

EB skype December 22, 2019, 7.30pm CET

Last of the year & the decade!!

Present: Leonie, Sebastiano, Emma, Chris, Diletta, Moritz, Andreas

Apologies: Milosh, Hanna.

Minutes: Chris

1. Action Plan 2020

a. To do list for Q1/2 2020 based on Action Plan.

- It was agreed that Leonie would suggest who takes on which actions from the 2020 Action Plan in the next few days, rest of EB to review, accept, and amend as appropriate.
- Leonie will also note any additions she may make to the Action Plan.

b. Next steps statutes changes

- Several JEFers are asking what the current status of the statutes is.
- There is a specific issue to address as to what the resolution amendment deadline is as old statutes say three weeks and new statutes say two weeks.
- Currently, the old statutes still apply as the new ones have not yet been filed or accepted.
- EB has to make a decision as to whether to submit for legal registration those Statutory amendments that do not require the presence of a Belgian notary, so that they be applicable as soon as possible; or to wait for a notary in 2021 at the Brussels Congress and pass all amendments together.
- Question raised of if there is a legal requirement on how long one can wait before submitting statutory amendments. Answer currently unknown.
- Leonie to inform Presidium to use the three week deadline & EB members to inform their PC Chairs. Leonie & Milosh to investigate statute submission procedure when JEF Office reopens.

2. Sections

a. Handling sections

- The EB discussed where they were up to with taking over relationships with the national sections. Some handovers complete, some halfway through, others not yet started.
- Question raised over what visuals, identity etc a potential interest group can use. Emma to circulate info on this to the rest of the EB.

b. Process of expelling sections

- We need to as JEF send formal letters to Lithuania, Armenia, and Serbia. Chris to contact Milosh in January. Chris has failed in kicking out a section in Lithuania by reviving interest there! Despite the good efforts the letter should still be sent as an expulsion can be annulled at the very last second, but if Chris' efforts fail, the expulsion should be able to proceed.
- c. **Interest groups** - to be discussed in February EB meeting.

3. Proposals

a. ECI proposal (ECIT foundation)

- Alejandra raised to the attention of the EB an [ECI on citizens' voting rights](#) when they move between member states. Alejandra has also been asked to join the committee directing the campaign for this ECI.
- The EB does not have a clear mandate to support this initiative, although it could broadly fit in with some general principles in JEF's political platform.
- Point raised that this ECI could feed into a wider PC1 discussion (if they were minded) on broader electoral reform, voting rights, and democracy, which could influence the discussion around the European Conference.
- Decision: EB will not at this stage support the ECI, but Sebastiano as PC1 liaison will mention it to the co-Chairs as part of the broader discussion.
- Sebastiano to feedback to Alejandra advising against joining the ECI committee at this stage.

b. Presidium's suggestions on improving EB-FC relationship

- Many of the points raised pertain to the EB-FC meeting (which takes place in December) and so they can inform a planning discussion around that in Autumn 2020.
- On external representation of FC members, the EB notes that representation is one of the EB's essential tasks, although there may be merit for TF Capacity Building to train people generally (not just the FC) on doing advocacy work wherever they live in Europe, and provide useful guidelines on how to advocate effectively and in a way that is joined up across JEF. Sebastiano to prepare a first discussion note on some of these aspects.
- The EB agrees that we should not distinguish between FC members/JEFers in Brussels and those who live elsewhere and privilege some above others.
- Leonie to reply to Presidium confirming feedback and that follow-up will come as and when each piece becomes applicable. EB reaffirmed commitment to post the minutes ASAP following meeting for the FC.
- Leonie to e-mail Presidium separately to ask if they could create a resolutions handbook based on current policies. This is useful for all JEFers and it will help the Presidium & FC Chairs to understand the scope of JEF's currently active policies. Alejandra and EB contact points for PCs can help them with this task.

4. EB matters

- a. **Next EB meeting February:** EB to arrive Friday evening (7th) to meet Saturday and Sunday. Please **all book tickets ASAP to save costs.**
- b. **EB meeting spring:** based on a busy May and the UEF FC taking place at the start of June, Leonie to issue a new Doodle poll to arrange a meeting date.
- c. **Announcement of decision on Secretary-General:** At start of January Leonie to e-mail FC & sections about the recommendation of the EB to renew Milosh's mandate as Secretary-General. JEFers are welcome to get in touch with him but the presentation and Q&A will, as usual, take place at the FC Hamburg where he will be voted on.

5. Next FCs

- a. **FC Autumn 2020:** Bulgaria have sent financials across for Autumn 2020, ball is now in our court to move that forward (+sg@jef.eu). Chris to progress with Milosh.
- b. **FC Spring 2021:** There is interest from JEF Spain for Spring 2021 and Chris has sent them documents.
- c. **Board positions in sections along with the JEF EB**
 - EB agreed the principle should stand that members of the board should not hold JEF roles in addition to their mandate on the EB.

6. Political JEF

- a. **Recent Polish law**
 - Chris noted the passing of a law in Poland silencing judges from criticising the Polish government's controversial changes to the judicial system. JEF Poland has published a statement on this. The EB is cautiously supportive but would like a formal English translation with a view to endorsing and sharing.
- b. **Brexit:**
 - Brexit bill has passed in Parliament so now 31 January is to be the end of Britain's EU membership, followed by a transition to arrange a wider deal until the end of 2020. JEF UK board met last week to discuss strategy post-Brexit and wish to develop their own, **federal**, political platform.
 - Leonie senses that there is an appetite across JEF to do something Brexit day and has asked JEF UK for ideas. Ideas from EB members and anyone else most welcome.
 - There may be a need for a new resolution relating to the UK, but this is something for JEF UK & then the PCs to reflect on at this stage.
- c. **Democracy under Pressure**
 - Taking place March 16-22, 2020. Preparation ongoing with Diletta, Leonie, and Hanna.

7. AOBs

- a. **JEF Office closed** until 6 January 2020. Milosh available through December.

- b. **Congress evaluation:** Leonie to ask Milosh to send the evaluation form out.
- c. **Federalist reading at next EB meeting:** Diletta to provide the next words of wisdom, which has to come from someone besides Spinelli.
- d. **Next skype:** Leonie to send Doodle start of January for a skype in mid-January.
Sundays seem preferable based on availability and timezone differences so we will look to always have Skype calls then.

EB is enjoying time with family, friends & loved ones and is hence less available during:

Leonie	24-25/12; 29/12 - including 01/01
Sebastiano	28/12 - 3/01
Emma	no holidays (but reduced availability until end of January)
Diletta	31/12- 5/01
Moritz	3-8 January
Andreas	
Hanna	
Milosh	
Chris	N/A