

EB meeting July 5, 7pm CEST

Present:

Sebastiano Putoto, Emma Farrugia, Chris Powers (minutes), Moritz Schleicher (minutes), Andreas Hostgaard Poulsen, Hanna Kivimaeki, Milosh Ristovski (until 8:32pm) , Leonie Martin

Draft agenda

1. What I love about JEF

After a week of a heavy workload the EB shared with each other what they each love most about being in JEF.

2. Adoption of agenda

Agenda adopted.

3. Adoption of [minutes](#) of previous meeting:

Minutes adopted.

4. Project updates

- Still waiting until later in the month for a clearer update on how travel across Europe will work.
- All hackathons to take place as planned. Michał Rybacki can provide full details.
Europe at School timeline updated with requests sent to Council of Europe to move trainings from Autumn 2020 with input requested for when might be best.
- CP & MR to have finance discussion later in the coming week for a full update to the Budget.
- Because finances usually overlooked in statutory meetings but the finances are bigger than ever before, MR & CP propose organising a dedicated online meeting before the end of summer to confirm the accounts (as per our statutes). Details to be presented by next EB meeting.
- Three projects being prepared:
 1. European Youth Together (EYT) on Rule of Law in Times of Crisis (to be linked with 15th anniversary of Democracy Under Pressure - Spring 2021). Michał and Elitsa working on this.
 2. DG application for funds for TNF with a focus on youth in European media.
Most language editions of TNF to be included in this consortium along with EurActiv Europe (Italy and Bulgaria too), the University of Bologna will help with translations, an Italian youth newspaper, OBESSU, ESU (surveying youth on media today), Debating Europe (include debates in the proposed media outlet to be developed). Dovetails well with the Admin grant of 2021-23.
 - a. Note that there is high competition for this grant to be successful. Our application is strong, but there are other players out there.
 3. 'Volunteering in times of crisis' - we will be Brussels partner to bring in a policy perspective. No political dimension in conflict with JEF principles, and relates to the practicalities of JEF (we are largely a volunteer organisation).
- DIVE report has gone through successfully.

5. HR/Personnel:

The Communications Officer role within JEF is now being advertised. Thanks recorded to Karoliina for all her work and best of luck for her next steps!

6. Update UEF FC

- UEF held an online Federal Committee meeting on 4 July.
- The context for this meeting was strained due to financial and political pressures that came about as a result of their losing a court case with a former employee, and tense discussions about the removal/resignation of the Secretary General and the activity of UEF's Arbitration Board.
- Ongoing conflict in the run-up also led to the interim Treasurer and the paid Head of Office resigning. The UEF FC appointed a new Treasurer and new Secretary General from among its current EB members: Francois Mennerat (Treasurer), Anna Echterhoff (SG). This leaves two empty EB seats in the UEF EB.
- JEFers challenged the proposed resignations, the proposed appointments, interpretations over events of the last couple of years, and requested a dismissal of the current EB of UEF to pave the way for new elections (this was prevented).
- Christopher Glueck & Pauline Gessant resigned at the end of the FC as Vice-Presidents of UEF. This means there are now 4 empty seats on the UEF EB.
- UEF France withdrew its bid to host the Congress of UEF. The next UEF Congress looks like it will be in Valencia in Spring 2021. Like JEF, this is their event when elections take place.
- The summary took more than 40 minutes.

7. Next steps post UEF FC

- a. Practical aspects of relationship (rent, projects / link confidential) [MR, CP]
 - CP & MR presented the financial obligations UEF & JEF currently have to one another.
 - MR to meet with new UEF SG Anna Echterhoff in the coming week to discuss current mutual obligations. We have agreed to run the policy/advocacy work that UEF was hopefully going to do in the Y-FED project based on relative office capacities.
 - Agreement that UEF will be treated as any other potential partner organisation for future applications.
- b. Political aspects of relationship
 - UEF will return to the normal level of importance in JEF discussions similar to our other partner organisations.
 - To be reviewed: how the two organisations work together on the Conference on the Future of Europe (**LM**)
- c. General Update for JEF sections (email)
 - Discussion of how to communicate changes in UEF to JEF network.
 - **AHP & CP** to discuss with JEF Spain (**AHP** to arrange call). SP to communicate to JEF Belgium copying in AHP.
 - FC to be briefed at our Autumn FC meeting.
 - **HK & DA** to maintain contact with JEF Italy.
- d. Noting a formal thank you for collaboration from us collectively to Paolo Vacca, Valentina Presa, Bettina Kümmerle, Pauline Gessant, Christopher Glück, David Garcia.

Agreed. (LM)

8. European Youth Forum (EF)

General Assembly

- Options proposed for where to host the next General Assembly.
 - Delayed from November 2020 to Spring 2021 to take place in a physical location.
 - Meeting goes ahead digitally in November 2020.
 - EB of JEF agrees that the General Assembly ought to take place physically.
- Simon Devos (JEF FC) candidacy for Financial Control Commission (FCC)
- EB is happy to support Simon's bid.

9. AOB

Meeting dedicated to sections

- All to update document updating on sections in anticipation of the next EB meeting.

Booking for summer EB meeting in Frankfurt

- EF to clarify with MR.

Pimp my JEF

- The three applicants (Netherlands, Poland, UK) are all to be taken forward.

TNF copyright issue:

- SP** will pick it up again with **MR**

Update EUCO letter - SP absent

- Letter drafted for 9 July (sufficiently in advance of the 17 July European Council meeting). UEF and EMI are not necessarily going to be part of it, but the offer of course remains open for them to support it. **DA** to send briefing to the JEF sections. **CP** to call Alejandra regarding her work on this and give it a first-look from EB perspective.

CoEUR - Committee on EU-US relations - SP joins again

- MS spoke with some young European federalists in Chicago about how they can be included in the JEF network even if outside Europe. **MS** to raise in the 'Sections' EB meeting.

Thanks recorded from SP to LM for her leadership throughout difficult conversations about UEF. LM thanks the team and JEFers active in different levels in UEF for their strength these past weeks.

Next meeting: Sunday July 19 at 7pm CEST.

EB availabilities	July				August			
	6-12	13-19	20-26	27-2/8	3-9	10-16	17-23	24-30
LM	(difficult on 8 + 9)				(am thinking of holidays)			
EF	Thesis	Thesis	Thesis	Thesis	Thesis	Thesis		
SP	Difficult weeks at work					13-27 August: travelling		

CP	No holidays planned. Working part-time on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays until the end of August. Have more availability. Happy to catch up.							
AHP	Holidays until 1st august. Very limited availability (Sailing)				Back at (home)office. Happy to have meetings			
HK	Holidays until 2nd of August. No data for video calls (camping).				Busy weeks at work		More availability	
MS					Holidays (exact dates tbd)			
DA						Holidays/travelling		
MR								

Items postponed to next meeting:

- Discussion of Green JEF (CP, AHP)
- Discussion of use of Trello (HK, CP)