

EB meeting January 26, 8pm CET

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

Excused: Milosh

Minutes: Christelle

1. Adoption of draft agenda

Decision: Adopted

2. Adoption of draft minutes of previous meeting

Decision: Adopted

3. Update JEF Poland

Contact point reports. Since the beginning of the mandate there have been multiple changes in the team. There have been no elections for the past 3 years, only interim presidents. There have been frequent conflicts in the team due to the negative work atmosphere and personal attitudes, leading to the resignation of a board member. The contact person intervened directly in the matter and, in the view of one JEF Europe EB member, beyond their mandate. The same EB member noted their disagreement that the situation wasn't reported and discussed within the EB as a whole. They make the suggestion to at least consult the Presidential trio (President and VPs) in such potentially tense situations. Following the intervention of the contact person, a new group will take charge of JEF Poland with a new acting President, with the approval of the outgoing acting president. JEF Poland is about to be legally registered.

Decision: Christelle to be co-contact person with Chris for a transitional period, then Christelle will take over full time (vote: 6 in favor, 1 abstention, 1 against)

4. Quick evaluation of the EB-FC meeting

- Second part session very good
- Lack of link between the part in December and the part in January
- It could have been shorter, we would have had time for other things (social time for example)
- First part could have been shorter, more time for the 2nd part
- Lack of an action plan for the PC and TF themselves
- Discuss how the results will be shared from the weekend
- Re-change some of the parts, case study did not make sense, people did not understand why this is for
- We lacked a moment of empowerment of the chairs/no clear outcome of the weekend
- The process showed that FC Members lack ownership of the processes they are responsible for
- Points of contact and code of conduct could have been better introduced
- Leonie to contact FC Presidium to coordinate the recording of a video.

5. Young World Federalists: update and relationship (Chris)

YWF is looking to become the youth wing of World Federalists. Upcoming exploratory talks to discuss how to cooperate. Proposals: is to integrate their European members in our sections.

Decision: Chris to have exploratory talks with YFW, with updates to the EB

6. Quick Update Political Commissions

PC1 looking for new subjects for new resolutions. New call next week. Explore also other possibilities to get active, i.e. writing op-eds, offer trainings for local/national sections on topics of PC1 and make sure our position for Conference on the Future of Europe is well disseminated. Help with Federalist Academy?

PC2 will have a draft resolution on minorities in Europe as well as one on industrial policy in context of strategic autonomy

PC3 first 2021 call took place today. 2 resolutions (Ukraine and Migration) will be updated, and there will be a new draft resolution on Eastern Partnership

Decision: Suggestion to PC2 chairs to start working on industrial policy and Sebastiano to get in touch TF Empowerment and diversity and put them in contact as they are also planning a policy resolution that could be overlapping

PC2 resolution could focus on the angle of minority rights, as YEN, one of our partners, just had its ECI “Minority Safepack” refused by the Commission

7. As needed: update DuP Campaign

a. Campaign

Email to sections will be send out this weekend to share the guidelines for February 7th (Day of Solidarity with Belarus as launched by Tshikhanouskaya). Emphasis on writing letters to prisoners, PR is currently drafted

Decision: letters to be the focus of JEF action for February 7th

b. Update PPYO collaboration

Update on name and shame of the companies supporting the Lukashenka regime. Leonie is going to contact YEPP and YES next week.

c. Progress in securing Tshikhanouskaya

Work in progress, reminder to be sent linked to February 7th (Leonie/Michal)

d. Idea by VESNA (interest group for JEF Russia)

VESNA participated in protest to free Navalny, and experiences retaliation against protesters.

Russia is part of the Bologna process. Some Russian universities are threatening to expel students who participated in the Navalny protests. Vesna is asking us if we could

A.) Put out a general statement on the protests where we note this aspect specifically and that we call on European universities to join us in condemning Russian universities betraying the ideal of a university as the ultimate place for freedom of thought and expression.

B.) Invite local sections of JEF to ask their respective universities to do the same. (Prepare an open letter to their vice-chancellor/ equivalent)

Decision:

- **implement VESNA's proposal, asking ESU (European Students Union) to join us as well, same timeline than Belarus February action - to be sent by Sunday**
- **Chris to prepare a PR. Diletta and Christelle will speed up the infokit so that a first mail goes out during this weekend.**

8. Date FC meeting

Physical event without voting in Barcelona to meet in person first half of June, voting will be online June 26. Check with JEF Spain and Catalonia if we can have full refund of the accommodation. Check insurance of Secretariat

Decision:

- **June 5-6 physical meeting. TO DOs: Chris is going to enquire with JEF Spain/JEF Catalonia: if full refund is possible for hotel booking (and by when); social distancing measures (current vs harshest over past years).**
- **June 26 as online FC (with statutory value).**
- **EB to organise and manage physical meetings in case members of the Secretariat do not feel comfortable doing so.**

9. To Dos Action Plan 2021/Q1 (Leonie) / postponed by mail

10. Candidate sections/interest group - ***a-c postponed***

- Update on existing candidate section and interest groups (including the two groups with an existing section in the country: Serbia, Hungary) (link to document, undisclosed)
- Clarifying what status has what right (e.g. when logo, name, mail) (link to document, undisclosed)
- Collective Brainstorm - what can WE do? Sharing hurdles and best practices in pro-actively searching

Please take 15 min ahead of the meeting to leave your thoughts and ideas here: (link to mural, disclosed)

- Taking decisions on joint efforts such as
 - Ad campaign to recruit members in candidate sections and interest groups (Christelle proposal)

What? An ad campaign targeted at

 - people of a certain age (16-30),
 - living in the city in which an event is taking place/ a section exists or a big city in which the section would like to attract members
 - interested in other European NGOs, European Union subjects or topic of the event (or same public than another organization we take as model)
 - in local language.

First idea is to support existing small sections and interest groups in their participant/member recruiting process but could be extended to a individual recruitment campaign in countries in which we do not have sections (Luxembourg, Cyprus etc).

Why?- Get new members

- Increase participation in events and reach of the section

With whom? To be offered to interest groups and small sections by EB contact person, with Sean and I in the loop

How much? EUR 10-20 per country/campaign (depending on the price of such publications - more expensive in Ireland than in Ukraine)

Decision: EB members to spread the message to their respective sections from mid-February, ads to be launched in March, after DUP, Christelle to lead the process once sections are identified (at next call on sections)

- ii. organising the update of our sections' map,

Decision: Christelle to send email to sections with a 2-week deadline to update, then update the map and publish it. Emma to send template.

- iii. actively asking our Adopt a JEFer group for support etc.

Decision: once map is updated; ask JEFers if they have contacts in certain countries

- iv. others?

11. Proposal for focus next meetings - postponed by email

12. AOB

- a. Michal's question on policy split

- i. Leonie to talk with Michal. EB has confidence in him. If full doubts, presidential trio / Leonie

Next meeting will be held 09.02.2021, 8pm CET.