

Minutes EB skype 17.02.2020

Start: 9.30pm CET

Present: Leonie Martin, Emma Farrugia, Sebastiano Putoto, Diletta Alese, Moritz Schleicher, Andreas Høstgaard Poulsen, Chris Powers (minutes).

Excused: Hanna Kivimäki

1. Adoption of previous minutes (January 26 + February 7)
 - Minutes adopted.
2. Draft FC [agenda](#)
 - Should Saturday's main debate be on the Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE) or the Green Deal? A majority of the EB agreed that the debate should be on CoFoE.
 - The JEF EB update is conceived as consisting of discussion in several roundtables, so as to be more interactive and less of a passive exercise. There is a question as to whether the Budget should be presented as a distinct item to the plenary, and if so when and for how long? It was agreed to separate out the Financial Report into a 20-minute slot for presentation and Q&A. The Treasurer will need to be succinct(!).
 - Leonie to clear up the draft agenda and send it to the FC Presidium
 - a. Discussion on the Conference
 - The document is in draft status, content will be determined when we are closer to the FC.
3. Europe Day action (proposal by Andreas & Diletta)
 - See [document](#) for full information/outline.
 - Messaging is trying to claim ownership over CoFoE and appeal to the future and a previous JEF hashtag, #OurEurope.
 - The action is supposed to include all of Europe, not just the EU member states.
 - A proposal was made to use the 9 May to perform a stunt, for example Leonie to cut through a ribbon and JEF to launch the Conference anyway, no matter what - 'cutting through **[INSERT WORD HERE :D]**'. The final Europe Day campaign outline will be presented at the Hamburg Federal Committee, but will also be communicated out to the network beforehand.

- Proposals were discussed to help gather some of the 70 partner civil society organisations (CSOs) and working with already existing networks. E.g. European Movement Italy, European Movement International already have networks we could work with. No formal decisions taken, but sleeves rolled up by those on the board plugged into the CSO community.
- Thanks recorded to Diletta & Andreas for their work in putting the concept together.
- Andreas and Diletta to prepare the infokit that will be sent to sections as much in advance as possible.

4. Slogan Conference ideas

- Settled by previous agenda item: “Our Conference, Our Future, Our Europe”

5. AOB

a. Democracy under Pressure

- Sebastiano to ensure reference to CoFoE is included in the DuP infokit.
- Infokit is being finalised, EB is slightly behind schedule so work happening around the clock now. There is only real power when we work as a network so it is important sections participate. The EB will take effort to contact their respective partner sections to promote the campaign.

b. Slack for NGOs

- Question raised by Moritz. Our Secretariat have begun working on acquiring this with a special deal, we await progress but office move to take priority(!).

C. Multiannual Financial Framework

- Negotiations currently referred to European Council (EUCO) meeting starting on February 20. EUCO President Charles Michel has set out a so-called ‘NegoBox’, i.e. EUCO Conclusions outlining a possible compromise, leaked almost immediately. The size of the MFF is slightly bigger than what the ‘frugal four’ want, but not big enough address concerns of Member States that want to maintain cohesion and agriculture spending. No clarity about chances of success. JEF Germany has started its ‘more than one’ campaign, protesting on the multiannual financial framework (mind. blown.)

Next skype: March 1, 2020, 7pm CET.