

Draft Agenda EB meeting February 9, 2021

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2. Adoption previous minutes (link undisclosed)
3. Long EB meeting date (March 6-7) tbc
4. Proposal Focus next meeting: Campaign - Press - Comms or PC and TFs?
5. Brief update Democracy under Pressure
6. PC2 + TF M-Pow resolution on Minority rights: way forward
7. PC1 new tasks
8. Migration initiative: decision
9. Interest groups & candidate section
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 - c. Collective Brainstorm - what can WE do? Sharing hurdles and best practices in pro-actively searching
10. To do list action plan (link to document, undisclosed)
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Minutes

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

Excused: Emma (joins at 20.35 - EP plenary)

Minutes: Leonie and Sebastiano

1. Adoption draft agenda
Decision: adopted
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3. Update Human Resources

Milosh gives an update on the selection process for the Admin-Membership Officer position (undisclosed). Lorène Weber is going to start March 1.

More than 100 people applied for the internship position. Interviews will take place this week.

This month, Milosh and Alexandra are meeting with the auditors and accountants.

Decision: no decision
4. Long EB meeting date
Decision: doodled - Milosh and Leonie to explore option of two afternoons in two separate weekends
5. Proposal Focus next meeting
Decision: Campaigns + Press + Comms
6. Brief update Democracy under Pressure
 - Chris updates on Belarus: plans include an action around International Women's Day, as well as 25 March 2021 (Belarusian Freedom Day), which fits well with the timing of DuP action week (usually starting on 18

March, the day when the last elections were held in Belarus). Chris has also been approached by an activist around businesses supporting Lukashenka (referred to Michal), which may help for PPYO¹ networking. Finally, Chris will get in touch with MEP Austrevicius's office to set up a meet with Leonie.

- Christelle reports that the “letters to prisoners” action was very well received by JEFers and sections. Diletta points out we should capitalise on the action. Christelle also notes meetings are scheduled with TNF, for videos and general media coverage of DuP. Christelle concludes offering a broad overview of the action weekend.
- Moritz underlines personal contacts worked well to raise awareness of the campaign. Mayors in cities emphasised the action to illuminate the city with the colours of democratic Belarus was suggested with too short notice. How do we improve? Suggests to contact networks of cities.
- Leonie will finalize the work on the political intro of the infokit. Suggests to include all local sections' coordinators of DuP in the dedicated FB group. Diletta mentions press work around the next actions.
- Seba can contact EMI / Eva by the end of the week as EMI VP Frederic Vallier is Secretary General of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR). Suggestion to send an email to local sections to now request city lightings on March 25th whilst we are coordinating (collecting information about who says yes / who says no).
- Press work: have a press release in advance of the action week (to announce it), and a press release after with NUMBERS (how many activists, statutes, cities). Seba will also try to contact Wieland (VP EP) to see if Parliament wants to get in on the fun. (UNDISCLOSED: get in touch with Amnesty for the Berlaymont).
- March 8: general consensus to not focus women's day entirely on Belarus. Chance to highlight women's rights within DuP, but also wider elements.

Decision:

- **City lighting will be part of the action for March 25. Mail to go out soon. An excel sheet will be set up to collect data on what cities have been requested, rejected and permitted, reading rights open for JEFers.**
- **Michal to take forward advocacy/campaign work on the businesses' angle.**
- **Chris and Leonie will set up a meeting with MEP Austrevicius.**
- **Michal and Leonie are going to follow up on the Russia statement.**
- **Sebastiano will contact EMI and VP MEP Wieland (UEF) w/ regards to the city lighting for March 25.**

¹ Political Party Youth Organisation

- **If EP doesn't work, Leonie with Michal on Amnesty International Europe for March 25 and Belarusian.**

7. PC2 + TF M-Pow resolution on Minority rights: way forward

Diletta and Sebastiano give an update. PC2 will lead the resolution on Empowerment and Diversity to be adopted at the Congress. Number of webinars to happen before drafting to gather knowledge.

Decision: Sebastiano to set up a call between TF Empowerment and Diversity and PC2 chairs to coordinate the way forward (target: postpone to Congress to allow them to prepare better).

8. PC1 new tasks

PC1 had a call last week. Sebastiano suggested, as discussed, to write more for TNF to explain the policies we have as well as organise series of internal trainings/webinars on topics we deem important within the context of the Conference.

Plan #1 explain CoFoE, where we stand, what we think about it (with support of Michal and Leonie)

Plan #2 EU electoral law (Spitzenkandidaten/Transnational lists), how it works
Can see how it fits into the Federalist Academy. A possible physical meeting of PC1 will then be a training.

Decision: Sebastiano to take this forward as agreed.

9. Migration initiative: for decision

Emma Farrugia leaves the conversation for this point.

Diletta refers to the mail sent earlier about the deteriorating situation of refugees in Europe and mentions the Frontex Files published last Friday. There are actions going on but none are federalist. Suggestion to build a bridge with other associations to work together on the topic; make it structural to ask for long-term changes on migration policy.

First prepare a dossier whilst DUP has our priority and then publish/organise later.

Suggestion to publish something on social media, especially now during the cold wave / Frontex Files.

Suggestion to set up some sort of working group together with PC3.

Decision: Diletta prepares a plan.

10. Interest groups & candidate section

- 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)

EB holds a discussion on the status of candidate sections and interest groups.

Decision:

- **JEF Serbia to be transferred to Christelle once the registration process is completed**
 - **Interest group Albania is transferred from Moritz to Christelle**
- b. *Clarifying what status has what right (e.g. when logo, name, mail)_ (link to document, undisclosed)*

Decision: EB approves status as outlined in the Excel table.

- c. *Collective Brainstorm - what can WE do? Sharing hurdles and best practices in pro-actively searching*
- i. *Youth councils, EM, professors, hubs of European universities*

Decision: Christelle shares email on how to foster activity.

Chris sets up a document with “not yet JEF” countries, we share contacts.

11. To do list action plan_ (link to document, undisclosed)

Decision: EB divides tasks in the action plan and revises the timing of some elements (only those in Q1 and Q2).

12. AOB

Decision: N/A

Meeting closed: 23.56 CET

Leonie thanks the EB members for their time and thanks Sebastiano for taking the minutes!