Young European Federalists

Executive Board Meeting
DRAFT AGENDA

TIME	25.3.2026 8.15 pm 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
Dvir Ezra, Board Member
Konstantine Gagnidze, Board Member
Sara Rocchetto, Board Member
Christos Papagiannis, Secretary General

Observers
Nea-Bettina Baarman, Federal Committee Presidium

Excused
Achilles Tsirgis, 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 & APPENDIX 2**
Proposal: The minutes of the previous meetings are approved.
Decision: Approved
DECISION ITEMS

4. Guidelines on Event Decisions – APPENDIX 3

Presenter: Moritz

Proposal: Approve the guidelines on event decision-making as drafted by Dvir and Moritz and based on the appendix, and decide on any amendments ahead of their entry into force.

Comments:

- XX: it was mainly XX work so he can introduce the matter
- XX: The logic was to suggest something clear enough that it is easy to follow but no so specific that becomes annoying and extremely typical
- XX: It concerns EB members' responsibilities when they are organizing events. A concept note that is shared with EB members so everyone is informed. And it's important to have 24h space for EB to comment before making any decision. This doesn't mean that there is a veto right. Additionally, the concept note should have a budget. When there are changes in the budget >500 EUR. again 24h margin for comments should exist. Also, regarding hire decisions (trainers & employees) we should take into consideration the pool of trainers and consider transparency measures. It's important to formalize how we choose participants. Not all of the selections should be approved by the EB, but when a selection procedure is ongoing the Sec. Gen should pick 3 random EB members and within 24h they will take a majority decision. The idea is not to control anyone, but guarantee we are more transparent internally.
- XX: Highly in favor of such a document. Some tweaks should be considered: understand the hiring and participation part, but logistics (eg the city) why are they so necessary? If we go in too detail it's too constraining and probably not so necessary.
- XX: It's important to avoid numerous approval procedures, so the concept note should have all the essential details gathered so a unique approval is needed. If there are other financial guidelines we can align with them. Regarding personal relationships this is something that can be a matter of deep debate, so it's up to anyone's personal understanding to indicate when someone is a person that their relationship extends beyond JEF.
- XX: There are not specific financial guidelines for those cases.
- XX: We need to integrate one thing and this is project and partner constraints. Especially, when it comes to the financier we cannot implement our own rules without aligning. In the participants' selection procedure adding people from the secretariat might

already work (example: Federalist Leadership Study Session where the selection happened in collaboration with Jan-Gert and Teresa).

- XX: Should we vote on it a different time or we can implement the changes now?
- XX: This can happen now
- XX: 3 EB members are in the selection committee and a member can be replaced by a secretariat member.
- XX: We could postpone voting because this needs through examination.
- Suggestion by XX: We can postpone until the next meeting

Decision: Postponed until the next EB meeting

5. Financial Guidelines for Hosting Statutory Events

Presenter. Anna
Proposal: Approve the financial guidelines for sections hosting statutory events, as per the appendix.
Comments:

- XX: There is a need to implement more clear and concrete standards regarding the sections' guidelines. The goal is not to implement just extra layers of control, but a feeling of collective responsibility. It's important to avoid a situation where JEF Europe ends up in a financial dead end, because it's the collective body of the national sections. Therefore their participation in the collective responsibility of the organization is crucial.
- XX: Reflecting on the guidelines. There are some negative aspects, but also some very beneficial. Due to the challenges JEF Europe is facing there is a necessity to include the sections in sharing some of the financial responsibilities. Nevertheless, a big question is *"what happens when a section cannot host a statutory event?".* So it's essential to have some planning for this kind of situations.
- XX: Fully supports the rationale of this draft, but it's important to analyze more thoroughly the decision regarding nominal numbers projected in this guideline -so it's better to use percentages (%) rather than nominal numbers when it comes to contributions.
- XX: What XX and XX makes sense. This has also been discussed with XX. Since there are some people absent it would be important to collect their reflections. We need a consensus and clarity of what we are expecting so our members from national sections know exactly what they should deliver.

- XX: Having a % makes sense, but we can have an Annex of previous budgets so our sections have an idea of nominal values. We should add an article in case someone doesn't want to submit a candidacy and from JEF Europe's side this FC could be held online (it has happened in the past). The goal is not to scare sections but implement in practice our vision about clarity and "rule of law". Rules are not there to constrain us, but to safeguard that everyone implements their responsibilities. Additionally, those guidelines will not apply to FC in Athens but it will become effective in the future FCs after this.
- XX: We should also consider the possibility of a section submitting an application that deviates lightly from the guidelines. So, in those cases we should have a sensible flexibility.
- XX: We cannot approve it today, because we need Christos' and Jan Gert's input -there are not just financial constraints but also logistical. Proposal: we agree on the basis of the document and assign it to a team to finalize the details of the document.
- XX: This is something that needs the sections' consensus so we need to have a call with them and afterwards present it to the FC so it gets legitimacy from most of the sections.
- *Suggestion by* XX: Appoint XX and XX to finalize a proposal based on the current document for financial guidelines for sections hosting statutory events, and submit it on behalf of the EB to the FC.
- XX: If we want to have a call with sections in order to make amendments it needs to happen until next week. This can be an ad hoc meeting or we can provide some time for them to examine and they will make their comments when it's time for the official amendments.
- XX: This could be up to the two people in charge for finalizing the proposed draft (XX & XX)

Proposal: Appoint Nea and Anna to finalize a proposal based on the current document for financial guidelines for sections hosting statutory events, and submit it on behalf of the EB to the FC.
Decision: Approved

6. FC Athens Provisional Budget

Presenter: Nea

Proposal: Approve a provisional spending limit of 4,000€ as JEF Europe's contribution to FC Athens, and authorise the Secretariat and Nea to initiate pre-payments to providers within this limit.
Comments:

- XX: We had a meeting with Christos and he suggested that the hard limit we can offer considering the SGA limits
- XX: As discussed in the presidency meeting it's important to always try to avoid paying this amount as the current SGA isn't sufficient for the whole year's budget at the moment -without other funding streams.
- XX: If JEF Greece wins the grants we are expecting decisions they will return JEF Europe's contribution.
- XX: We could still have a discussion before making pre-payments to providers.
- XX: We could decide on providing this preapproval on making pre-payments.
- XX: Hostels is a cost we should save for reaching out to donors, because experience shows that this is something that donors prefer to handle themselves.
- XX: JEF Greece is worried about not being able to book a decent hostel if we wait for a long time.
- XX: According to my experience it's important to cover the hostel/hotel costs at the end of the available timeframe. It might sound a bit unorthodox but in most events major last-minute changes happen.
- XX: With this vote we don't lock in the date of decisions, but mainly the upper limit of JEF Europe's contribution.

Decision: Approved

7. FC Athens Dates

Presenter: Nea
Proposal: Approve 30 October–1 November 2026 as the dates for FC Athens, to be officially announced at the Spring FC in Belgrade.
Comments:

- XX: We need to announce the days of FC Athens during FC Belgrade, so we need to internally decide early enough for this suggestion. There is a concrete rationale regarding national strikes during other days, so we can accept the weekend JEF Greece asked for.

- XX: Since it's holiday the flights might cost more. Especially regarding the hostel. We can organize a DuP Halloween party.

Decision: Approved

8. Online Congress Date

Presenter: Nea
Proposal: Approve 18 June 2026 at 6.30 pm CET as the time for Online Congress.
Comments:

- XX: This is a result of a discussion we had with Christos and the idea is to provide sufficient time after the FCEB meeting.

Decision: Approved

9. Online Congress 2026: Presidium Nominations

Presenter: Nea
Proposal: Approve the following list of candidates to be approached for the five-member Presidium of the Online Congress 2026: Christelle Savall, Antonio Argenziano, Leonie Martin, Nikos Chircop, Jana Gleim, Kati Systä, Knut André Sande, Flavia Sandu, Maija Maunu, and Juuso Järviniemi. Authorise Nea to contact the candidates and compile a final list of five names to be submitted to the FC in Belgrade for approval. If there are not enough candidates we can revisit the list.
Decision: Approved

10. Council of Europe Study Session 2027: Application Strategy with GCE

Presenter: Nea
Background: The application deadline is 15 April.
Proposal: Decide whether JEF Europe will submit a joint application for the 2027 Council of Europe Study Session on the topic of depolarization together with GCE, or submit an independent application.
Comments:

- XX: Worked on an application regarding Federalist Peace Forum and due to the inability to submit again the application this happened with JEF Germany -at the end because JEF Germany wasn't eligible the application was excluded. Are we sure that there is not going to be a case of us being excluded?
- XX: It's good to move with GCE, but now we have another element of information if the application won't pass, it could be nice to organize a study session/capacity building for JEF Europe during Autumn.

- XX: It's true we faced this difficulty. Nevertheless, we could apply for both and might get the one.
- XX: Depolarization means public debate or climate issues? If this is connected to freedom of speech and democracy it could be linked with DuP and its themes for this year (disinformation & propaganda).
- XX: We could have a double impact with one application.
- XX: The way it was perceived is that they speak about political and civic conversation in general. They want to link climate as well, but this is not the only theme. So it could be a combination of climate topics and DuP aspects. It's more of a broader theme, so it is doable. Also, it's important to note that they are open to discuss. Regarding XX's information this wasn't known before, so it could be an option.
- XX: We should focus on CB and if this call may not be fitting for this kind of events, it's important to strategize for more CBs in the future.
- XX: The goal is to maximize the chances, so we could provide space for suggestions. The unique aspect of this application is that it covers flights. Additionally, it will have a CB character. It might not be the standard JEF CB, but it will have some elements.
- XX: Depolarization isn't necessarily linked to climate but we can keep the climate if it's part of the proposal.

New Proposal: Decide that JEF Europe will submit a joint application for the 2027 Council of Europe spring Study Session on the topic of depolarization together with GCE, and consider the existing FPF CB application for the round for fall 2027.
Decision: Approved

11. Decision on the ratification of votes taken outside of EB meetings
Presenter: Konstantine
Proposal: Agree that decisions on statements, nominations and other executive decisions made outside of EB meetings must be formalised at the next EB meeting, acknowledging the results of the votes which took place outside of EB meetings.
Comments:

- This point came as a result of the discussion for the no12 decision-item, so it doesn't reflect chronological order of discussion, but chronological order of the decision.

Decision: Approved

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12. Ratification of the Online Decision on the Iran Statement

Presenter: Dvir
Proposal: Approve the Iran Statement to be published as per the online vote that took place on 18.3.2026.
Comments:
- XX: We should acknowledge the vote in the messaging apps, but we cannot use it in a procedure that has legal gravity. This is more of a promise between us.
- XX: We can include the acknowledgement of the vote in the messaging apps. It's important to show that we acknowledge decisions in messaging apps as binding, because otherwise they will seem like not-binding and therefore not-official decisions.
- XX: Change the points so we don't ratify right now but we can decide on ratifying in the future. So we can add a point, so we approve a process of ratification.
- XX: Strongly disagrees about this point because we might need to postpone decisions already being implemented.
- XX: The proposal it's not to postpone decisions like the Iran statement and Reini's application, but to have a formal procedure.
- XX: The no11 it's not needed at all, because it's basic NGO governance processes. We can proceed with this, but we need to ratify immediately the decisions that are time-sensitive.

Decision: Approved with one abstention

13. Ratification of the YFJ Candidate Nominee

Presenter: Debora
Proposal: Approve the YFJ candidate nomination to Reinis Giļs as per the online vote that took place on 22.-23.3.2026.
Decision: Approved with two abstentions

14. 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 sending Reinis Giļs and Debora Striani as JEF Europe's representatives at the YFJ General Assembly in Tromsø.
Comments:

- XX: In the previous meeting it was discussed and decided that XX + XX or the candidate JEF nominated would go.
- XX: YFJ will reimburse tickets booked within a tight deadline.
- XX: How many people will be elected in the position Reinis is competing for?
- XX: In the previous meeting the item was postponed and not approved. So in the future in time-sensitive items we should be able to decide earlier.
- XX: Let's have a discussion about the strategy after the EB meeting.

Decision: Approved

15. GCE Board Representative: Call for Candidates

Presenter: Nea
Background: The GCE General Assembly, at which a JEF Europe representative to the GCE Board will be elected, takes place on 13 June.
Proposal: Authorise Nea to approach Aitana to confirm her availability to stand as JEF Europe's candidate for the GCE Board at the General Assembly..
Final proposal: Authorise Nea to approach Aitana to confirm her availability to stand as JEF Europe's candidate for the GCE Board at the General Assembly. If Aitana accepts she will be automatically nominated.
Comments:

- XX: Aitana has experience because when the previous board member resigned she took over. A conversation with her is important, but everyone was happy with her work.

Decision: Approved

16. Waves of Europe - CERV

Presenter: Konstantine
Background: We were offered to join the third edition of the CERV project, the continuation of Ways of Europe.
Proposal: To join the consortium as a partner.
Comments:

- XX: What's the status of the second edition of this project?
- XX: JEF Spain is waiting for XX answer regarding the 2nd installment. Tomorrow by email they will be updated.
- XX: There will be no CERV application during the Spring because of the already heavy workload.

Decision: Approved

17. Approval to submit the internal resolution "[On the management of the multilingual JEF web magazine]"

Responsible: Dvir

Proposal: Authorize Dvir to submit the proposal on the lapsing resolution on behalf of the EB to the FC.

Decision: Approved

UPDATES

18. Secretary update

- Finished the transfer into the new office
- Resolved the issue with the printer
- Our insurance against accidents for employees needs to be renewed
- There is a technical matter in the SGA's SYGMA (Eu Funding tenders portal, but the project coordinators suggested we proceed with everything despite this)
- They made some mistakes when it comes to the files they asked us to upload and gave updated guidelines today afternoon, so i will need to focus on that tomorrow morning (deadline day)
- Discussed with the secretariat about the meeting between EB-secretariat we are orientating on organizing the meeting after 18:00 on a working day. Does this work?
- We got Monday.com and the NGO package
- We haven't access to the amendments plugin. Teresa initially had access but then she lost it. We have sent an email to their support, but until they clarify to us what's going on we cannot do anything. We also approached Julian who was the person in charge of this before and he informed us that when he is available he will send us his credentials.
- Registration process with Moniteur Belge
    - Address needs to be updated, Elsa can potentially help
    - No final date yet

19. Organisational update

Task the Secretariat to create a list of all rules that the EB gave itself

- Dvir: We could create a registry of important procedure decisions we have taken so the future EB members know how to navigate quickly in some areas that the EB already faced.
- Moritz check with Secretariat who can do that

20. Section update

- XX will have the GA on Sunday and then Nea will send congratulations to them.
- Email from Vesna about the day they will announce the sentences of the Vesna prisoners and it will be April 8th. They asked a joint communication campaign about it. The prosecution is asking for punishments up to 30 years.
- Turn this into a statement
- XX: do they expect from us anything more than communications
- Send the statement to Spinelli group when done

21. Project update

- Jean Monnet is going well, but the Spinelli Institute isn't sending speakers and also sends participants of low profile (they are not supporting sufficiently).
- Call with Jan Gert and Teresa to update them about everything. Everyone is invited to the call on Friday at 15:00.

22. Treasurer update

- We received the payments from JEF Germany & some smaller sections. Most of the sections haven't paid yet. A reminder will be sent because the official deadline is next week. It's important that the largest sections have paid their fees.
- Pierre is insisting on meeting with Anna about things that they are not clear about. A meeting was organized with the other auditors.
- Yesterday an HR discussion was done connecting this with the financial capacity of JEF.
- Financial diversification is important, but now it's a priority to go step-by-step.

Comments:

- XX: We should have a prepayment process for events and a process should be developed.
- Moritz and Christos will have a discussion on Thursday 26th of March.

23. Advocacy update

23.1. Democracy under Pressure

- Videos of EB members coming in the next weeks
- Young EPP did not attend the event today
  - Aim: having a joint document
- Connect the fight with all the youth wings of democratic parties (Young EPP might participate in the discussion)
- Overall the assessment about the event is positive.
- JEF reports from countries pending
- DuP awards: Deb will make a proposal

23.2. Don’tTouchMySchengen

- Strategy meeting with trinational JEF Oberrhein group
  - Moritz will arrange a meeting with them
  - There is a demand to get more support in their campaign efforts
  - Dvir: Let's engage a bit more with them as part of JEF Europe’s commitment to work more with regional partners.

23.3. MFF advocacy

- Moritz had a meeting with MEP Sabrina Repp today and we were talking about an online meeting on the MFF discussions (also in cooperation with UEF)
  - Aim: what federalist action is needed now towards MS
- Youth strategy: question about keeping the youth goal 1

23.4. Federalist Peace Forum

- Possible application German-Israeli Future Forum
- Meeting with Palestinian board
- Fede and Dvir will expand the activities of the TF to more outreach to global movements.

23.5. Enlargement

- Not major updates

23.6. Treaty Reform

- Not major updates

23.7. Fighting nationalism
- Not major updates

23.8. Any other advocacy points
- Not major updates

24. Other updates
- N/A

CLOSING OF THE MEETING

25. Any other business
- TNF Resolution
- Compiling a folder of all guidelines

26. Closing of the meeting