

EB minutes

31 October – 2 November 2025

Brussels, Belgium

Present: Christelle, Xesc, Alexiane, Aléxandros, Kati, Hanna, Christos, Nikos (online Saturday)

Excused:

Minutes: Reinis, Christelle (review Xesc)

Friday	
13:20 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 18:00	Opening Code of of Conduct (contact persons Kati & Reinis) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adoption of agenda 2. Adoption of minutes (13/10) 3. Resolutions for Congress 4. Update networks (UEF, EMI, YFJ, Advisory Council, YAC Advisory council EESC, GCE, CSE, FRA, EaP, WFM, EU Youth stakeholder group)
18:15 – 20:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Candidates for full sections and candidate sections 6. FC meeting in Serbia Spring 2026 7. Takeaways from YFJ Academy in Spain 8. Federalist inspirations (Reinis) 9. Advocacy update
20:00 –	Dinner & Halloween night
Saturday	
09:00 – 12:30	Code of of Conduct (contact persons Kati & Reinis) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Mandate reflection <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Successes and learnings Serbia march <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Fundraising and finance update
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch and round of personal updates</i>
15:30–17:30	EB photo and fun happy videos (who is most likely to?) Recap video see you at Congress? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Handover

	13. 360 Feedback with Christos
17:30 - 17:45	<i>Break</i>
17:45 - 20:00	<p>14. Update on the Congress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Logistics b. Presidium c. Registrations d. Reports e. EB farewell f. Europe united g. Autumn FC 2026 h. Aob <p>15. Final tasks to take care of</p>
20:00	Dinner
Sunday	
09:00 - 11:30	16. Time with staff: towards the next mandate - + brainstorming the unsuccessful 2024 and 2025 project applications to determine upcoming priorities and projects they want to work with?
11:30-11:45	<i>Break</i>
11:45-12:30	<p>17. EB feedback on the meeting and reflection round</p> <p>18. AoB¹ and Conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ave Europa b. Trademarking
13:00	<i>Lunch and departures</i>

1. Adoption of agenda	Decision: Adopted
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3. Resolutions for Congress	Decision: -

¹ Any other Business

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 resolutions from PC1 from which 2 are new - 5 resolutions from PC2 - PC3 has 3+1 resolutions - Alexandros submitted a resolution on membership fees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on this resolution - Discussing proposed resolution by Alexandros on financial guidelines. - Xesc submitted a resolution on the Cyprus problem. - Discussing Xesc's resolution on "On the documentation and archival policy of JEF Europe". 	
<p>4. Update networks (UEF², EMI³, YFJ⁴, Advisory Council on Youth, EESC⁵, GCE⁶, CSE⁷, FRA⁸, EaP⁹, WFM¹⁰, EU Youth stakeholder group)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UEF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christelle registered "The Next President of JEF" to the next UEF FC¹¹. - We and UEF approach funders together. The youth parts we approach alone. - Christelle was in Action Committee for United States of Europe. Several funding possibilities were discussed by the committee. - EMI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christelle registered "EB member" for Members Council event that is 	<p>Decision: GCE:</p> <p>EB decides that our nomination to the GCE board is decided ASAP¹⁵ by the next EB right after Congress. Hanna will contact the short-listed candidates in the previous process to check if they are still available and give it to the</p>

² Union of European Federalists

³ European Movement International

⁴ European Youth Forum

⁵ European Economic and Social Committee

⁶ Generation Climate Europe

⁷ Civil Society Europe

⁸ Fundamental Rights Agency

⁹ Eastern Partnership

¹⁰ World Federalist Movement

¹¹ Federal Committee

¹⁵ As soon as possible

<p>happening 4 days after EuCo¹².</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - YFJ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Xesc is going to their General Assembly next week in Kandersteg (Switzerland). - We co-signed a motion on Cyprus with different National Youth Councils. - We submitted a motion on Don't Touch My Schengen. - The GA will be voting on the membership fees and JEF has been put in the top tier of paying organisations. Xesc will bring up the issue of certain organisations probably having a bigger budget and structure but paying less fees. - Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Xesc went to Malta for the Ministers Conference on Youth. - Approved declarations on the youth perspective and creating a youth centre in the Black Sea region. - EESC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christelle sent a letter of congratulations to the new president. - He may continue the youth advisory council. - GCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We need a new JEFer in the board of GCE after the resignation of Filip. The upcoming EB can nominate a candidate but GCE insists on the urgency of finding a replacement so the decision will need to be taken by them before 25/11. - CSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Established a TF working on dealing the EP¹³ inquiry committee to investigate 	<p>next EB;</p> <p>YFJ:</p> <p>Reinis and Alexiane will talk about who of the 2 should apply for the YFJ Youth Goals TF¹⁶ as the deadline is now.</p>
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¹² European Congress of JEF

¹³ European Parliament

¹⁶ Task force

<p>NGO funding, Christelle and Julian meeting the S&D¹⁴ potential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work on European Cross-border association (ECBA) status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We shared with our sections, we encouraged them to put pressure on their national governments. - Treaty change report postponed. - FRA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They invited us to an event co-organising with CSE in Copenhagen. Christos is going. - Eastern Partnership Platform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We applied to be a delegate to the Association Agreement NGO platform on Ukraine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We should know the outcome by today. - WFM (World Federalist Movement) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They have their Congress tomorrow. Alexandros will be a key-note speaker. - We need to pay our membership fee - EU Youth Stakeholder Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reinis and Christelle are going to the second meeting, this time online. - New in person meeting next year! 	
<p>5. Candidates for full sections and candidate sections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Georgia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submitted an application just after Budapest, we are waiting for updated versions of their documentation. - Moldova <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christelle will send another reminder for documents. - Ukraine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kati reached out to them to get updated versions. 	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sections should send everything by next week and we discuss it over email; - The EB supports proposing WeUnite for the candidate section should JEF/BEJ Austria cease to

¹⁴ Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WeUnite - Everything has been received. 	<p>be a member at the outgoing FC.</p>
<p>6. FC meeting in Serbia Spring 2026</p> <p>The EB discussed the preparation of the Spring 2026 FC in Belgrade in view of the ongoing political situation.</p>	<p>Decision: -</p>
<p>7. Takeaways from YFJ Academy in Spain</p> <p>Reinis gives some learnings and insights from the Academy that JEF should strive to implement.</p>	<p>Decision: -</p>
<p>8. Federalist inspirations (Reinis)</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <p>Postponed</p>
<p>9. Advocacy update</p> <p>The Executive Board will attend the Serbia march in Brussels tomorrow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reinis attended the Party of European Socialists Congress in Amsterdam - Alexiane was a speaker at: How Digitalisation Can Bridge the Generational Gap, - Event “Serbia’s Democratic Awakening” with JEF Serbia in Brussels on the eve of the anniversary of the collapse of the station in Novi Sad with Christelle as speaker and Reinis as moderator and organiser. <p>Christelle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - attended from the 16 to 18/10 the United States of Europe action committee in Jean Monnet house in Bazoches (France) - was a speaker at AER young people in politics panelist 	<p>Decision: -</p>

- **met the Secretary General of the European Transport Worker Federation (ETF) to discuss a partnership for Don't Touch My Schengen**
- **45min Politico interview on Federalism by Politico Brussels playbook.**

They have agreed to let us use their meeting rooms for free (prior booking needed), will discuss internally how to combine their 21/06 action day for the longest day of the year with our action month and will put us in touch with their youth group.

Julian will attend the **EU&U Manifesto launch** to which JEF Europe contributed.

Christos will attend the Standing up for Democracy and Rights: Working together conference of FRA and CSE in Copenhagen.

Upcoming:

-04-07/11/2025 WP6 transnational event in Budapest attended by Reinis;

Christelle will

- meet the **Deutsche Bahn Head of EU representation** about the youth ticketing coalition +
- be a speaker at **roundtable Erasmus+** on Ode2Joy organised by Erasmus+ agency in Wallonie (7th of November);
- attend the **EU youth stakeholder group meeting of the Commission;**
- attend the **UEF EB meeting;**
- Meet **MEPs Costanzo** about Don't Touch My Schengen and **MEP Pellerin-Carlin** about the European Parliament enquiry committee on NGOs.

<p>Xesc will attend the General Assembly of the European Youth Forum (YFJ) on November 7-8.</p>	
<p>10. Mandate reflection a. Successes and learnings The EB reflects on the learning outcomes and successes of the mandate.</p>	<p>Decision: -</p>
<p>11. Fundraising and finance update About 200k in the Bank, many spending upcoming with Congress and CompleatEU simulation in Georgia.</p> <p>After the meeting of Christelle and Christos with Heinrich Böll EU foundation, we got EUR 10k to cofinance the CompleatEU simulation so we have more money for the project and therefore staff cost. Some difficulties with partners (Serbians and North-Macedonians) that don't want to contribute to the simulation. They at least need to send each 2-4 persons. Discussions to be had with partners about the third installments and deliverables.</p> <p>Christos sent complementary information about the workplan 2024 and the operating grant. Aléxandros, Christelle and Christos will have a meeting about fundraising so Christos can present a plan to the next board.</p> <p>Still waiting for answers from several projects including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - academy of federalism - 2 CERV Charter - 3 CERV remembrance - CERV Child - Heinrich Böll - CITIZEN - CERV with JEF Italy 	<p>Decision: -</p>
<p><i>Lunch and round of personal updates</i></p>	

<p>12. Handover</p> <p>Christelle is drafting a guide on how to be a board member and updating Leonie’s guide on how to President.</p> <p>It will include a list of all documents and unfinished things.</p> <p>The current Board is willing to join the first Board meeting of the next Board, if available and with travel reimbursement to ensure a smooth transition.</p> <p>Kati plans to do an explainer on communication.</p>	<p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christelle will share with the EB the handover docs when ready for feedback; • Each EB member will include a list of important points for their portfolios and next steps; • EB will offer calls on a need basis and for handover of sections.
<p>13. 360 Feedback with Christos</p>	<p>Decision:</p>
<p>14. Update on the Congress</p> <p>a. Logistics</p> <p>JEF Strasbourg will have a lot of members to help with logistics.</p> <p>Staff will come on Thursday.</p> <p>There will be a permanent contact person for accessibility matters.</p> <p>We have ordered new roll-ups.</p> <p>Kati and Teresa are coordinating with JEF Strasbourg on the Congress communications. We will need assistance from the EB during the EuCo.</p> <p>All venues accessible except Thursday evening where there are steps.</p> <p>For Saturday night after midnight no reservation.</p> <p>Hostel is paid. We needed to pay a EUR 5k deposit for the hostel.</p> <p>Christelle signed all three financing agreements. We received the first installment from the region.</p> <p>b. Presidium</p> <p>The presidium is to be composed of Antonio Argenziano (former president), Leonie Martin (former</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <p>Christelle to find last Congress Presidium member</p>

<p>president), Flavia Sandu (AB, former EB and FC) and Knut Andre Sande (AB, former EB). One more Presidium member is needed, we are expecting the final answer on Monday.</p> <p>c. Registrations All participants have been informed, including the Solidarity Fund.</p> <p>d. Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EB report to the FC • Finance report to the FC • EB report to the Congress • Finance report to the Congress • Presentation of the budget for 2026 • Monitoring committee report <p>e. EB farewell EB members get 3 minutes each for a farewell speech.</p> <p>f. Europe United and other side events JEF Strasbourg wants to rerecord the JEF anthem on Thursday evening. The conference might get cancelled by JEF Strasbourg due to lack of speakers. Demonstration on the 75th anniversary of the meeting of our ancestor organisation in Strasbourg + speech of the new President.</p> <p>g. Autumn FC Finland is interested in hosting an FC.</p>	
<p>15. Final tasks to take care of</p> <p>The Board goes over the list of tasks that were pending for the last weeks of the mandate.</p>	<p>Decision: -</p>
<p>16. EB feedback on the meeting and reflection round</p> <p>17. AoB and Conclusions</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JEF Europe will reach out to UEF to highlight the

<p style="text-align: center;">a. Ave Europa</p> <p>Ave Europa attended the monthly meeting in Munich and distributed brochures about their organisation at a JEF Munich event. Some delegates and observers of JEF Germany have submitted a text to the Congress. JEF Munich wanted us to be aware as it might happen elsewhere to sections less informed about former JEF Lithuania.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">b. Trademark</p> <p>The EB discusses the possibility of trademarking “Don’t Touch My Schengen” and “Democracy under Pressure” after recent, widespread instances of others using those denominations.</p>	<p>Ave Europa issue to them so they do not like or share their content;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JEF Europe will register the trademark “Don’t Touch My Schengen” to avoid similar issues with Volt, and leave it to the next board to take a similar decision for “Democracy under Pressure” (DuP).
<p>18. Time with staff</p>	<p>Decision: -</p>