

Young European Federalists

Executive Board Meeting

TIME 14.1.2026, at 7.30 CET

PLACE Online: meet.google.com/ewi-hdsy-raa

INVITEES **Executive Board Members**

Moritz Hergl, President
Debora Striani, Vice President
Anna van de Moosdijk, Treasurer
Achilles Tsirgis, Board Member
Dvir Ezra, Board Member
Konstantine Gagnidze, Board Member
Christos Papagiannis, Secretary General

Observers

Nea-Bettina Baarman, Federal Committee Presidium

Excused

Nea-Maria Törmänen, Vice President
Sara Rocchetto, Board Member

MEETING PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Opening of the meeting and confirmation of quorum

Proposal: The President opens the meeting and confirms that it is quorate.

2. Approval of the agenda

Proposal: The agenda is approved.

Decision: Approved

3. Minutes of the previous meeting – [APPENDIX 1](#)

Proposal: The minutes of the previous meeting are approved.

Decision: Approved

4. Secretary update

- Böll report finished by Jan and Tereza, they are now busy on reporting on the simulation in Georgia
- Jan and Anna have positive news from Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation: possibly 5000-10000€ for a capacity-building project
- Due to the new HQ location and therefore the existing subscriptions and services that will be shared among JEF & UEF, the secretariat canceled all the subscriptions, such as insurances and internet contracts because of the upcoming move to the new office -everything is covered by UEF.
- Simone is finalizing the cash flow monitoring
- Updating YUKI to have all the invoices updated
 - Give access to Anna van de Moosdijk, Auditors already
- Simone: finishing the inventory, preparing the move (storage only for essential items, selling chairs and tables to organisations in Brussels)
- EYF received the updates regarding the Let's Speak Diversity programme
- Visual identity: previous SGA commitments checked
- RAISE: no news yet
- Statutory deadline to send the PC chairs the lapsing resolutions Dvir Ezra

5. Organisational update

- Updates from JEF Serbia from Moritz's call with them and discussion on the hybrid participation option
- The meeting was cancelled.
- Instead Moritz and Christos went over the budget for the FC in Belgrade.
- Expenses of around 15.000 EUR.
- Expecting 4.000 EUR. (Participation Fees)
- Expecting support from Ways of Europe remaining installment
- Organize an event under DuP campaign (approach Friedrich Naumann Belgrade office)
- Discussions with TNF on having a special edition (limited edition of printed copies)
- The goal is to provide reimbursement to the FC (included in the budget)
- Meeting with JEF Serbia on 15.01.2026 (Moritz - Katarina)
- Konstantine: (a) Organize a WG regarding DuP (b) Discuss about their responsibilities (be realistic regarding funding streams)
- Opportunity to do the fundraising by March and then distribute gifts during the FC in Belgrade

6. Advocacy update

6.1. Democracy under Pressure

- Debora presented the plan for DuP: [The presentation](#):
- 11–21 JANUARY
Feedback form completion
- 25 JANUARY
Discussion with the network
- 3 FEBRUARY
Campaign and visual materials presentation
- 24 FEBRUARY
4 years of full-scale war against Ukraine
- 18–25 MARCH
DuP week
- 25 MARCH
20 Years of DuP, event at the European Parliament
- 1–30 APRIL
Collection of reports
- FINAL EVENT–DATE TBC
JEF final report presentation

6.2. Don'tTouchMySchengen

- Possible project with JEF Bavaria and The Alps Association:
border hike

6.3. MFF advocacy

- Update from Anna & Moritz and steps ahead regarding
advocacy
- Moritz represented JEF at the hearing of the rapporteur for the
Erasmus+ proposal of the Commission
- JEF focused to the extension of the program to the member
states in the progress of accession
- Compliments by the rapporteur
- Still need to work on Agora EU

6.4. Federalist Peace Forum

- Update on the donation campaign and the event in the
European Parliament

- We are heading towards the final event. The Groups met the European ambassador (possibility for financing regarding a visit in Brussels).
- Picerno (MEP) provides the room, but the funding is still missing.

6.5. Enlargement

- Kote's update on the call with non-EU sections still upcoming
- JEF EaP - Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia
- Statement by JEF Georgia and JEF Germany:
- Meeting with the Eastern Partnership: decision to establish a policy group so coordinated work is done
- Proposal, to establish a small JEF Union Section → Asked what is needed to do that (logistically & legally).
- Possibility to co-sign a statement

6.6. Treaty Reform

- Defence Commissioner Andrius Kubilius proposal: create a European permanent coordination (Security Council) with a limited number of key-members.
- Focus on EU Defense

6.7. Fighting nationalism

- Update from the first call: introduction round with 15 participants. Mainly a brainstorming series.

6.8. Any other advocacy points

- Conversation about the aftermath of the Greenland and Iran statements
- Raised awareness and also provided timely reactions on matters that gain even more space in the public sphere
- Konstantine: Establish an alliance with an organization/s in the US
- TNF: Co-host a podcast with the President (Moritz) on the topic -possibly invite someone from the US

7. Section update

- Debora's update on YEM UK and JEF Georgia
 - Statement masterclass was requested for
 - Collaboration with EMI London (applications for funding)

- Anna: suggestion to approach foundations regarding the 10 years since Brexit
- Nea's update on JEF France and JEF Mediterranean:
 - Nea had a call with JEF France. They are doing well, with a lot of project applications on the way. They are especially interested in taking part in the updating process of CoC.
 - JEF Mediterranean is in the process of forming itself in the similar manner as Young Europeans in the Nordics and Baltics. They asked a contact person. This can be decided in a later board meeting, but for your information. Nea would be happy to be the contact person with the experience in setting up such a cooperation structure (YENB) in the past. This will be discussed more analytically in the next meeting.
- Dvir had calls with JEF Poland, JEF Slovakia, JEF Czechia and JEF Italy, and call with Azerbaijan. uploaded section files to the drive.
- Question regarding going to sections (Dvir): Is it possible to travel without securing the OG first? Until having a clear image of whether JEF was granted the SGA or not, this is extremely difficult. It's going to be discussed in the next meeting.
- 16th of January the IO call, Moritz presents what he and Nea prepared (the agenda).
- 17th of January JEF Ukraine Online Congress, Moritz will attend

8. Project update

- Moritz: CompletEU update and reporting the simulation in Georgia. JEF Ukraine will take the responsibility to organize the event with the Youth Council. Two-three EB members will represent JEF Europe.
- Nea: ClimDM first event planning, where are we at
 - The first meeting happened on Monday morning. Jan-Gert will explore options based on cities: Rotterdam (The Netherlands), Freiburg (Germany), Zadar (Croatia) and Zagreb (Croatia). We will make a decision on it during the week. The next meeting is on Friday afternoon and after that we will post the call to participate. Then proceed to work with the logistics and content.
- Where are we at with Ways of Europe?
- Raise workplan and the extension of work - where are we at? Answered by the Secretariat update.
- Capacity Building Seminar update
- Going through the project master file - next time

- Nea's written remarks about the GCE application: not really started, some brainstorming done. Waiting for the list from Anna and Christos about the stuff from our basic actions we could try to put into the application. Nea has prepared a lot of time for this during the weekend.
- NATO grant - The deadline is approaching
- Moritz needs to send the message to our sections
- AU-EU Grant - two meetings took place, found a partner in principle, searching for an additional one.

9. Treasurer update

- Membership fee update: Anna is meeting Aléxandros on the weekend, and already met with Robin
- Situation update: reportings
- Fundraising call on Sunday
- Meeting with the German Liberal Foundation and the outcomes from the meeting
- Merch strategy and photo reveal!

10. Other updates

- Konstantine's update on the Grants Lab
- Achilles: Participation Opportunity: The Holocaust in Slovakia - A history of complicity (15-18 February), Application Deadline Sunday 17 January
 - Info: [The Holocaust in Slovakia.pdf - Google Drive](#)
 - Application: [The Holocaust in Slovakia - A history of complicity - Registration Form](#)

DECISION ITEMS

11. Discussion on policy on commenting on events outside of Europe

Presenter: Moritz

Proposal: As a general rule, we should stick to our resolutions. Effects on Europe and world

Decision: Postponed

12. Status of statement on Mercosur

Presenter: Moritz

Proposal: Review the current status of the statement on Mercosur and

agree on whether we publish a statement on this issue, and who will be responsible.

Decision: Anna and Achilles are in the lead and will present a draft.

13. Internal communication time expectations

Presenter: Moritz

Proposal: Postpone the conversation until further.

Decision: Postponed

14. EB's role in FC Belgrade organisation

Presenter: Moritz

Proposal: Agree on the internal division of responsibilities within the Executive Board for the organisation of FC Belgrade as follows: Moritz and Anna are responsible for financial matters; Nea is responsible for supporting JEF Serbia in event production; Achilles is kept involved in all matters as the Executive Board's contact person with JEF Serbia.

Decision: Postponed

15. Eastern Partnership CSF Delegate

Presenter: Moritz

Proposal: Nominate Konstantine to fill in the expression of interest form to participate in the selection of the EaP CSF Delegates on behalf of JEF Europe.

Decision: Approved

16. Request on Behalf of the EB for PC1 to open the resolutions "Regarding the Protection of Rule of Law" and "On the creation of a Fiscal Union in the Eurozone"

Presenter: Achilles

The Executive Board, after considering:

- The request by Political Committee 1 (PC1) to consider granting them the authority to revise early the following resolutions so as to put them up for vote in the 2026 Belgrade Spring FC: "Regarding the Protection of Rule of Law" and "On the creation of a Fiscal Union in the Eurozone"
- The statutory framework regarding Political Committee Resolutions and particularly Article 38 paragraph d governing the procedure for early revision which authorizes the Executive Board to request an early revision from the corresponding Political Committee on the

basis of “significant developments” as long as it is at least 2 months prior to the next FC

- That the specific resolutions are under the normal timeline expected to lapse in the 2026 Athens Autumn FC, and as such revising them early will produce a de facto need for a future early revision request subject to a relevant request by PCI
- That the recent period has been characterised by both increased global uncertainty and the rise of powers that aim to undermine European values and stagnation in the political reforms for internal fiscal and political integration as outlined in the Draghi Report, both of which constitute “significant developments”

Agrees to:

- Request that PCI revises the following JEF Policy Resolutions prior to their lapse date: a) “Regarding the Protection of Rule of Law” and b) “On the creation of a Fiscal Union in the Eurozone”

Decision: Approved (Moritz will send an email to the FC Presidium, in order to inform them for this request)

17. Procedure of funding and provide microgranting to local and national sections:

- Building new procedures of microgranting for sections, including templates, timeframe and tracking mechanism
- Creating guide for sections how to draft proposal for microgranting, their implementation and reporting
- Guide for visibility of actions and microgranting
- Checklists for project implementation and reporting

Decision: Konstantine is tasked to present a draft of new procedures and guidelines on microgranting in an EB meeting in March.

18. Any other business

19. Closing of the meeting

CLOSING OF THE MEETING