

# EB Meeting 24 June 2020 (19:00 CET)

## Agenda

1. Adoption of [minutes of previous meeting](#)
2. Adoption of draft agenda
3. Decision Federal Committee autumn 2020
4. Opportunity to raise objections for JEF to join E+ letter
5. Vote: Data Protection Policy
6. Status of open to dos
  - a. Check on suggestion to have e.g. trello in slack
  - b. TNF
  - c. PmJ (DL)
7. Project + HR update (M)
8. State of play - membership fees (CP)
9. Update campaign Summer
  - a. Crocodile Day
10. UEF prep?
11. Next meeting
12. AOB
  - a. Climate democracy (cf Chris' comments)
  - b. Democracy Action Plan
  - c. Friends of JEF Update
  - d. Update UEF

## Minutes

**Present:** Leonie Martin, Sebastiano Putoto (from 7.30pm onwards), Milosh Ristovski (until 8pm), Diletta Alese, Andreas Høstgaard Poulsen, Hanna Kivimäki, Chris Powers, Moritz Schleicher.

Excused: Emma Farrugia.

- 1. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting (LM)**
  - Minutes from the previous meeting adopted.
- 2. Adoption of draft agenda (LM)**
  - Agenda for meeting adopted
- 3. Decision Federal Committee autumn 2020 (LM)**
  - Booking of the hostel for the FC to be canceled, reasons we are not sure if the hostel will be able to provide the standards for 100 people events. Decision on the venue for Autumn FC is postponed for 1 month (by the end of July 2020).

#### 4. **Vote: Data Protection Policy (CP)**

Privacy Policy Strategy Update has been finished, Chris has gone through the comments. Unanimous decision to adopt the updated strategy.

#### 5. **Status of open to dos (LM)**

##### a. **Trello for to-dos**

To be something simple and with clear instructions, it would be good to have a test period. Secretariat will not be part of the Trello updates. It will be a tool for the EB to follow their work/updates.

**Decision:** EB will use Trello to monitor their work and to do lists, there will be a trial period, Chris and Hanna will set up the plan and Trello.

##### b. **TNF (SP)**

SP introduced the ongoing conversation he had with the Editors with TNF and there is agreement to schedule a future meeting between him, MS, LM, and Editors of TNF in English and some of the other language editions.

Several EB members raised questions and discussion points about 'how far' TNF should be a primarily Federalist platform and how far to include other, even dissenting, voices. SP & MS to take forward the conversation with them with support from LM. This meeting will also address questions around the process of submitting and vetting articles so as to preserve high-quality content, and ensure it remains high quality from Editor to Editor.

##### c. **Pimp my JEF (DA)**

Target has been (and therefore will be) reached, there are applications from Netherlands, Poland and UK. Not necessarily need to accept all the 3, after evaluation the decision will be made.

#### 6. **Projects & HR update (MR)**

- Karoliina has received a full scholarship for the College. The EB is sad to see her leave the Secretariat, yet thanks her for her dedicated work these past months. The call for applications will go out soon. Milosh informs that both interns were offered to apply for the job, however both expressed they enjoy the project management positions they are in.
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- Both intern contracts have successfully been extended.
- Secretariat continues to work on the shift mentioned before. Everyone is respecting social distancing.

- The project sheet has been updated. Next reporting duty is EYF 2019 in July.
- The documents that went missing for reporting have been found again.
- Working on two grant applications right now
  - New Media (Theo and Alexandra): even if project does not get selected, this is an excellent opportunity to get to know involved people and strengthen the relationship.
  - EYF2021: working title “DuP 2021: time is now”; 90% of consortium have been finalized.
  - Question of UEF as partner in project applications?
- Cashflow is fine, Chris has access to banking
- Extraordinary financial FC which might happen in August. In Belgium bank accounts can be approved by mail. All reports would be sent by mail, sections need to register beforehand and approve by mail. Milosh highlights how the procedure allows us to stick more in line with Belgian law and will also allow for more time at the Federal Committee meeting in real life.

## 7. Membership fees - state of play (CP)

- CP presents current membership update.
- Some sections have not replied yet, Chris is in contact with most though. EB members to update with CP on remaining sections with no contact. CP brings to attention that Moldova and Montenegro have not paid fees for three and four years respectively and that the previous EB chose to start to expel sections after four years.
- Question raised about if it is desirable to remove and readmit sections and processes in individual countries with registering legal entities discussed.

## 8. Opportunity to raise objections for JEF to join E+ letter (LM)

Unanimously decided to sign the E+ Letter.

## 9. Update campaign Summer (DL)

Successful first action day happened with Schengen in mid-June. The second action day took place. Thanks recorded to Diletta for all her preparatory work.

## 10. Crocodile Day

*SP does not attend this agenda point (Chinese wall).*

The anniversary of the founding of the Crocodile Club remains 9 July, but the European Council meeting has been rescheduled to 17 July. This shifts the focus slightly for our campaign work.

9 July likely to be more inward-looking as an activity to get our members engaged.

17 July likely to be more of an opportunity to do some e-advocacy work. To connect the two together, any political statements we do on 9 July must refer to the forthcoming European Council meeting.

Proposal to have a joint JEF-UEF-EMI statement. Proposal also to take the draft to national level, have it translated, and encourage partnership of JEF-UEF-EM at national level too. LM to work on letter and dissemination to other organisations.

LM to prepare first draft and discuss with DL to bring in as ambitious a federalist line as possible, but also to hopefully bring in EMI and others for greater probability of achieving a response.

DL & HK to prepare a proposal for activities sections can carry out on 9 July.

## **11. Next meeting**

To be rescheduled to Sunday 5 July so as not to impede Leonie's 30th birthday celebrations (Happy Birthday!).

## **12. AOB**

### **a. Climate democracy (cf Chris' comments) (CP)**

Agreed to hold a mini-EB meeting between EB meetings to discuss climate and plans of activities EB can do. CP to circulate Doodle poll to EB for those interested to complete by Saturday evening.

### **b. Democracy Action Plan**

Leo and Alejandra have been contacted for this. Will contribute on CoFoE. Result: policy paper, not signed ("these organisations have provided input"). More info to come.

### **c. Friends of JEF Update (LM)**

Had a meeting, there will be another one at the end of August. Funding coming for JEF (including Federalist Academy). JEF birthday coming up (2022), FoJ wants to work with us. Chris in charge for EB, with Hanna/Moritz to help on certain specific parts.

### **d. Update UEF (LM)**

- Federal Committee taking place 4 July. LM presented the agenda, the resolutions JEF intends to support, and discussion around hosting of the

Congress. JEF supports hosting of the Congress in Spring 2021 in Paris as opposed to online this year.

- The interim Treasurer will be elected properly into post and has so far done good work. Her candidacy is supported by JEF.