the call.

Insurance visited the office to assess damage after the theft, they asked for some invoices that are quite old and the report from the police. Christos will send a thorough update next week, Simone is working on the situation.

4. Advocacy Update

Christelle:

- Attended the Innovation in Politics Awards Conference and Gala 2025 as EurHope was a finalist and finalist women brunch. Met interesting people including representatives of cities.
- was a speaker at the The Innovation in Politics Awards side event on EurHope
- was a panelist on Enlargement at Festa dell'Unità of the Italian democratic party together with the Albanian Ambassador to the EU and MEP Marc Angel

Decision:

- was a speaker at JEF Brussels debate on defence together with MEP Petras Austrevicius and EEAS senior adviser Michael Merker (they gathered more than 100 people, well done JEF Brussels)
- met with the VP of YFJ together with Julian about their MEP network on youth
- met the United States of Europe action committee, together with Julian, to prepare the meeting in 2 weeks in person

Reinis and Julian participated in Generation on Track event by BEUC, co-organised by JEF Europe, also a good follow-up on the agenda of hope.

Christelle, Xesc and Nikos attended the Federalist Peace Forum info session (23/9).

Xesc joined a coordination call of the NGO rail coalition (16/9).

Xesc and Christos had calls with:

- the Secretary General and the Financial Manager of YFJ (25/9) to talk about membership fees and collaboration with JEF;
- Marc of the DiCCY project proposal (25/9) about JEF joining as a partner.

Alexiane:

-attended JEF Paris General Assembly and had to accidentally do a speech to present JEF Europe (thought she would be incognito!) (16/09);

-attended the European Economic and Social Committee's last plenary and represented President Röpke's youth advisory council during the panel about youth's involvement in politics (17/09);

-attended Politico "back2business" party and discussed with the UK mission to the EU; the Ukraine mission to the EU, and Digital Europe about opportunities to organise joint events together (17/09);

-attended (and had fun :P) at the EESC's goodbye party and discussed with counselors about the importance of keeping the YAC going after the new president's election (17/09);

-spoke at /co-organised in CEM and JEF Europe's name the Ode2Joy activity 1 "Teachers" training" event - 24/09;

-Attended JEF Finland's 28th anniversary ball (26/09).

Reinis:

-participated in and facilitated simulation on European Defence for JEF DK and JEF NL

-Start of PC2 calls

-Published a letter on Serbia

<p>-Planning a further action on Serbia. Possible event in Brussels mid/late-October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aléxandros hosted a seminar at the Chemnitz capital of culture event. <p>Alexandros: Workshop with around 30 participants, though the expected 16-year-old audience turned out to be younger (12-13); nonetheless, the session went well, local European-focused organizations were met, JEF Saxony was represented, and positive exchanges occurred with last year's forum organizers.</p> <p>We should proactively reach out to the people organising the Ventotene forum every year as they were there but did not invite us this year unlike last year.</p>	
<p>5. Long Brussels meeting agenda</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alexiane to check lapsing resolutions - EB to think about the mandate by the time they come
<p>6. Congress next steps</p> <p>Suggestion: official Google Form for candidacies (motivation, info).</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Xesc will get in touch with JEF Strasbourg about the celebrations of 75 years of youth federalism; - Xesc will join the resolutions'

Materials: 1-3 page motivation statement + short campaign video.

Debate/event format:

- Moderation pool from trainers.
- Streaming style (interactive, possibly Slido).

Call for candidates and call for hosting the 2026 Autumn FC to be launched; need for volunteers for the Solidarity Fund panel was noted, with validation of Iceland as an interest group also discussed. **Clarification:** interest groups aren't delegates but can be invited, with Iceland considered a positive addition.

A suggestion was made to invite EP representatives to Congress in Strasbourg, though this is unlikely unless it coincides with a plenary week.

Resolution committee congress
call for candidates
call for hosting the FC in autumn 2026
will be launched tomorrow
solidarity fund panel

list of guests: Vesna, 1/1 israeli/
palestinian federalitsts
celebrations

official money attribution received for
 $\frac{2}{3}$ of local grants

Invitations:

committee during congress.

<p>-Gabby Bischoff (Spinelli Group President) invited, confirmed interest.</p> <p>-Guest list drafted based on last Congress: members encouraged to propose others, esp. Strasbourg-based.</p> <p>-Israeli-Palestinian families suggested → consensus to invite one Palestinian and one Israeli representative.</p> <p>-Strasbourg celebrations: JEF Strasbourg wants to mark 75 years since the first European federalist meeting (pre-JEF Europe) with a demonstration/flash mob. European Movement France involved. Decision: JEF should co-decide the role, not leave it fully to local organizers.</p> <p>-Funding: 2 of 3 funders confirmed, paperwork pending, 75% pre-financing secured .</p>	
<p>7. To do list</p> <p>The EB goes over their to-do lists.</p>	<p>Decision:</p>
<p>8. Europe what if? feedback and next steps</p> <p>Lots of new articles over the summer with the The New Federalist on enlargement, as part of the CompletEU project,</p>	<p>Decision:</p>
<p>9. Section update</p>	<p>Decision:</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JEF Austria: Hearing held with their president, who appeared motivated and constructive. Katie Schneeberger (not JEF-age) argued against Austria's continuation, frustrating many and leaving a negative impression. Monitoring report to be updated with a paragraph on the hearing; conclusion remains likely expulsion. Efforts will be made to support Austrian individuals who still want to be active in JEF. 	
<p>10. AOB</p> <p>a. Next online EB meeting date? 14/10 rather than Thursday as Christelle is in the USE action committee?</p> <p>b. Do we sign the appeal on the Multiannual Financial Framework? Deadline tomorrow</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next EB meeting will happen on Monday 13 October at 18:30 CET

The EB meeting closes at 20:48 CEST.