

## Young European Federalists

### Executive Board Meeting

#### MEETING MINUTES

**TIME** 7.12.2025 at 11am CET

**PLACE** Hybrid: JEF Europe's office, Rue des Deux Églises 14, Brussels, Belgium / <https://meet.google.com/xmz-uttc-zpc>

**INVITEES** **Executive Board Members**

Moritz Hergl, President

Debora Striani, Vice President

Nea-Maria Törmänen, Vice President

Anna van de Moosdijk, Treasurer

Konstantine Gagnidze, Board Member

Dvir Ezra, Board Member

Sara Rocchetto, Board Member

Achilles Tsirgis, Board Member

Christos Papagiannis, Secretary General

**Observers**

Nea-Bettina Baarman, Federal Committee Presidium

Nikos Chircop, Federal Committee Presidium

Valentin Petri, Federal Committee Presidium

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## MEETING PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- 1. Opening of the meeting and confirmation of quorum**  
*Proposal:* President opens the meeting and confirms that it is quorate.
- 2. Approval of the agenda**  
*Proposal:* The agenda is approved.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meetings – APPENDIX 1 & APPENDIX 2**  
*Proposal:* The minutes of the previous meeting (18.11.2025) are approved.

#### 4. Secretary update

- Update on the OG application process (SGA writing): The draft of the SGA is ready, Anna and Moritz will work on it during 07.12.2025 and then Christos will polish the text on 08.12.2025. We will be working intensively on it in order to submit it on 10.12.2025.
- Wifi has been reinstated after a tedious 2 weeks. The problem was external (company).
- Recuperation period will be given from now on to members of the secretariat, so there might be some alterations in the normal cycle of operations.

#### 5. Organisational update

- All emails have been made, but some FC members have not yet finalized the process.
- The EB has decided that EB meets every two weeks on Wednesday at 7:30pm.
- The EB has decided that Christos is responsible for taking minutes from the EB meetings.
- Laure Verstraete is our official contact person from the European Youth Forum.
- Erasmus coordination meeting took place in the EP with key allies Sabrina Repp (S&D) and Benedetta Scuderi (Greens), Rapporteur for the file is Bogdan Zdrojewski (EPP)
- Let's create a platform for sections' communication officers and with Treasurers.
- Let's tag all EB members to JEF Europe's IG stories as hidden tags

#### 6. Advocacy update

##### 6.1. *Democracy under Pressure*

- Post on demonstrations in Bulgaria
- Situation with Vesna: More investigation is needed, in order to discuss later on the next steps. The most important goal is to secure the safety of the individuals (activists), but also gather more detailed information regarding the organization's profile and political stance.

- Meeting with YEAs (Young European Ambassadors).

### **6.2. Don't Touch My Schengen**

- Last days for the petition: We reached 511 signatures.

### **6.3. MFF advocacy**

- Working group on Funding of Civil Society Europe with DG Just on Friday 05 December

### **6.4. Federalist Peace Forum**

- EP Event with VP Picierno on March 3rd in the EP
- European Steering Committee last week
- Trilateral meeting tomorrow (08.12.2025) and this will have a permanent format
- Local action plans to be confirmed by JEF Germany
- Event in Palestine 26.12 (Dvir will represent JEF Europe)

### **6.5. Enlargement**

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### **6.6. Treaty Reform**

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### **6.7. Fighting nationalism**

- DUP Lab, it will happen during Liberty Month, more precisely from March 13th to 15th 2026 in Strasbourg and explore new ways to face the rise of nationalism in Europe (TF Fighting Nationalism)

### **6.8. Any other advocacy points**

- Online event Human Rights day by TF Diversity & empowerment
- Statement on new US national security strategy (proposed by Debora)
- Posts on violence against women, Ukrainian freedom (with JEF Ukraine), EP vote on treaty reform, US-EU trade deal, commemorating HIV day.
- Potential future event on Russian frozen assets

## **7. Section updates**

- New board in Finland and Luxembourg
- Changes in Malta and Albania
- Mid-Term GMA in The Netherlands, new IO elected
- There is a group of people that are interested to secure continuation of JEF Poland

## 8. Project updates

- CompletEU International Simulation
  - See the full plan [here](#)
  - Many open to dos [here](#)
  - Active involvement of Reinis
- ClimDEM: EYF Workplan 2026 on Climate and Democracy
  - Collection of Trainers and CV
  - Concept note on Participants and work on the programme of first international activity

## 9. Updates from the treasurer

- Funding opportunity: [Funding Fairer Futures](#), up to 38 000€, deadline January 26
- Please put all possible funding opportunities [here](#)
- Meeting on 14 January with the German Liberals for funding opportunities with Jan-Gert.
- We are expecting a donation from the President of the EIB - Track that in our bank account and let Christelle know.
- We created the Project Masterfile for tracking the big picture in Project activities.

## 10. Other updates

- EESC Youth Test Representative: There was a tie and now they extended the deadline for CSOs to vote. Nikos Chircop is the JEF Europe representative for the call on islands.
- Ukraine visit Moritz
- Call with JEF Serbia on the FC organisation
- GCE update: Aitana elected

## DECISION ITEMS

## 11. FC attendance in EB meetings

- **Presenter: Moritz**

*Proposal:* From now on, one member of the FC Presidium will join the EB meetings. It will be up to the FC Presidium to decide who will join on their behalf.

**Decision:** Approved

## 12. EB portfolios - [APPENDIX 3](#)

- **Presenter: Moritz**

*Proposal:* Allocate the internal EB portfolios as presented in the appendix.

**Decision:** Approved

## 13. National Section Contact Person System - [APPENDIX 4](#)

- **Presenter: Nea**

*Proposal:* Allocate the internal EB portfolios as presented in the appendix.

**Decision:** Approved

## 14. Key priorities for the mandate

- **Presenter: Moritz**

*Proposal:* Define the 3-5 key priorities for the 2-year mandate to guide all actions of JEF Europe.

**Decision:** There is need for more discussion, so this point is going to be decided in the upcoming EB meeting, due to the lack of adequate time.

## 15. Advocacy consultation meeting plan - [APPENDIX 5](#)

- **Presenter: Dvir**

*Proposal:* Approve the plan presented in the appendix for recommending advocacy consultation meetings to the PC Chairs.

**Decision:** Approved (the communication platform will be decided later on)

## 16. Sakharov Prize Ceremony 2025 for CSOs

- **Presenter: Moritz**

*Proposal: Nea attends the Sakharov Prize Ceremony 2025 for CSOs in Strasbourg on 15-17 December 2025.*

**Decision:** Approved

## 17. Consultative meeting of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe

- **Presenter: Moritz**

*Proposal: Debora attends the Consultative meeting of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe in Budapest on 21-23 January 2026.*

**Decision:** Approved

## 18. Speaker for Basel Peace Office's event

- **Presenter: Moritz**

*Proposal: Decide who will be sent as the speaker to the Basel Peace Office's Intergenerational Dialogue on Peace, Nuclear Disarmament and Climate Action event in Basel on 23 January 2026. The proposal is that (tentatively) Dvir will be the Speaker.*

**Decision:** Approved *-considering the asterisk (\*) and the possibility that Dvir might not be available.*

*\* We will need to request reimbursement for the person representing JEF Europe. Additionally, we need to clarify the date.*

## 19. Basel Peace Office's Advisory Board Representative

- **Presenter: Moritz**

*Proposal:* Elect the JEF Europe representative to the Basel Peace Office Advisory Board, who will also attend the Annual General Meeting remotely on 12 December at 5pm CET. The proposal is that Dvir will be the Advisory Board Representative.

**Decision:** Approved

## 20. The New Federalist Editor in Chief

- **Presenter: Moritz**

*Proposal:* We elect Antonios Tashejian and Jonathan Saunders as the new Editors in Chief from the options presented in the appendix, and we approve recommendations regarding new editorial board members and authorize Dvir and Sara to make a recommendation regarding the not-yet-interviewed board candidates.

**Decision:** Approved

## 21. JEF delegation to the UEF Congress in Barcelona March 20-22

- **Presenter: Moritz**

*Proposal:* Aléxandros will represent JEF on Dec 16 for the meeting on the manifesto drafting. Acknowledging the delegation for the UEF Congress:

Christelle Savall  
Xesc Mainzer  
Kati Systä  
Aléxandros Apostolidis  
Nea-Maria Törmänen  
Reinis Gils  
Debora Striani  
Rei L. Teixeira  
Paola Zamboni  
Dvir Aviam Ezra  
Clara Föller  
Paolo Tinti

Tiberia Cercea  
(Reserve: Diletta Alese)  
(Reserve: Giorgia Sorrentino)  
(Reserve: Andrea Pisani)

**Decision:** Debora will set a meeting with the whole delegation to define our JEF priorities - Approved.

## 22. Reimbursements for new EB from the Congress

- **Presenter: Anna**

*Proposal:* Newly elected EB members will be reimbursed for their return travel expenses based on receipts and according to the reimbursement limits defined by the Commission. Exception: if an EB member is able to receive the reimbursement from their national section, that option should be used instead.

**Decision:** Approved

## 23. Reimbursements for Newly Elected DEFC Members

- **Presenter: Anna**

*Proposal:* Hear an update from the Secretary General and the Treasurer on the financial situation and the possibilities it creates for reimbursing travel costs for DEFC members. Noting that this procedure was not provided for the previous FC (Congress Madrid). Decide on the reimbursement procedure.

- **Decision no1:** Approved (Regarding not providing reimbursements)
- **Decision no2:** Approved (Ad hoc solidarity fund proposal until the next EB meeting)

## 24. Organisation Credit Cards

- **Presenter: Anna**

*Proposal:* Hear a briefing from the Secretary General on increasing the number of organisation credit cards from two to four and the related costs. Decide whether it is financially feasible to issue

*organisation credit cards to the following persons: Moritz Hergl, Nea-Maria Törmänen, Anna van de Moosdijk, Christos Papagiannis. Authorise the Secretary General to close any other credit cards currently held in the organisation's name.*

**- proposal to push decision to after moniteur belge registration completed**

**Decision:** Approved that it will be discussed thoroughly in the next EB meeting

## 25. Project on European Defence

- **Presenter: Moritz**

*Proposal: We will closely monitor the new proposals forthcoming (e.g. action committee UEF, Manfred Weber). Debora will present a campaign proposal in January.*

**Decision:** Approved that it will be discussed thoroughly in the next EB meeting

## 26. Case of JEF BiH

- **Presenter: Moritz**

*Proposal: Achilles will reach out to Damir Krkalic and also hear Katarina Bogicevic, JEF Serbia President, on the matter.*

**Decision:** Approved that it will be discussed thoroughly in the next EB meeting

### CLOSING OF THE MEETING

## 27. Any other business

- Nea's wish about communication of the portfolio division: let's all wait Moritz's email before reaching out to DEFC members and sections ourselves
  - Moritz will write the email today

- Dvir notifies that he will be excused from the 17/12/25 meeting as his sister gets married on that day.
- Next week Konstantine, Anna and the TF "*Project Accelerator*" will have a meeting.

## **28. Closing of the meeting**