

Young European Federalists

Executive Board Meeting

DRAFT AGENDA

TIME 11.2.2026 at 7.30pm CET

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

INVITEES **Executive Board Members**

Moritz Hergl, President
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

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.

3. Minutes of the previous meetings

Proposal: The minutes of the previous meetings are approved after a written procedure on slack.

Decision: The minutes will be voted after 24h in Slack, Moritz will post.

4. Secretary update

- Moving the office

- Simone's contracts renewed &
- Julian's contract ended and all the bureaucratic procedures were finalized
- The updated ClimDim budget was approved and now we are waiting for the grant agreement + signatures and therefore 1st installment.
- We need to submit some corrected reports for the sga2025 evaluation (comments from Commission)
- Moved everything needed to the new offices on Monday
- On Thursday our historical archives will be transferred from Moritz and Christos to Bonn University

5. Organisational update

- FC Belgrade
 - Priority: reaching embassies for sponsorships
 - Sending invitations to sections
 - There is a draft agenda from the presidium
 - Discussion regarding the participation fee still isn't finalized
 - Nea: We need to update sections to confirm that FC in Belgrade is still happening in person.
 - Event production isn't progressing at the ideal pace → an update is needed by their side.
 - We need to finalize the allocation of the budget.
 - Timeline for updating FC members regarding reimbursements: without the update on the SGA2026 this isn't still possible.
 - Anna & Nikos: Would it be possible to preserve a solidarity fund option for a few individuals?
- FC Athens
 - There are numerous applications going on in order to support the FC in Athens (weak point: lack of experience to grant management)
 - Identify partners ASAP -this should have been better supported by the local section (message the IOs chat).
- Study session of EYF - Capacity Building seminar Budapest
 - Once someone is registered for the FC they will express if they want to participate in the CB seminar (the reason for this decision has to do with the fact that we will update the applicants 3 weeks before the seminar).

- Gathering as much info as possible. Jan-Gert & Moritz also participated in the coordination.
- Need to have a preparation meeting in-person with EYF for the Study Session.
- Theme of the study session: a broader CB session, but the application foresaw a specific theme which is currently under development.
- Presentation of our application:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qjS6KyJwdIkxbMvaXQMhB8MxzplhuA0-AbU7jgZopZo/edit?usp=drive_link
- Alumni contacts: email for former JEFers to spread the fundraising campaign
 - Nea will focus in the upcoming days on the fundraising campaign and the reconnection of the network.

6. Project update

- ClimDM
 - Booked venue (we'll pay a week before the event)
 - Sending confirmations for the applicants that were chosen
 - Nea will send the namelist for a quick confirmation
- Jean Monnet School of European History
 - 4 to 6 May at Bazoches, then 1 day in Paris
 - Utilize the funding for funding travel from non-EU countries
 - JEF could propose a speaker
- Current application processes
 - Financial and Economic Literacy Grant Application (Achilles)
 - Anna: we might need an organization to collaborate regarding training
 - Capacity-building applications (Konstantine) - deadline 12 Feb and March 5
 - CB Southern Mediterranean (Dvir) - Deadline end February
 - Need one extra partner that will strengthen the proposal even more
- [EU & AU grant](#) submitted and waiting for the results now.

7. Section update

- YENB had its Kalmar seminar last weekend, Nea was representing JEF Europe and participated in a panel discussion
- Nea & Moritz are going to have a meeting with Vesna

- JEF Bulgaria new board (Achilles)
 - They sent their details regarding their updated Board
 - Discussed ideas for co-funding activities
- JEF Montenegro (Achilles)
 - Achilles provided an update regarding the section

8. Treasurer update

- Merch update
 - Delegate to Simone the logistics
- Moritz and Anna continue with 4 themes for the fundraising strategy to be ready in March
- Anna is going to have an overview of the staff costs 2026
- Moritz and Christos had meetings with the Allianz Foundation in fundraising matters
- Payments of membership fees: contact persons need to reach out and remind sections
 - It's important to find ways to bypass the bank fees, the difficulties for non EU sections and the personal-bank accounts payments.
 - Ad hoc solutions could be utilized, but a long-term strategy should be designed.
 - Everyone will reach out to their sections to remind them of the membership fees.
- New Fundraising streams: Horizon Europe call of September 2026, Foundations (Jacques Delors Friends of Europe Foundation, P&V Foundation, Euractiv Foundation).
- Idea to create a research institute/ Think Tank together with UEF to get Horizon Funding.

9. Advocacy update

9.1. Democracy under Pressure

- Schedule a separate meeting with EB exclusively on DuP
- Motivate the sections to participate & be active. It's important for the sections to participate.
- Official presentation of the campaign to the sections was done
- Received feedback from the sections
- Sent an email with all the materials to the sections ([info kit](#) on visual design)

- Using the contact person system?
- [Google form](#) has been circulated and submitted by most sections.
- We should consider more MEPs for the activities

9.2. Don'tTouchMySchengen

9.3. MFF advocacy

9.4. Federalist Peace Forum

- Who will be there on March 2nd and 3rd?
- See here the [programme](#)
- Everything is progressing

9.5. Enlargement

9.6. Treaty Reform

- Supporting the new "[We are Europe](#)" initiative → demonstration in Berlin (asked for one in Brussels)
- Connected to Volt & S&D
- Moritz will have a meeting with them

9.7. Fighting nationalism

- [FedCroc](#) account is a new "unofficial" entry to the federalist e-family. It's a result of TF against nationalism collective work.

9.8. Any other advocacy points

- ECI and MVMC
- When the Peace Forum takes place the Commission is deciding for the "My Voice-My Choice" initiative.
- We could organize an activity with them.

10. Other updates

DECISION ITEMS

11. JEF Europe participation in the JEF Ukraine and Youth Council in Ukraine event

Presenter: Moritz

Background: Individual EB and FC members (Moritz, Debora, Nea, Konstantine, and Ani) were invited by JEF Ukraine and the Youth Council in Ukraine to participate in an event in Kyiv.

Notes: Everyone participating from the secretariat will take days off/recup days and won't be participating there under their employee hat, but only as individuals. We will also provide a discharge form for everyone participating.

Proposal: The EB asks everyone that accepts the invitation of JEF Ukraine to go to Kyiv to sign a waiver of liability with JEF Europe. There is no official JEF Europe participation, but it's a private mission.

Decision: Approved

12. JEF Europe's support for candidates running into positions in the UEF Congress

Presenter: Debora

Proposal: Support Christelle Savall, Xesc Mainzer and Kati Systä in their candidacies for directly-elected members of the Federal Committee of UEF.

Decision: Approved

13. Debate on statutory changes

Presenter: Moritz

Proposal: Given the difficult financial situation and the continuing challenges JEF Europe will face, hold a discussion on the need for statutory reform (as requested by the FC presidium), and connect it to the ongoing debate on membership fees; agree on a common position and our next moves.

Decision: Postponed → There is an ongoing debate regarding if it makes sense to regulate through statutes the membership fees, or keep the process outside the statutes for the sake of operational clarity and efficiency. A Working Group will be created in order to (Dvir, Nea, Anna and Achilles) discuss the matter and give a proposal to the EB.

14. Provisional fundraising strategy

Presenter: Moritz & Anna

Proposal: Agree on the overarching four themes to work further on the fundraising strategy: Democracy under Pressure, Federalism, Youth

Empowerment, Peace-Building. Agree to set up a Steady fundraising system and appoint a dedicated team.

Decision: Approved

15. Decision on the reimbursement of travels of EB members

Presenter: Moritz

Proposal: Agree that from now on, no travels of EB members can be reimbursed or covered by money from JEF Europe, unless a separate financing line exists. This decision is revisited once the decision on the Operating Grant (Erasmus+) has arrived, or when put on the agenda of an EB meeting by any EB member. This does not apply retroactively for previous reimbursable trips.

Decision: Approved

16. Decision on the statement proposed by JEF Finland

- Nea: It's important accepting the statement
- Achilles: we should add the resolutions utilized
- Moritz: Will propose some changes and then a discussion in slack could follow

Presenter: Moritz

CLOSING OF THE MEETING

17. Any other business

- Nea: EB meetings are time-consuming so we should restructure the process.

18. Closing of the meeting