

EB Meeting January 26, 8pm CET

Present: Leonie, Sebastiano, Milosh, Hanna, Diletta, Chris, Moritz (from 8.30pm)

Excused: Emma, Andreas

Minutes: Sebastiano

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1. Secretariat Update

Milosh presents:

- Three new hires in the Secretariat, introductions will follow: Communications officer and two project assistants (Europe at School + EYE / Closing of ICE and YFed). One more person needed for Mindsetproject at end of the year (with Euractiv)
- Rental contract of new office is for a period of two years.
- Projects: with projects we got granted we are sustainable financially for 2020 and 2021. We also are doing well on cash flow. E@S, closing of ICE, Y-Fed, FakerFighters: will need political input from EB.
- Call on EB members to ensure proper follow-up to emails within their responsibilities, in particular on projects, otherwise Secretariat will need to take decision with political implications without the proper dimension of accountability.

2. To Dos from previous meetings

- Leonie to re-circulate minutes to EB members for February EB meeting update

3. Policy Updates (Conference, Brexit, more?)

- **Conference on the Future of Europe**
 - Final I Choose Europe conference: MEP debate on the Conference and simulated a possible Youth Agora. Other input: European Youth Convention, Structured Dialogue meetings
 - Great expectations on JEF (and vice versa)
 - Leonie and Alejandra to analyse (if public) Council position on Conference, possible press release
 - Conference campaign to be politically bigger than EP elections
 - UEF EB is designing their campaign
 - vdL/Sassoli/Michel go on a Presidential retreat February 1 to begin discussing the format of the Conference: this would feed into physical EB meeting in February
 - JEF ideas also need to be ready for open UEF EB meeting at the end of March.
- **Rule of Law**
 - Poland: situation with the special court is worsening, ECJ challenge. Much of it is also determined by the domestic situation. Chris in contact with JEF Poland.

- **Brexit**
 - Happening. :(
 - Leo's email with suggestion for (social media) action: Candy Storm, in solidarity with British JEFers.
 - Hanna to develop a visual for JEF perusal.
- **Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)**
 - European Council President Michel called in for a meeting "à la belge": you know when you start, not when you finish; issues that need to be settled on leaders level are: cohesion spending level, rule of law mechanism and overall size of MFF. Not much public buzz on the revenue side of the EU budget, to be seen what the guidance from EUCO leaders will be on that.
 - Special EUCO meeting February 20 in the evening. JEF press release to be prepared ahead of that, possibly circulated to sections.
- Federalist position on the Green Deal: EB climate team to work on it.

4. Update Democracy under Pressure

- Preparation going well

5. Europe@School project/ TF Civic education

a. visual identity

To be discussed by Moritz with Milosh and Emilie, if it can be used by national sections as requested, also because of the involvement of other partners.

b. Opening slack channel to TFs & PCs?

Moritz will discuss with TF chairs how best to proceed in order to guarantee a smooth work flow within TFs and coordination of its members, exploring possibilities to open up singular channels.

c. Possibilities to use the [website](#)

Explore opportunities for national sections and TF to upload content to the website and make use of it.

6. Next meetings

a. Regular skype day

- postponed to EB meeting

b. Date EB meeting in spring

May EB meeting not happening. Leonie to look into April or June. Location also to be investigated (and location for Summer EB meeting)

c. Topics EB meeting in February

- Advocacy discussion note
- World Federalist Movement
- CoFoE campaign
- Federalist Academy
- How sections are doing
- JEF Belgium joint board meeting
- UEF
- Next physical EB meetings: dates and locations.
- Next Federal Committees (+sections' participation)

7. AOB

- Seb to circulate advocacy discussion note for preliminary feedback ahead of EB meeting in February. Deadline end of next week (for further work ahead of EB meeting).
- Chris drafted GDPR policy for Leonie and Milosh to evaluate; 75th anniversary of liberation of Auschwitz for which Chris to draft tweet.
- Leonie gave a quick update on UEF.

Next meeting: February 7 - 9, 2020 in Brussels.