



ACTIVITY REPORT 2024 & 2025

VEREIN ZUM ZWECK DES EU-WEITEN, KULTURELLEN AUSTAUSCHES – WEUNITE (WIR VERBINDEN)

The wEUnite association was founded in 2014 by a group of young people to carry out Erasmus+ projects. For many years, training courses and youth exchanges took place annually – among other things, in cooperation with officials from JEF Styria and JEF Carinthia. Members of wEUnite were also involved in JEF. With the pandemic and personal changes among leading board members the pro-European youth work of wEUnite came to a standstill. In 2024, it was jointly decided to continue the association in the future as an umbrella organisation for those regional associations that had split from the BEJ/JEF in May 2024. At the annual general meeting on 15 January 2025, a new board was elected, the merger was approved and new statutes were adopted.

In February 2025, a joint retreat was held in Velden am Wörthersee for officials from wEUnite and the JEF regional associations in Styria, Carinthia and Upper Austria. The goal was to apply for membership of JEF Europe in case BEJ/JEF was excluded from it. Only after this fundamental issue has been clarified will the orientation and structure of the umbrella organisation be finalised.

JEF SALZBURG

As part of wEUnite, a small group of young people has joined and will start holding regular get-togethers in Salzburg in autumn 2025. The first dates have been set for 20 October 2025, 10 November 2025 and 1 December 2025. The first meeting will focus on JEF and its Erasmus+ projects. A university professor will be invited to the second meeting.

JEF OBERÖSTERREICH

JEF Upper Austria is the smallest of the three independent sub-associations and has existed since 1958. In December 2024 and April 2025, background discussions with university professors were held in collaboration with EFB Upper Austria. Officials from JEF Upper Austria regularly serve as ambassadors for the Erasmus+ programme. In addition, in 2024 there was a cooperation with a student organisation, where JEF and its activities were promoted.

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JEF KÄRNTEN

JEF Carinthia (@jef_kaernten / www.jef-kaernten.at) has been active since 1974. In 2024, several regular get-togethers took place, including with friends from JEF Slovenia. Together with the International Committee of the Rural Youth, an excursion to Budapest and Bratislava was organised. In 2024 and 2025, officials participated in capacity building seminars organised by JEF Europe and JEF Bulgaria, as well as in Federal Committee Meetings. In addition, JEF Carinthia is a member organisation of the Regional Youth Council of Carinthia and receives annual financial support for its youth work from the province of Carinthia. Several Erasmus+ projects were also carried out together with JEF Styria.

JEF STEIERMARK

JEF Styria (@jef_steiermark / www.jef-steiermark.at) was officially founded in 1957. However, young people in our province have been actively involved in European integration since 1955. At the heart of our activities is the Europaburg in Neumarkt, Austria's first European House. For many years, it was owned by EFB Styria and is now run by the EYFON Foundation. Youth exchanges have taken place there since 1957 and have been funded by the Erasmus+ programme for many years. In 2024, the youth exchange was held under the motto: 'Another one bites the dust.' In 2025, the youth exchange was held under the motto: 'Don't stop me now.'

JEF Styria is very active in the Erasmus+ Youth Programme and organises training courses, youth participation activities and youth exchanges. In addition, we have successfully applied for Erasmus+ accreditation until the end of the funding period. From 2023 to 2025, an EU training programme was designed with JEF Denmark and implemented as part of a small-scale partnership. This enabled 30 young people from Austria and Denmark to get to know the participating organisations as well as the European Union. The highlight was an excursion to Brussels, where JEF Europe was also visited and a workshop was held together with JEF Netherlands. In 2025, we are cooperating with JEF Finland and JEF Sweden to mark the 30th anniversary of membership in the European Union. As part of our Erasmus+ projects, we have also collaborated with JEF Hungary, JEF Spain, JEF Slovenia, JEF Berlin-Brandenburg, JEF Baden-Württemberg, JEF Malta and other pro-European non-governmental organisations outside the JEF network.

As a member organisation of the Regional Youth Council Styria, we receive annual financial support from the province of Styria. This is because we are also very active at the local level in Graz. We host monthly meetings, called European Mondays, where we address topics related to international and European politics. We also organise panel discussions and other formats to bring young people together with political

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decision-makers. For example, we visited our Minister for European Affairs in spring 2024 and the Austrian Parliament in Vienna.

As a youth organisation, we also place great importance on fostering community life. We organise annual study visits, most recently to Zagreb and Prague. We have also organised community-building activities such as skiing days, hikes and an annual Eurovision Song Contest party.

One key to our success is our strong presence in Graz. For several years now, we have had our own office, which is also shared by wEUnite and EFB Steiermark. With around 300 members and a stable financial and organisational base, we are an asset to JEF Europe. Our Erasmus+ projects have also been awarded the Austrian Youth Prize three times in recent years.

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