



## JEF Europe Extraordinary Online Federal Committee 2025

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#### Official opening

##### **Robin Mudry FC Presidium JEF Europe**

I think we can start the presentation with a very warm welcome to everybody to this extraordinary online FC at the beginning of June, but we are meeting today for a few extraordinary points. So I think we can have a look at the agenda as always. We will start with a brief presentation of the Code of Conduct of JEF Europe, which obviously applies to this meeting as well. Then, we will move on and proceed with the roll call. That's the moment where everybody should be in the room. Then we will use this opportunity to approve the FC minutes of the autumn FC in Budapest, which, as you may remember, were ready in Sofia, but on a very short notice. So we decided to postpone the approval to the next opportunity, which is tonight. So I hope that everybody has read them, and then we will get to the two main important points of tonight's agenda, which is also the reason why we meet. These are two votes. The first one will be concerned with the ratification for replacing the or having a new vice president after the position is left vacant at the moment since our former Vice President Martin Penov left. And the second one is about the Cooptation of a new member to the EB in order to fill again the left over spot. In the end, we will have a moment for any other business, and then the meeting shall be closed no later than one hour and 20 minutes from now. With this being said, if there is no question or objection to the agenda, which I don't see any hands raised, we can move to the roll call.

18:00

#### **1. Code of Conduct**

**Brigita Krasniqi, Secretary-General, JEF Europe** presents the Code of Conduct

#### **2. FC Roll call**

- JEF Albania, proxy to JEF Bulgaria.
- JEF Austria, not present and no proxy.
- JEF Belgium, present
- JEF Bulgaria present
- JEF Croatia, not present and no proxy.
- JEF Czechia, present
- JEF Denmark, not present and no proxy.
- JEF Estonia, present.
- JEF Finland present.
- JEF France, present,
- JEF Germany, present.
- JEF Greece, present.

18:05-18:10



- JEF Hungary, proxy to JEF Germany.
- JEF Ireland. Proxy to JEF Greece.
- JEF Italy. Present.
- JEF Kosovo, not present
- JEF Latvia, present.
- JEF Luxembourg present.
- JEF Malta, present.
- JEF Montenegro, not present and no proxy.
- JEF Netherlands, present.
- JEF North Macedonia, not present and no proxy
- JEF Norway, proxy to JEF Sweden.
- JEF Poland, not present
- JEF Portugal, present.
- JEF Romania, present.
- JEF Serbia, present.
- JEF Slovakia, not present and no proxy.
- JEF Slovenia, not present and no proxy.
- JEF Spain, present.
- JEF Sweden, present.
- JEF Switzerland, not present and no proxy.
- JEF UK, not present and no proxy.

#### Executive Board

- Christelle Savall - present
- Xesc - present
- Alexiane - present
- Aléxandros - present
- Kati - present
- Nikos - present
- Hanna - present

#### Federal Committee

- Gergana - present
- Jana - present
- Robin - present
- Antoine - proxy to Anna.
- Elise - proxy to Robin.
- Maria Martinez Lopez -present
- Samuel - present
- Anna - present
- Julianne - proxy to Gergana

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Federico present.</li> <li>- Madalin present.</li> <li>- Melanie, proxy to Jana,</li> <li>- Chiara, present,</li> <li>- Mirko, present</li> <li>- Benedikte, present.</li> <li>- Sofie - not present.</li> </ul> <p>According to this, we have 44 votes present, so everything is well with the quorum.</p>
18:10-18:15	<p><b>3. Approval of Federal Committee minutes of the 2024 Autumn Federal Committee in Budapest</b></p> <p><b>Robin Mudry : FC Presidium, JEF Europe</b> : Any questions on the minutes? Otherwise, we could vote by acclamation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Is there any question? Let us proceed to vote.</li> <li>b. Raise your hand if you approve the minutes of the Budapest FC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Unanimity minus two abstentions. The minutes are approved</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
18:15-18:50	<p><b>4. Ratification of a VP for the remainder of the mandate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Speech of Executive Board's choice for VP ratification</li> </ul> <p><b>Robin Mudry : FC Presidium, JEF Europe</b></p> <p>Thank you very much for this. Thus we can move on to the next point on the agenda, which is already the first of the two votes. And we are talking now about the ratification for replacing one of the vice presidents for the rest of the mandate. And I would first like to give the word to Christelle on behalf of the EB, who will briefly explain the context and the process that has led up to this vote.</p> <p><b>Christelle Savall, President, JEF Europe</b></p> <p>I suggest that I explain our choice in two parts. So I first explain the process for replacing the VP, and speak in favour of our candidate. Then, if we come to it, I will detail our choice for the new executive board member. So as you know, Martin, our junior VP, resigned. He made a public announcement on social media and then sent an email. So following this, we had to meet with the board to fill in the spot, as per the Statutes. We first discussed both the process and also how to select a new VP. And we decided that for continuation, given that the mandate is closing this year, it made sense to select a board member to act as vice president for the remaining part. And we selected Alexiane Terrochaire - - Barbançon to act as acting VP until this FC, and we chose her to be ratified as vice-president. So you have today to decide on the ratification of the choice of the board. This process is explained as article in article 20 6c of the Statutes. The way it works is that when someone resigns from the board, the EB</p>

chooses a name, one name, and submit it, to be ratified by the FC. That is what is happening here today.

Shortly about Alexiane, because she will have the floor after, so she will introduce herself better than I can, but she had different experiences in different national sections, and I'm sure she'll tell you about those and as a committed Federalist, she has shown the same commitment to JEF along the years, and particularly since she joined the board and shown the same commitment to fulfilling all of the tasks assigned to her. She has been a proactive board member, efficient and reliable and also a source of new ideas, both politically and organisationally. She really has the sections at heart: she worked a lot on capacity building, network development, as well as expanding advocacy in new directions, both during European elections and in general. Since being designated by the board as acting VP, she has worked tirelessly on contributing to duties alongside with the Secretary and the remaining board members. On funding too but I think about representation in particular: she made very interesting and on point contributions. So these are all the reasons why the board selected her for co-optation, as junior VP, and I'll have her explain more about her motivation.

**Alexiane Terrochaire – – Barbançon Executive Board JEF Europe**

Thank you, dear Presidium. Do I have the floor?

**Robin Mudry FC Presidium JEF Europe**

You do have the floor.

**Alexiane Terrochaire – – Barbançon Executive Board JEF Europe**

Thank you, Robin. Thank you Christelle, and good evening, dear JEFFers. It's, of course, a joy to see as many familiar faces and new ones as well. Allow me to extend my warmest congratulations to one of the newest board members elected, namely the board of JEF Netherlands, so happy to meet you.

I'll take about 7 minutes (my favorite number!) to introduce myself, share key facts, achievements and challenges, and reasons why I believe I'm a suitable choice for Vice-President of JEF Europe, to humbly ask for your confirmation tonight. For those I haven't met: I'm Alexiane, or Alex, 26, proudly French and European, Swedish at heart, and still excited by EU institutions. I discovered JEF in 2018–2019 during my Erasmus, in Copenhagen, through a joint action by JEF Denmark and JEF Sweden. I later fully embraced JEF in France, thanks to the Paris section. I'm a cat lover, tonka latte addict, and language enthusiast (though a bit rusty now). I joined JEF not knowing much about EU institutions but with a clear sense that my future and spirit would center around this evolving Union. Over the years, I've served as head of Le Taurillon Podcasts, JEF London's president, JEF UK's international officer, and then their video and podcast officer. In November 2023, I was elected executive board member at congress, and in April 2025, I became Acting Vice-President of JEF Europe. I grew up in a family where my parents always supported a federal Union, with notably a common fiscal policy, and a European army. They have the impression that in the last 30 years, European societies stood



still, and federal policies in key areas, such as the euro, for instance, are the solution to move forward. That is also the image I share of federalism, although it is a big scary word, at least the French political landscape. On Monday, I had an inspiring conversation about how to infuse federalists ideas in our current national and european politics in a smooth way, to avoid scaring away voters and politicians who know very little about the EU in general, and do not wish to change that fact, or worst, strengthening euro-scepticism. He suggested labeling these policies as “mutualisation” policies. I am still thinking about it and that’s what I appreciate about the paradox of federalism: we need it more and more, in spite of a stronger intergovernmental Union, and I like thinking about new strategies to legitimize it in a both indirect and direct ways to make the most of the current political debates and the way the EU institutions work, as I have the chance to collaborate with them in my career to understand their ways of working. Happy to discuss it further during meetings and political commissions calls! These months have shown me how I can best serve JEF—during smooth periods and through complex challenges. I’ve identified my limits and keep working to turn them into strengths. I’m now humbly asking for your trust to officially continue as VP. Why am I standing for your ratification today? Because after 6 years of projects, activities, and advocacy, I’ve seen what JEF can accomplish when bold. As an EB contact for various sections—large and small—I’m constantly inspired by their work. I strive to support them with updates, funding tips, activity ideas, and I welcome their feedback on how we operate. I’ve been active in three countries, at both local and national levels. I understand what it’s like to juggle midnight policy papers, cross-time-zone crises, and 8 a.m. Zoom calls with a smile. Also, capacity-building has been my top focus as an EB member. I worked with Anna and Benedetta in the FC’s taskforce to attract new members and offer flexible engagement. I joined EurHope and contributed to building a 4-year strategy that balances consensus with ambition and respectful disagreements. This process deepened my understanding of your sections’ challenges with the goal to never lose sight of your diverse realities, and to learn as much as I can about your political cultures and contexts. For example, attending General Assemblies and other national JEF events helped me stay grounded in section realities, avoiding the EU bubble trap. My rural political roots complement my JEF activism, and that’s one of the added values I bring to the table. The JEF path took a turn when becoming acting VP: I mostly worked on two new things, aside from my daily tasks as a Board member, and a section contact person. Firstly, I had the honor of deepening the advocacy I already carried out in the name of JEF, as a member of the European Social and Economic Council’s Presidents’ Youth Advisory Council, infusing his positions with JEF’s federalist touch on democracy, rule of law, housing, climate change, circular economy, and so on, so forth. I also supported our President’s work, Christelle, by meeting with Commissioners, and suggesting meaningful ways JEF Europe can contribute to other civil society organisations’ political statements. Secondly, and I am really proud of it, my background and work experience as grant writer were useful to review and contribute to JEF Europe’s operating grants, especially on the last topic, close to my heart, education. I know that funding is a topic that will shape our organisation’s future, and I try my best to contribute to supporting Brigita and Christelle’s work in securing more funding for the



upcoming year, for the network's sake. A major challenge we faced was losing for a couple of months our historical drive with all capacity-building resources. As a result, the volunteer recruitment and community-building campaign (led by Christelle, Loubna, Kati, Xesc, Brigita) is delayed. We received the great news that it is now working again from the Presidium a couple of days ago, and we are working hard to ensure that the guide is ready for the upcoming capacity-building seminar, which I have the pleasure to co-organise for the second time. Personally, I also faced the challenge to adapt myself to different working methodologies, perceptions of how much to commit to JEF, and sometimes collaboration proved difficult. It taught me to reflect, improve, and grow. A VP must lead, yes—but also acknowledge obstacles, challenges and learn from them. I'm grateful for the support of the whole team, and our permanent contact person in navigating that. In summary, my motivation is simple: I want JEF to be a louder youth voice—beyond Brussels. I want our sections empowered, especially those doing so much with so little. I want transparency, ambition, and values-driven work. So why me? Because I bring experience, continuity, empathy, energy, and deep love for JEF. I believe in teamwork, honest conversation, and, yes, a bit of French stubbornness when defending our values. Also, if you need someone who can survive sleepless seminars, take strategy calls on a train, and still dance to "Bara Bada Bastu" or "Baller" while flooding your Insta feed with cat memes (sometimes mine, with my fellow cat named Archie) —that's me. I believe JEF's next chapter needs heart and strategy. I'd be honoured to help write it—with you. Thank you for your time

**Gergana Blazheva, FC Presidium JEF Europe**

Thank you very much, Alexiane for your presentation and attempting to keep it as your promise seven minutes long. Now we will open the floor for questions from the members of the Federal Committee and I will ask the participants to please be concise with your questions and keep them relevant to this point. So please raise your hand and it is easier for us to keep track of the queue in these online meetings. So the floor is now open, and I am going to be the first one to ask a question, in fact. And my question is, Alexiane, given that you are already proactive, you have shown that you're a dedicated board member. Could you please explain or help me understand better, what is the added value or the necessity for you to also be assigned the title Vice-President?

**Alexiane Terrochaire - - Barbançon Executive Board JEF Europe**

Thank you very much, and thank you for being bold with the first question. So I agreed to become acting VP in this interim period because I didn't want the extra burden of not having a VP to fall into Christelle and Xesc' shoulders mostly. I stood up and took advocacy, especially with Commissioners Kadis, for fisheries, and Commissioner's Micaellef's team. We hope to announce great news with regards to these meetings; I also worked extra on doing internal things for the board, cleaning more Minutes, for instance.

It's a matter of continuity. So my answer to your question is that I've already stepped in to ensure continuity, to avoid unfair workload, but that's also what I can bring if I'm officially confirmed with additional activities that I'm already doing, such as being a contact person for

more sections.. I'm also doing research on what new projects we could invent for the next year and I lend a hand in the application process. These are very precise examples of what I could bring and what I tentatively allowed myself to do to support the board in this transition process.

**Jana Gleim, FC presidium JEF Europe**

Thank you for the question and for the answer. And I think in the queue, it's Madalin next.

**Madalin Blidaru Directly-elected FC member JEF Europe**

Thank you, and thank you for the inspiring speech. My question is related to the dynamics between JEF and the sections. How do you see the relations between JEF and the sections?

**Alexiane Terrochaire - - Barbançon Executive Board JEF Europe**

Thank you very much. Madalin for the question. First, I'd like to point out the kind of discussion we had in the board, about the fact that some sections got more in touch with the Board, that we reached out to them more proactively. Hence, some sections did maybe get more support from JEF Europe than others. It was the initial question I asked to all my sections, Finland, Malta, for instance, Spain can testify : how can I help you and support you? And some sections told me that they are doing well. They have the only need of information whereas with others, we discussed the challenges they face.

Another challenge we identified, and Kati was very proactive with the rest of the board to work on this, sometimes, sections have difficulties to get the information from JEF Europe. I will not speak in the name of every section or every EB member, because everyone organized themselves differently, but sections updates have been my utmost priority to pass on information. We managed to put at least six per year in our respective calendars with the sections I am a contact person to. So I try to keep myself informed orally, but I'm also present by messages. I think we have a chat every week or two weeks or so. Our attitudes towards sections are different. So I'm not going to make a generalization.

I would say that during this mandate, relations between sections and JEF Europe was a core concern and I hope that today you have this impression, but mostly that sections feel that they have enough information. Our communication strategy on specific events also improved during the different times of the mandates. Now you receive more financial updates, if I give a very recent example from Brigita (Secretary General). For minutes are also uploaded within the time limit set. So I really, sincerely hope that to the question you asked me, sections can then answer that they have good relations with JEF Europe.

**Jana Gleim, FC presidium JEF Europe**

Thanks to you both as well. And we continue with the question from Moritz.

**Moritz Hergl, National Delegate JEF Germany**

Thank you. I have a question because you talked about mutualism as maybe a better word for federalism, and that your thoughts are still ongoing about it, so that's what surprised me a bit. So maybe you can elaborate a little bit about it.

**Alexiane Terrochaire – – Barbançon Executive Board JEF Europe**

Thank you. I tried to be brief on the context of that conversation I had with the French policy-maker.. So the French, we, as per the Eurobarometer, tend to become more EU indifferent, or leaning towards euroscepticism. We mostly talked about how us, Federalists, can move on and try to aim for, for instance, a federal army without using a scary word – and that conversation is very Franco- like centered. This is the context of the conversation. How can you make this idea more widespread, when we are already in a several speed Europe? How can you try to find ways that are more understandable by people who did not study EU law or EU politics and federalism can be sometimes truly misunderstood? People do not know, but there are several literature strands within federalism, for instance. So this was mostly the conversation we had, and we came to the conclusion that as hope was the main feeling during the 2024 elections, some pro EU people are feeling that we need to come closer as a union. And so why not using a word that reflects that urge to come closer and share more mutual policies? Hence the term mutualization, I understand the surprise, given that it's an ongoing conversation. I truly love to be challenged on this. See you so see you in the next Congress or event when we can discuss that.

**Jana Gleim, FC presidium JEF Europe**

Thanks. And that's Anna, and then Sofia next.

**Anna van de Moosdijk Directly-elected FC member JEF Europe**

Thank you very much. Jana, I will abuse the fact that I have the floor for a comment and a question, but I will be fast on capacity building. Thank you, Alexiane, for highlighting that, unfortunately, we lost the historical drive for capacity-building resources. I am very grateful, actually, for the Presidium for having done a copy of everything and that they graciously shared it back with us, because we don't know what really happened. Sometimes there are technical issues and Google drives can lose their links, and I'm happy that we will put efforts in reconstructing it. And, well, that was it for the capacity building part. I did not want to scare people in the room on that topic.

And then, the additional question: I got inspired by the networking chats last week. Since one question came forward, I think it is something that is very relevant, very actual, something we need to consider as Federalists. And I want to ask you this tricky question. We see across Europe how the new rights movements are capturing some parts of our Federalist rhetoric, but to defend white supremacist sovereignist Fortress Europe ideas and sometimes without much discernment about federalism, it's easy to fall in there. What would be your answers and ways for you to act when you will be VP, to act against this and to support because there is

also a part of education, I guess, around this topic. So I'm, I'm giving you the challenge to answer this question, which I think is very relevant and needs an answer.

**Alexiane Terrochaire – – Barbançon Executive Board JEF Europe**

It relates so much to all the conversations we had in the necessity of capacity building. So thank you for asking that. Thank you for the comment as well. I'm going to try to be brief, so probably my answer will not be as comprehensive as we would have during an in-person or political commission call, so I apologize in advance. I love saying that I'm a Federalist and see policy makers or people's reaction, especially policy makers on the right, are conservative, have prejudices and as I speak, their faces would be more dark or their eyebrows crossing. So that's why I also shared my idea, first and foremost, relating to Moritz' question of, how can we broaden the lexical term of federalism and not replace federalism? Because we, in the end, we are Federalists, but how to make it more broadly understood by people, as you rightly said, who vote for far right or rights parties, who capture federalism, who say that an army is great, but only if my country can decide and be at the command of it. So I would say that right now, people are voting for the rights or for the far right, and in my country, they are potentially more prone to get information of these movements on social media with fake news. JEF Europe conducted a very amazing project, Check Europe, and The New Federalist is also debunking fake news that we see circulating on social media. So you're right in saying that education is part of a solution to debunk myths and to show that advocating for a federal or like a European army, just because, let's say, France can control it, is not federalism. It's not our opinion. The second thing I think you're touching upon is how immigration is being used, and not in a Federalist way. This argument is mostly for a generation of people who are aged 35 or 40 to 60. They are not at school, they don't do vocational training so as JEF, I don't know how we can reach out to them, how we can make them change their minds, how we can debunk myths, except if we are allied to networks and civil society organizations. The fact that we are working closely with the UEF, Union of European Federalists is, I think, a step towards promoting our ideas and our concrete examples, showing that their rhetoric is not federalism. But maybe Anna, you gave me an idea for a future project. Maybe we can center our actions, activities, project campaigns towards that kind of specific young people and that kind of specific other generation, listening to right wing rhetoric, kind of twisting federalism, and that could be a focus. If that's what the network decides. I cannot fully answer how we can, topic by topic, promote our ideas, but I'm sure we can maybe publish a resource on capacity building, on how to talk to young people, young professionals, and encourage them not to believe what the far right says and not take it without critical thinking.

**Jana Gleim, FC presidium JEF Europe**

Thank you. And we will move on to the last question from Sofia, and then we continue to the next steps.

**Sofia Ingrid Viviani - national delegate JEF Italy**

Hello, Alexiane. Hello everyone, Sofia from JEF Italy. Thank you for your speech and for stepping up. I wanted to ask a question that's related to Moritz question. To be honest, I'm a bit concerned about this idea of broadening the terms of federalism. I mean, I've heard that before, but the position of my section is pretty clear on that, and we shouldn't be afraid of being radical in that sense, and use federalism without shame, and not following public opinion, but influencing public opinion, which is a bit different. But since I know there are different opinions on this, and I think it's pretty clear from what we heard, my question would be, how do you see the approach that you bring to federalism influencing your role. And how do you think your work will be considered, when it comes to the political stance? Because I understand your qualifications, understand your commitment, which is undeniable, obviously, but I would like to know better the political side, which I don't think you touched too much upon. I know there are time constraints, obviously, but that's why I wanted to ask this question. Thank you.

**Alexiane Terrochaire – – Barbançon Executive Board JEF Europe**

Yes, Sofia, just to make sure if I understand your question correctly. Do you want me to explain again why I believe broadening like the lexical term or lexical field around federalism is important to me, and how do I understand the work of JEF to promote federalism? Or was it another question I didn't grasp?

**Sofia Ingrid Viviani - national delegate JEF Italy**

No, no, I understand your motivation, because you said it. And again, agree to disagree. But my question would be, how this impacts your role as Vice President? Because of the idea behind it, I understood. I don't need any clarification on that. And again, my section is not aligned with this idea. But the question is how that would influence and impact your work.

**Alexiane Terrochaire – – Barbançon Executive Board JEF Europe**

Sorry for not understanding at first what I mean, and I would like you all to remember that I'm not shying away from federalism, because, as just Christelle and Make.org, representatives can testify during the meetings with political stakeholders. I emphasize very strongly that we are federalists. The conversation I decided to share with you was an informal one, and was based on the French example, and was a one that I wanted to share with the network to understand if in other countries, it is difficult to make things move on the federalist agenda.

So if it is as complicated as in France, what ways do you use to influence the political agenda? That's it. That's just a clarification now on the impact. I abide by the four year strategy. We decided to say that federalism is a radical movement. I really thanked everyone's commitments in making the conversation super respectful in spite of strong disagreements, but we made your choice. So as VP, you represent JEF, you represent the organization, and thankfully, on my political party side, it will not surprise you to know that I'm in a pro EU political party. On the center right scale. But a party that is also talking about a common Federal Army

or extending Schengen, or that kind of debates, so I also take their debates into my thinking for JEF and vice versa. But when in a meeting for JEF, what I always do, my first thing to prepare is to read JEF resolutions. Then I can, I also attend the political Commission's call. So please remember that sentence: as VP, I truly understand and I truly defend the JEF position, and my political opinion or questioning do not really matter.

**Jana Gleim, FC presidium JEF Europe**

Thank you for raising the questions, and as well for answering extensively, Alexiane. We know, of course, that we have limited time and to not hold you too long, we will close the Q and A and proceed now to the vote. So I will hand the floor to Brigitta.

**Brigita Krasniqi, Secretary-General, JEF Europe**

Thank you very much. So we are using an online voting system, and everyone who has registered and was present in the Roll Call is going to get a vote. If you have a proxy, your vote comes twice. So you do not get two links, you get one link, and your vote counts twice. So remember, if you registered but you were not here when the roll call was made, then, you are not going to get a link. Some of you may have changed your national delegates in between the registration and today: please inform us about this situation, because some of you might have gotten a link without actually being present in the meeting. Luckily, our membership officer noticed it, so for future reference, please, if you change your national delegates or anyone who is carrying the vote, please let us know so that we can send the voting link to the right people. Now I would ask for five minutes of technical break for us to start the voting, and I will proceed. I will tell you when the links have been sent, so that you can start the voting. It is going to take a couple of minutes, if that is okay for the Presidium.

**Jana Gleim, FC presidium JEF Europe**

Thank you, Brigita, so please take the time to prepare the voting, especially as online is a bit more tricky than in person.

**Brigita Krasniqi, Secretary-General, JEF Europe, she/her**

Okay, if we may ask, the Presidium, it is our first time using this platform. I think that it would be easier, because the voting combined both the votes for VP and for EB, so the person, when they get the link, is going to be asked to vote on Alexiane' and Reinis' ratifications.

This is how the system is built. So I would ask if we can have both votes after Reinis' speech and Q and A for both. Would that be possible?

**Jana Gleim, FC presidium JEF Europe**

Yes, as long as the other procedure, thank you, for the sake of procedure, and as long as there's no questions. Christelle can make the speech to introduce Reinis, the candidate presented by the EB to be ratified. The results will then be announced together.

	<p><b>Brigita Krasniqi, Secretary-General, JEF Europe</b></p> <p>And then I will explain everything again when the voting starts. So basically that means you are gonna have to vote in two different votings in one link, but let us continue. Thank you.</p> <p><b>Jana Gleim, FC presidium JEF Europe</b></p> <p>Perfect. So as the secret vote is to happen after we will now continue with the ratification of another EB board member, and I give the floor to Christelle.</p>
<p>18:50-19:25</p>	<p><b>5. Co-optation of the Executive Board Member</b></p> <p><b>Christelle Savall, President, JEF Europe</b></p> <p>Should Alexiane be ratified as VP, that leaves her spot on the board. So that is why we started a co-optation procedure for new Executive Board members. So for reasons of gender balance, as required by Statutes, we could not accept applications from people identifying as women, and we used an open procedure and published an open call for candidacy. We left it open for two weeks, and we published the criteria in advance. They are :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to be a member of JEF :</li> <li>- passion and commitment to federalism and JEF;</li> <li>- elected volunteering experience in JEF such as local, regional, national board;</li> <li>- knowledge of JEF Europe by having attended activities and/or meetings;</li> <li>- experience in advocacy;</li> <li>- experience in project writing/management;</li> <li>- experience in international teams and political organisations;</li> <li>- knowledge of European politics;</li> <li>-The motivation to run for this position, and the ideas will be particularly valued.</li> </ul> <p>We said that we would announce the result by email, which is what we did. We had the Executive Board meeting in person, or slash hybrid in Ljubljana, and we reviewed the application we received for the co-option. We selected Reinis, who was at the time president of JEF Netherlands, and is no longer president. We had received four applications of good quality, talented people, and we were really thankful that those people were interested to join our board. When making the decision, we followed the criteria that we set and that I have just listed. With a group of qualified and motivated applicants, the decision was a difficult one and the Executive Board had a thorough discussion on this decision.</p> <p>Reinis shows a long term vision for the organization in his application, but also in his day to day commitment to organization. He has had different organizational political roles in Latvia and the Netherlands and in JEF. He also participated actively in different projects and meetings throughout the years, including regrating schemes. I have to say that I had the chance to attend the JEF Netherlands General Assembly last weekend, and I could really see</p>



how much passion, how much hard work he puts in his latest position in JEF, the one he left on Sunday. And it was really great to see all of the achievements of his mandate and the one he shares with his team, so the enthusiasm of rightness for “all things JEF” makes him a great choice in the eyes of the Board. Since his selection, he has shown both curiosity and spirit of initiative, which I think both are great qualities to be in the JEF Europe board. I will let him speak more about himself, because he will do that better than me.

**Reinis Gils, Observer JEF Netherlands**

if I have the floor from the Presidium. Yeah. Thank you. First of all, Christelle for the flowering introduction, and also, Alexiane about your presentation of why you should be the VP, and I'm really grateful that you're having me here.

Dear Executive Board and Federal Committee members, national section representatives, and fellow European Federalists,

It's truly an honor to stand before you today. My name is Reinis Gils, and I'm here, full of energy and purpose, to ask for your ratification to become an Executive Board member of JEF Europe. The Executive Board co-opted me in late April, and I'm incredibly eager to contribute to the remainder of this mandate, which wraps up in November 2025.

In these turbulent times for Europe, the mission of JEF Europe is more critical than ever. We're witnessing significant shifts right now: from the tight presidential election in Poland last Sunday, where a right-wing candidate won by a small margin, to the fall of the Dutch government just yesterday – a development I observe closely as a resident of the Netherlands. The concerning rise of far-right parties across our continent, discussions around border closures, and the devastating war and genocide continuing to rage on our doorstep all underscore the urgency of our work. It is against this backdrop of geopolitical complexity and uncertainty that my dedication to European federalism, and my journey within JEF, has only deepened.

My path began back in Latvia, where I first joined "Club "The House" – Youth for United Europe". Soon after, I found myself stepping into a leadership role as Coordinator in Internal Affairs for JEF Latvia, which was a fantastic experience coordinating a group of 60 passionate members. Beyond that, I also served as a Project Coordinator for Club "The House", getting hands-on with international partnerships, coordinating volunteers, and learning the ropes of project budgeting – even managing an 11,000 Euro budget and contributing to a much larger project. Driven by a desire to deepen my understanding of European integration and project management, I moved to the Netherlands to pursue my studies in Global Project and Change Management. It was there, fueled by my belief in JEF's mission, that I took the initiative to establish and lead JEF Zwolle, a new local section of JEF Netherlands. Building that active and visible community from scratch was incredibly rewarding, always with JEF's core principles – a united Europe and youth involvement in politics – at heart. More recently, I had the immense privilege of serving as President of JEF Netherlands. What's more, I also took on the role of Project and Program Manager concurrently with my presidency. These national leadership positions gave me a profound understanding of managing internal structures, leading a



diverse board and 70 members from across the Netherlands, and representing JEF Netherlands on various platforms. Building partnerships, both at home and abroad, became a central part of my work.

Through these varied experiences, I've not only honed my leadership and project management skills but also deepened my understanding of how to truly connect and motivate people. My passion for European unity is unwavering, and I'm dedicated to building consensus and staying informed to lead effectively. And, of course, my participation in the European Parliament's Young Leaders programme and my role as an Ambassador for the European Parliament elections in 2024 have given me invaluable insights into advocacy and democratic engagement.

I'm seeking this co-opted position because I genuinely see it as a pivotal opportunity to dive even deeper into our movement and build upon the experiences I've already gained within JEF. This interim period offers a unique chance to get a firsthand look at the inner workings of JEF Europe, and I am genuinely excited to contribute meaningfully during this critical time, especially given the pressing challenges our continent faces.

Looking ahead in my mandate, my primary goal is to significantly boost communication within JEF Europe. I truly believe that fostering a closer, more friendly community across borders is key to our strength and effectiveness. I also plan to put a strong focus on promoting our core values and engaging with vital topics like Climate Change, Peace, Freedom, and Justice. I want to be more active in the political sphere of our association, ensuring our voice is heard and our values championed across different sectors.

I'm ready to bring all my energy, my dedication, and a strong eagerness to learn to the Board. My focus during this period will be on ensuring continuity and stability within the current mandate, while also helping to set the stage for a smooth transition for the future Board and ensuring JEF's diverse membership across Europe is strongly represented. I'm incredibly excited about the chance to contribute to JEF Europe's success in the coming months and to learn from the dynamic and passionate individuals who make up our organization. I truly look forward to working collaboratively with the Board and all our dedicated volunteers to ensure JEF's continued growth and impact.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Gergana Blazheva, FC presidium JEF Europe**

Thank you for your speech. Now the floor will be open for questions. For the sake of time, please, be brief. I give the floor to Derk, from JEF Netherlands.

**Derk Hans Beemer, National Delegate JEF Netherlands**

What is the most important thing you would take away from your old position from the new one?

**Reinis Gils, Observer JEF Netherlands**

Consensus building is very important, we need to communicate with each other and

compromises – it is included in my commitment to broaden the communication. I want to bring my knowledge of programmes and projects to secure funding and would like to focus on the different levels of sections that are maybe smaller than others

**Anna van de Moosdijk – Directly elected FC member JEF Europe**

I want to thank you for and highlight the good communication since Reinis announced his candidacy especially with the directly elected FC members.

**Robin Mudry FC Presidium JEF Europe**

Since there are no further questions, let us move to the vote.

a. Secret vote

**Brigita Krasniqi, Secretary-General, JEF Europe**

If you registered as a voting delegate and that you were present during the roll call, you will receive a link to two votes: Alexiane to be promoted to VP & Reinis to be ratified into the EB.

If Alexiane’s vote does not pass – then the vote about Reinis is non valid. You should stay in the call and afterwards as well.

*Voting*

I will now announce the the results:

Ratification of **Alexiane as Junior Vice President for the remainder of the mandate:**  
**44 votes – 21 yes 18 no 5 abstention**

Ratification of **Reinis as Executive Board Member for the remainder of the mandate:**  
**44 votes – 29 yes 11 no 4 abstentions**

**Robin Mudry FC Presidium JEF Europe**

I believe we can officially congratulate both Alexiane and Reinis and we can consider them ratified as junior VP and EB member respectively.

**6. AOB**

**Gergana Blazheva, FC Presidium JEF Europe**

And I believe now that the voting results have been presented, we can move on to any other business. If there are comments or congratulations, you can give them here, or you can react with applause. Is there anyone who wishes to say something? Brigitta, I see you. You have the floor.

**Brigita Krasniqi, Secretary-General, JEF Europe**

I just want to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the new date of the online Congress, which we unfortunately had to postpone. So the new date is on the 25th of June. You will be receiving more information about this meeting. I kindly ask that you remind your fellow JEFers about this. This online congress is postponed so let us make sure to have a quorum, as this is also a very important meeting, that is actually required for us to do by law

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as well. And thank you for your understanding about the postponement. I know it was not convenient. It was not convenient for us either, so we are really grateful for your understanding. Thank you.

**Gergana Blazheva, FC Presidium JEF Europe**

Thank you, Brigitta, for these very important reminders, announcements. Anna, you have the floor.

**Anna van de Moosdijk – Directly elected FC member JEF Europe**

Just a word of support for you, Brigita, because accountants in Brussels are assholes, and they do that to every organization. Just in case, if any JEFer across Europe are wondering: we NGOs in Brussels have very bad service of accountants. So thank you, Brigitta, for navigating us through this, and we'll find someone to replace these people one day, hopefully.

**7. Closing**

**Gergana Blazheva, FC Presidium JEF Europe**

If there are no other interventions, I believe we can move to the official closing of this meeting, and I would again like to congratulate Alexiane and Reinis and also all of us, because we again have a full working EB. And with that being said, thank you again for making the time tonight and for bearing with these bureaucratic hassles that came upon our path, meaning the postponement of the online Congress. We will see each other again in two weeks. And with that being said, have a great evening!

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