

## Young European Federalists

### Executive Board Meeting

#### DRAFT AGENDA

**TIME** 11.3.2026 at 7.30 pm CET

**PLACE** Online: [meet.google.com/ewi-hdsy-raa](https://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**

Valentin Petri, Federal Committee Presidium

#### **Excused**

#### 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 meeting**

*Proposal:* The minutes of the previous meetings are approved.

**Decision:** Minutes OF 25.02 are approved and 11.02 need to be reviewed by Christos and then they will be approved by the board through Slack.

#### UPDATE ITEMS – PART I

##### **4. Communication corner**

*Presenter: Sara*

- Priorities for the next 2 weeks
  - DuP campaign
  - ClimDM is the priority for this week
  - SoMe remain the main priority
- How do we handle the preview of reels
- How do we decide on collabs?
  
- Needs for publication:
  - Sara: we needed to have a wrap up regarding FPF - we have a lot of content
  - Moritz: Let's wait until ClimDim is over and then follow up with the FPF
  - Dvir: Agrees with Moritz regarding FPF urgency
  - Sara: We need to contextualize everything -many people don't know our priorities etc.
  - Sara: In many cases, collabs with sections in SoMe can be tricky because of different language usage. So, it's important to internally coordinate.
  - It's also important to control the narrative and we post content from our projects timely, because then we risk losing the "ownership" of the content we produce.
  
- Sara: suggests to create some examples of how involving people in our posts could happen

*Presenter: Moritz*

- Comms Group on WhatsApp - discussion
  - There is a chat group which is open to anyone -but we should evaluate if this is the proper comm channel.
  - Nea: We should be more persistent on how we operate when it comes to internal communication. The major difficulty is that whatsapp groups are not accessible easily (without invitation) so it's better to keep slack as a group-communication channel.
  - Debora: Whatsapp has been helpful when it comes to efficiency for minor time-sensitive issues that may arise.
  - Nea: When information becomes fragmented, then participation and coordination becomes more difficult

long-term. It could be an ad hoc exemption, but we should not transition into another platform without prior discussion.

- Sara: she would be available to be in charge of keeping everyone informed

*Presenter: Deb*

- How do we make our communication more political?
  - Every section will send a video periodically (DuP)
- How can we increase the presence of the EB/FC member in the feed
  - We need to present more the people involved in JEF -the Ukraine case is a good example on how we can include more JEFers in the content of our SoMe.
- Suggestion: build a calendar of posts so we can also design beforehand this process
- Who is controlling the DuP account?
- Moritz: access to the account can be found to the admin sheet

*Presenter: Anna*

- In favor of incorporating people, but not in collective projects -the "ownership" should feel collective when many people are involved.

Konstantine

- Grants Lab and Ways of Europe: They will be needs for some project-related posts. Already working with the secretariat on reporting.
- **Collabs:** A discussion between the EB members could happen in the upcoming days.
- New signatures: Teresa will send to everyone their updated signatures
- Business cards: Moritz will send to Christos EB's needs and Christos will coordinate with Teresa

## 5. Secretary update

- Moving updates
  - 5 new keys for the new office
  - We need one small table
  - Transfer of a few remaining things to the storage space
- ClimDM payment received

- Internal changes
- 4 activities should remain in the 80% that we receive as pre-payments
- Structural grants agreement will be received in the coming days
- Reporting processes
  - Waiting for sections on the reporting for the NextGenJEF (last point)
  - SGA from 2025: this would mean extra 60.000€
  - Deduction of 1.100€ as some costs were higher and were done before the reporting
  - WP 2025: RAISE 1 - Christos will start on that
- Christos can join the EYF learning days tomorrow
- When we receive the SGA, we need to make an overview over the KPIs
- Connect statutory meetings b2b

## 6. Organisational update

- Project updates: are found in the project meeting minutes (provided on Wednesday) and further updates are followed up on Slack (General) in the to save time in this meeting
- Konstantine: Consortium meeting Ways of Europe → the current WPs are finished. We went through WP (we are not participating in the upcoming two, but WP9 and WP10 we are participating. Those WPs are team meetings to plan the final local actions and events. So, during June there will be two mobility activities in Turin and Rome. We need one person that will represent JEF there (probably Konstantine or Debora). WP11 is local actions with sections, so we will call local and national sections to organize events. The last WP is a closing event in Brussels and we need to send 30 people. Next week a meeting with Diletta will take place.
- Moritz: The event in Brussels could be connected to an EB meeting.
- Konstantine: It can happen, but the EB should actively participate in the WP implementation.
- Minute-keeping practices: should we leave the proposals to the minutes to be transparent of the course of the conversation. There are several changes in the proposals after the discussion and then they are approved, which doesn't seem as the optimum way. This doesn't provide a realistic image of the meeting process.
- Updated email signatures and business cards

## 7. Treasurer update

- We received from the big sections membership fees
- Christos: Suggestion for future support → establish a Friends of JEF Network & Mobilize the members of sections for the donation campaign
- Nea: In the past Friends network wasn't very active –so it will be kind of difficult in the future.

### DECISION ITEMS

## 8. WhatsApp group for ad hoc coordination for Social Media

*Presenter:* Moritz

*Proposal:* A WhatsApp chat is created with Sara, Debora, Teresa and Moritz to coordinate ad hoc social media needs. This chat is open to everyone who wants to join and Sara will give summaries of important discussions in Slack.

**Decision:** Approved

## 9. Organising Team for the Study Session in Budapest

*Presenter:* Anna

*Background:* Following a preparatory meeting with the EYF in Budapest, with Anna, Nea, Jan-Gert and Teresa present, a revised list of responsibilities has been established, which differs in part from previous commitments. The tricky part is that the session is happening right after the FC and lasts until the end of the week. Jan-Gert, Teresa, Nea, Moritz, Debora and will be the core team and the lecturers will be Benedetta, Laura, Cyprien and Anna.

*Proposal:* Decide which three people will join Jan-Gert and Teresa as the core organising team and which others people for external lecturer for the Study Session in Budapest, and agree on the division of responsibilities accordingly.

*Final Proposal:* Decide that Jan-Gert and Teresa are accompanied by Moritz, Debora and Nea as the core organising team and as external lecturers Laura, Cyprien (FC) and Benedetta (Pool of trainers) and Anna for the Study Session in Budapest, and agree on the division of responsibilities accordingly.

**Decision:** Approval with one abstention

## 10. Guidelines on event decisions

*Presenter:* Moritz

*Proposal:* Decide on the level of autonomy individual Executive Board members have in determining the following aspects of events, and the circumstances under which a decision requires the full Executive Board: selection of trainers, composition of the organising team, setting of the topic, and selection of participants. Appoint a third person to draft a common proposal together with the Presidency following the debate.

*Comments:*

- Anna: It's important to always have a non-discrimination rule. Rules apply to everyone in the same way.
- Konstantine: Autonomy is important because decisions in many cases need to be taken timely -especially regarding projects.
- Moritz: We don't always have to go through formal processes, some issues can be resolved through informal person-to-person communications.
- Nea: Some items can happen through slack person-to-person comms. Sometimes a complex process can become a micromanagement problem. Especially, logistics don't need to be analytically presented and discussed.
- Debora: It's not fair to say that one person will just check. The important thing is just to keep everyone updated, so we check the waters and if something important triggers reactions it could be discussed more thoroughly. Mainly everything connected to political representation should be discussed. If in 24h no concern is raised a topic can be considered collectively accepted.
- Dvir: We should have an HR process -not something sophisticated- so we can objectively discuss and evaluate collectively.
- Nea: Waiting 24h after sharing a decision is the same as an approval process.

*Final Proposal:* Dvir and Moritz will draft short guidelines based on the comments collected and they will share them before next week to everyone.

**Decision:** Approval

## 11. YFJ General Assembly: Candidates for Elected Positions

*Presenter:* Moritz

*Proposal:* Debora send a call to JEF sections and the DEFC to identify candidates from the JEF network for elected positions at the YFJ General Assembly. It will happen in Tromsø (Norway) during May. The deadline for candidacies is 25th of March.

*Final Proposal:* A task force will prepare the process (Debora, Nea Konstantine and Moritz) by sending a call to JEF members via email and then organizing an interview phase to select the most suitable candidate (Sunday 15.03.2026). Debora will be leading the coordination.

**Decision:** Approval

## 12. YFJ General Assembly: EB Representatives

*Presenter:* Debora

*Background:* JEF Europe is entitled to two representatives at the YFJ General Assembly, taking place 7–9 May in Tromsø. Tickets need to be booked shortly.

*Proposal:* Approve Moritz and Debora (tbc) as JEF Europe's representatives at the YFJ General Assembly in Tromsø.

*Comments:*

*Final Proposal:*

**Decision:** Postpone the decision until more information is available.

## 13. European School on Memories: Participant Selection

*Presenter:* Debora

*Proposal:* Authorise Debora to lead the selection of 8 JEF participants from the application form, and decide whether a second Executive Board member will be involved in the selection process.

*Comments:*

*Final Proposal:* Monday after Barcelona Congress Debora will lead the selection of 8 JEF participants from the application form, and decide whether a second Executive Board member will be involved in the selection process.

**Decision:** Approval

## 14. FC Belgrade Invitation

*Presenter:* Moritz & Christos

*Proposal:* Authorise Christos to send the FC Belgrade invitation to the JEF network without delay.

*Comments:*

- Nea it's important that information -like price- is provided.

*Final Proposal:*

**Decision:** Approval

## 15. Nikos' resignation and next steps

*Presenter:* Moritz

*Proposal:* Request the remaining FC Presidium to convene a meeting with all DEFC members as soon as possible to nominate a candidate to be put forward for election as FC Presidium member at the FC in Belgrade.

*Comments:*

- Valentin: A date isn't announced yet, but they will proceed in the next two weeks. But according to the statutes there is no need to nominate the candidate in advance. It's important to know if someone is running and have at least one person willing to run for this position.
- Debora: There might be some interest regarding this position.
- Nea: This is not a common situation, but normally conversations take place among the FC members before forming a proposal regarding the position.
- Anna: every FC member should be voted in the Congress and the Presidium members should be people with Congress legitimacy.
- Nea: EB should be sensitive with its approach -just suggest.

*Final Proposal:*

**Decision:** It's not the EB's role to have a decision for this matter

## 16. Spring 2027 FC: Call for Host Sections

*Presenter:* Moritz

*Proposal:* Appoint a responsible person to draft clear financial guidelines for sections interested in hosting the Spring 2027 FC, and decide on a deadline for their completion. Authorise Moritz to coordinate this with Anna and Nea to send a call to sections for Spring 2027 FC applications once the guidelines are in place.

*Comments:*

- Moritz: There are many sections interested

*Final Proposal:*

**Decision:** Approval

## 17. Amendment Plugin and Training for the DEFC

*Presenter:* Nea

*Proposal:* Authorise the Secretariat to provide DEFC members with admin access to the amendment plugin by Friday. Appoint Nea with the help of the Secretariat to organise a training on the use of the plugin for the DEFC.

*Comments:*

- Nea & Moritz: Don;t have the plugin in the invitation.
- After Teresa is back from sick leave we must coordinate on activating the plugin

- It would be important to have next week a date for the plugin training.

*Final Proposal:*

**Decision:** Authorise the Secretariat to provide DEFC members with admin access to the amendment plugin. Appoint Nea with the help of the Secretariat to organise a training on the use of the plugin for the DEFC.

## 18. **JEF delegation to UEF Congress in Barcelona - [APPENDIX 1](#)**

*Presenter:* Debora

*Proposal:* Approve the updated list of JEF delegates at the UEF Congress in Barcelona and JEF nominated members in the UEF FC. Approve the updated list of the DEFC UEF candidates supported by JEF Europe.

*Comments:*

- Debora: Two seats more in the FC and three seats more in the delegates. Keep the one voted in the Congress, but add Federico and Sara because they will already be in Barcelona
- Nea: Was an invitation shared with the network?.
- Debora: It's a matter that is connected to the EB and also the number of people available was made known two days ago. Therefore, a more informal process took place.
- Nea: Since this is something that normally Congress decides, what gives the EB this ability?
- Debora: The Congress gives to the EB the right to find people and this is aligned with the practice that happened before -Christelle confirmed this.
- Debora: This is a list for nominated members -it depends on how many people will be elected to the UEF DEFC.

*Final Proposal:* Approve the [updated list \(APPENDIX 3\)](#) of JEF delegates at the UEF Congress in Barcelona and JEF nominated members in the UEF FC.

**Decision:** Approval

## 19. **Support for Antonio Argenziano for EB at the Congress in Barcelona**

*Proposal:* EB supports the candidacy of Antonio Argenziano for reelection in the EB of UEF at the Congress.

*Comments:*

*Final Proposal:*

**Decision:** Approval

## 20. **Joint Declaration of UEF and JEF Europe for Stronger Partnership for the European and World Federation ([document](#))**

*Presenter:* Moritz

*Proposal:* Friday morning 10am is set as a deadline to receive comments and feedback from the side of the EB. Moritz will then negotiate the changes with Domenec.

*Comments:*

*Final Proposal:* Friday morning 10am is set as a deadline to receive comments and feedback from the side of the EB. Moritz and Debora will then negotiate the changes with Domenec.

**Decision:** Approval

## 21. **WhatsApp Community Moderator Group - [APPENDIX 2](#)**

*Presenter:* Nea

*Proposal:* Approve the updated WhatsApp Community guidelines. Approve the following proposed composition of the moderator group, subject to confirmation of availability: Achilles (EB), Valentin (FC), Lisa (FC), and Benedikte (community member). Authorise Nea to invite the proposed members and to identify replacements for any who are unavailable.

*Comments:*

- *Achilles:* There are time-constraints because of the different time-zone, but if this doesn't cause any issues then it's totally fine. Would like to avoid the politically salient groups.
- *Nea:* There are a lot of discussions going on in late hours, so this might be proven beneficial. But the goal it's not to have people constantly aware, but mainly being available if an issue arises.
- *Dvir:* People outside of the EB will have some powers that they might should not hold.
- *Valentin:* When it comes to drastic decisions (kicking someone permanently out of a discussion) would definitely need the involvement of the EB.
- *Dvir:* Agrees on Valentin's point and also suggests providing the option to dispute a decision.
- *Achilles:* Agrees that in extreme cases of permanent banning, the EB should review the decision

*Final Proposal:* Approve the updated WhatsApp Community guidelines. Approve the following proposed composition of the moderator group, subject to confirmation of availability: Achilles (EB), Valentin (FC), Lisa (FC), and Benedikte (community member). Authorise Nea to invite the proposed members and to identify replacements for any who are unavailable. In extreme cases of permanent banning, the EB should review the decision.

**Decision:** Approval – Wording will be reframed and aligned with the spirit of the conversion happened

## 22. **Open Letter to the Cyprus Presidency on Implementation of European Court Judgments - [APPENDIX 3](#)**

*Presenter:* Moritz

*Proposal:* Authorise the President to sign the open letter addressed to the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU, calling for stronger political prioritisation of the implementation of CJEU and ECtHR rule of law judgments by Member States.

*Comments:*

*Final Proposal:*

**Decision:** Approval

## 23. **EYF Applications: Division of Responsibilities ([link](#))**

*Presenter:* Moritz

*Background:* New EYF calls are open with a submission deadline of 1 April. Applications are to be submitted for both the one-off youth cooperation call and the long-term call.

*Proposal:* Appoint a responsible person to lead the EYF applications and coordinate with sections to develop one application per call.

*Comments:*

*Final Proposal:* Appoint Moritz to lead the EYF applications and coordinate with EB members to develop one application per call and have a brainstorming meeting.

**Decision:** Approval

## 24. **Organisation of EB/FC in-person meeting**

*Presenter:* Nea

*Proposal:* Decide to arrange the EB/FC meeting in May or June. Authorize Nea to handle the logistical organisations, including mapping the best date. Nea will propose an agenda for the EB in a further meeting.

*Comments:*

- *Konstantine:* It will be important to be involved in the whole process and planning.
- *Christos:* Suggestion to organize the meeting after the June Online Congress
- *Moritz:* Include Christos in order to monitor the budget situation.
- *Nea:* Discuss more analytically with Konstantine and Christos possible date blocks

*Final Proposal:* Decide to arrange the EB/FC meeting in May or June. Authorize Nea to handle the logistical organisations, including mapping the best date, in coordination with Konstantine and Christos. Nea will propose an agenda for the EB in a further meeting.

**Decision:** Approval

## 25. Statement on escalation in the Middle East

*Presenter:* Dvir

*Proposal:* Approval of the statement.

*Comments:*

- *Dvir:* If someone has any suggestions they can be incorporated
- *Moritz:* Probably give an extension until tomorrow afternoon

*Final Proposal:*

**Decision:** Postponed

## 26. UN Charter Renewal: Article 109 Coalition - [APPENDIX 4](#)

*Presenter:* Dvir

*Proposal:* Approval of the Endorsement of the call to renew the UN charter by art. 109 and authorize Dvir to initiate partnership with the art. 109 coalition on behalf of JEF Europe.

*Comments:*

*Final Proposal:*

**Decision:** Approval

## 27. Supporting young people's critical thinking in a digital age event by CoE on [21-23 April 2026 in Timisoara in Romania](#)

*Presenter:* Moritz

We were invited to send one person to participate.

*Proposal:* xx will participate on behalf of JEF Europe.

*Comments:*

- *Konstantine* is interested for this event

*Final Proposal:* Konstantine will participate on behalf of JEF Europe.

**Decision:** Approval

## 28. Defence portfolio

*Presenter:* Debora

Debora checked the defense portfolio and there is a need to strengthen JEF's presence by delegating this to an EB member being available.

*Proposal:* The defence portfolio will go to xx.

*Comments:*

- *Achilles: As long as the economics portfolio is not at the epicenter he would be interested.*

*Final Proposal:* Achilles will be in charge of the Defense portfolio.

**Decision:** Approval

UPDATE ITEMS - PART II

## **29. Advocacy update**

### **29.1. Democracy under Pressure**

- Event in Barcelona 22nd of March -there is a coordination group with Laura from JEF Barcelona. There is an effort to manage to submit to the authorities a request to organize a march.
- Event in the EP 25th of march; we are waiting for some answers (Federation of Young European Greens will be represented, the same for the Young European Liberals). Party youth-wings will send representation. Waiting confirmation from Belarusian activists. When everything is finalized a post will happen 10 days before the event.
- Update from EB member about DuP sections event
  - Debora: if some push is needed she is available to support
  - Sara: a post will be made for the 20 years of the campaign. This week it's important to finalize the historical background of the campaign.
- DuP week - communication

### **29.2. Don'tTouchMySchengen**

- Not many major developments

### **29.3. MFF advocacy**

- Not many urgent developments

### **29.4. Federalist Peace Forum**

- Debora: received some feedback from people wanted to know more about the budgeting
- Dvir and Federico organized a call to provide details
- Dvir: the most important next step is funding.

### **29.5. Enlargement**

- Anna: It's important to have a conversation regarding Iceland -considering the extraordinary circumstances.

### **29.6. Treaty Reform**

- Not many urgent developments

### **29.7. Fighting nationalism**

- Moritz will discuss with Cyprien on upcoming developments

### **29.8. Any other advocacy points**

- Cooperation meeting with the Director-General of Communication of the EP
- Organize proactively everything so there is significant participation for the Ventotene seminar

## **30. Section update**

- Moritz, Debora, Kote, Visvaldis (FC) and Ani (FC) visited JEF Ukraine's event in Kyiv
- Agreed with Ukrainian Youth Foundation to apply for youth cooperation at EYF in June
- JEF Moldova wants to write a project together: scaleDEm
- Dvir had a first meeting with JEF Switzerland → one of the two co-presidents quit. They have some interesting plans coming.

## **31. Other updates**

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## CLOSING OF THE MEETING

## **32. Any other business**

- JEF Magazines resolution (Dvir) → It's lapsing so it's important to send the resolution until 19th of March.
- Valentin: Resolution lapsing are automatically submitted -but this is not a binding interpretation
- Dvir: It's not so clear for him either

## **33. Closing of the meeting**

