

Young European Federalists

Executive Board Meeting

TIME 28.1.2026 at 7.30pm CET
PLACE Online: meet.google.com/ewi-hdsy-raa

INVITEES **Executive Board Members**
Debora Striani, Vice President
Nea-Maria Törmänen, Vice President
Anna van de Moosdijk, Treasurer
Achilles Tsirgis, Board Member
Dvir Ezra, Board Member
Konstantine Gagnidze, Board Member
Sara Rocchetto, Board Member
Christos Papagiannis, Secretary General

Observers

Nea-Bettina Baarman, Federal Committee Presidium
Nikos Chircop, Federal Committee Presidium
Valentin Petri, Federal Committee Presidium

Excused

Moritz Hergl, President

MEETING PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Opening of the meeting and confirmation of quorum

Proposal: The Second Vice-President opened the meeting and confirmed that it was quorate.

Decision: The Second Vice-President opened the meeting and confirmed that it was quorate. In the absence of the President, and as the First Vice-President was not available to chair the meeting, the Second Vice-President assumed the chair. The Executive Board voted on whether to proceed with the meeting under these circumstances. The Executive Board decided to proceed.

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 postponed for the next meeting.

Decision: Postponed

4. Contact Persons for the Code of Conduct introduce themselves

- Sorcha introduced herself to the quorum
- Gergana introduced herself to the quorum
- Discussion on the process of communicating the code of conduct contacts. Strict GDPR rules are followed –the only exemptions will be connected to major legal needs.
- Code of conduct is always the last resort. It's always important to resolve conflicts/issues proactively.

5. Secretary update

- Moving process has started
- Cash flow monitoring updated
- Inventory finished

6. Organisational update

- Update on the planning of FC Belgrade: Jan-Gert is working with JEF Serbia. The venue is secured. Beyond that point, the Draft agenda has started to be shaped with the presidium. Next milestones: accommodation.
- Update on funding for FC Athens: There is a possibility of securing a grant and it could be “projectified”.
- Fundraising event next week in the JEF Europe office: Main focus is promoting our office’s not needed material. The elements sold are what we want to not store anymore (furniture, old merch, etc.)
Promotion of the event: word of mouth, more a donation style event (but at a cost efficient way).
- Advocacy training with Julian, Who is joining? Moritz, Nea-Maria, Anna, Konstantine and Dvir will participate.

7. Project update

- CompletEU
JEF Belgium is organising a local activity for JEF Europe

6-8 March: event in Kyiv - 5 participants from JEF Europe (Moritz, Deborah, Nea, Konstantine and Ani)

Some partners owe money to each other. Problematic situation, during Summer an agreement was made that was not followed through with. Our responsibility is to cover the cost as project coordinator. We are talking about around 1000€.

- Go through all ongoing project applications and assign responsibilities: The responsibilities were assigned during the morning meeting there are already projects under development. The deadlines are approaching soon, so quick coordination is the key.
- ClimDM update from Nea: Found venue, accommodation but we are waiting for the EYF installment before proceeding. JEF Netherlands will support the event (program, networking, etc.). In the upcoming days the pool of trainers will be finalized.
- Capacity Building Seminar (Study Session EYF Budapest) update from Anna: receive all the financial guidelines, preparation. Lacking access to the financial part.

8. Treasurer update

- Membership fee: confirming if all the sections got it. Everyone will touch base with their sessions.
- Cash-flow monitoring has been covered.
- Merch: prices and way ahead: T-shirts, toad bugs, stickers etc. The old merch will also be included.
- Update on the finances: how EB's travels are possible before the confirmation if we have the OG. For the upcoming months EB's travel will be approved on a case by case basis, considering the tight situation. We might have the ability to approve ex-post reimbursements, but travel costs will be an individual risk each EB member decides for themselves. This is considered an internal policy until we have the OG news.

9. Advocacy update

9.1. Democracy under Pressure

- Update from the call with sections
- Planning for the DuP action paper (country reports)
- EP event (Youth Party Roundtable)
- The proposal preparation for the FCEB meeting is almost ready. The WG of Democracy under Pressure has the visual identity ready.

- Moritz and Debora are approaching the MEPs.
- Sara: A full infokit is being prepared and a ppt for the network.

9.2. Don'tTouchMySchengen

- Youth on Track coalition update, working together with T&E, Channel tunnel idea.
- An organisation approached the organization to participate within a project, which is something that JEF EU cannot -unfortunately- do. Nevertheless, JEF Belgium is eligible to participate and represent JEF Europe.

9.3. MFF advocacy

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- Next Meeting

9.4. Federalist Peace Forum

- Funding campaign started
- Youth Party Apéro still to work on
- It's important to promote (word of mouth) the fundraising campaign.

9.5. Enlargement

- If Europe was a country, need sections help on this. There is a contact with sections → We need to ask old EB for a briefing
- We could discuss the possibility of Balkan section (like Nordics) in the upcoming EB meeting.

9.6. Treaty Reform

→ Next Meeting

9.7. Fighting nationalism

- Call with the sections on Feb 2 on Ave Europa and other groups

9.8. Any other advocacy points

- German Secretary of State for European Affairs talked to Moritz and he expects a pitch on European military conscription cooperation (in cooperation with Mel & JEF Germany)
- Dvir spoke at the intergenerational dialogue as part of the Basel Peace Forum, and met potential partners from global federalist movements. Might be invited again in the summer.

- Trade: Mercosur, India, Australia Visa liberalisation, Geopolitics of this.
- Energy: Azerbaijan, Germany and Austria agreement on transit of energy. Article on Energy and Safety by Konstantine Gagnidze to come.
- WEF: People very worried about US. Carney and Macron speeches. Good point: not everyone against the International Rule-based order.

10. Section update

- JEF North Macedonia had its GA on Saturday January 24. Nea sent a video greeting.
- JEF Ukraine has a new board, Anna is still President, new IO is Tykon
- JEF Bulgaria has a new board, Achilles is meeting them next Friday

11. Other updates

- EU INC.: A single European Company Framework. We should keep this on the radar. Achilles will come with a proposal and he is open for collaboration.
- Konstantine: New law that if individuals get grants without government approval it will be 6 years of jail or a significant fine.
- Anna: Progressing on the Mercosur agreement (Co-shaping with Achilles).
- Achilles: consider both Mercosur and India Agreement as a common element + the discussions for a common market scheme with Australia.

DECISION ITEMS

12. Internal communication time expectations

Presenter: Nea

Proposal: Hold a discussion on the expectations on the internal communication and response timelines, and agree on guiding principles. Answer at least within a day, but if something it's not urgent within a few days - and always tag the person who is referenced.

Decision: Approved

Comments:

- Some decisions that are time-sensitive could be jeopardized if there isn't enough and timely communication.
- Tagging people works for most of the EB members.
- Sometimes following the exact timeline might be challenging.
- Statements and other decisions could be separated. This could be a dynamic situation.
- It's always important to proactively communicate what's ahead.

13. 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: Approved

14. Contact person for JEF Mediterranean

Presenter: Nea

Background: JEF Mediterranean is in the process of forming itself in the similar manner as Young Europeans in the Nordics and Baltics. Such a contact person was also granted to YENB when it was about to be founded.

Proposal: Appointment of a contact person to JEF Mediterranean. Nea is interested in becoming the contact person.

Decision: Approved → A contact person will be appointed and this is going to be Nea

CLOSING OF THE MEETING

15. Any other business

- N/A

16. Closing of the meeting