

EB meeting October 29 - 31

Draft agenda

Friday October 29	Arrival / you can arrange bilateral meetings with the Secretariat members you work with <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sections<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Full member organisationsb. Candidate sectionc. Interest groups applying to become candidate sectionsd. Other interest groups
	<i>09am</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Federalist gospel3. Adoption of draft agenda4. Adoption of previous minutes5. Secretariat Updates6. Feedback with Milosh7. Financial Updates8. CERV Update9. 50 Years JEF10. Handover documents11. European Congress12. CoFoE13. AOB<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Networksb. TNF
Sunday. October 31	Only if needed: time buffer for agenda items that we did not manage to cover Saturday, without VPs

Friday October 29

1. Sections
 - a. Full member organisations

Decision:

- EB decides to initiate a monitoring procedure on JEF Poland (details in internal resolution)

- b. Candidate section

Decision:

- Should JEF Romania agree to remove the provisions related to the JEF Romania diaspora, the EB recommends a vote in favour of full-membership of JEF Romania at the Congress.

c. Interest groups applying to become candidate sections

Decision:

- EB recommends JEF Hungary to become a candidate section. A particular attention shall be taken to their statutes.
- EB is happy with the growth of JEF Ireland and recommends a vote in favour of candidate status. Aware about the lack of gender diversity on the board/membership. EB is willing to continue supporting JEF Ireland on this front specifically.

Discussion on the Solidarity Fund

Decision:

- After a discussion about the Solidarity Fund (aim: to help members from JEF sections to attend and participate in JEF Europe statutory meetings that would have otherwise not been able to financially afford it), the EB clarifies that the Solidarity Fund is open to all sections of JEF Europe regardless of whether they are located geographically in or outside the EU. Naturally the granting of this funding shall be conditioned on the financial resources of JEF Europe and the motivation of the applicant/application.
- The EB decides that should there be any legal constraints associated with EU-citizenship in the current grants being earmarked for the Solidarity Fund, JEF's own resources shall be used.
- The EB will submit an internal resolution on the Solidarity Fund to the Congress.

Saturday, October 30

1. Federalist gospel

- *“Until the peace movement realises this central fact* and base their long-distance policy upon it, it will stand in the ranks of those who follow Sisyphus. Every time it succeeds, by immense and consecrated effort, in rolling the stone of national sovereignty near to the top of the hill of international cooperation, it will find that stone slipping out of its control and rushing down to overwhelm its leaders and their followers behind them”*. - Lord Lothian
[Pacifism is not enough]

* The nation state, despite being the institution under which the process of human emancipation occurred during the liberal, democratic and socialist revolutions, has now become completely inappropriate to the development of production forces and, bent on the defence of its own absolute sovereignty, continues to be the primary cause of international anarchy and war

2. Adoption of draft agenda

Decision: adopted

3. Adoption of previous minutes

Decision: Minutes adopted.

- a. Christelle asks to ensure to upload the minutes. Leonie will kindly remind the Secretariat

4. Secretariat Updates

a. Updates

- i. Milosh reports that we are still waiting for the results of CERV.
- ii. HR: new intern Mirjam has started. Update on contracts.
- iii. Project activities: many grants are finishing, so many weekend activities. New rules in place with regard to recuperation (it needs to be taken within one month);
 1. Covid-case meant spontaneous re-shuffling
 2. Secretariat is also learning and adapting to the new reality of physical events.
 3. New Covid rules in Belgium: recommendation to work from home. For the moment, until the Congress unless the situation worsens, people work in the office.
- iv. Projects 2022:
 1. Workplan 22 by European Youth Foundation (Council of Europe),
 2. letters to foundations to partner up with DuP will be sent shortly
 3. Global challenge foundation (GCF) application ongoing
 4. Erasmus+ operating grant call out, up to EUR 125.000 (for one year). Should we not get CERV, we will apply for this. Results will only come in March/April

b. Secretariat - AOB

- i. Next EB will need to decide on the funding split in CERV between policy/comms, and on the call for the SG
- ii. Office contract has been extended until the end of 2022
- iii. EB suggests to get stronger involvement in project planning, esp when it comes to shaping the programme of the events. Milosh points out that this implies urgent deadlines. Likewise, EB will recommend to the next EB to identify themselves in the project activities to support on the spot.
- iv. European Congress x Solidarity Funds
 1. Interest Group Albania - the EB explored the issue and would like the interest group Albania to receive a solidarity group.

5. Feedback Milosh - postponed to a separate online meeting

6. Financial Updates

- a. €122.993,35 in the bank (these are earmarked for specific projects or to pay staff)), no cashflow problem expected in the next months. Chris underlines that we are waiting for CERV results. Milosh and he have prepared situations for the next months (see below).
- b. Emma asks about underspending / issues that can be spend more strategically. Chris explains that next to big ticket items its mostly project expenditures.
- c. Card problems have been solved; Chris is ready to interim treasurer
- d. Chris is answering questions to the credential committee.
- e. He is concerned about time in replying to administrative and financial questions.

- f. Chris reminds that with the statutory change and switch since the FC FinFun, the closing of the accounts now will happen at the Spring FC, and the fall statutory meeting has a presentation of the budget.
7. CERV Update
 - a. Scenario Thinking
 - i. CERV
 - ii. Youth-grant
 - iii. No funding
 8. 50 Years JEF
 - a. Small events as a suggestion to our national sections as contact person
 - b. Exhibition with photos, t-shirts and tote bags. Calls to section and Friends of JEF
 - c. Role of Friends of JEF
 - d. History booklet needs to be updated. The current EB indicates availability to the next EB to write the past years.
 - e. Doing an iconic JEF action aka burning or axing borders? Or something simply a generation ahead?
 9. Handover documents
 - a. Leonie goes through the list of agreed of handover documents as agreed on October 5.
 - b. Christelle adds two documents: inclusion survey- Seba will have something by the Congress
 - c. Membership survey to be relaunched by the next board.
 10. European Congress
 - a. Leonie presented the updates on the Congress
 - b. Leonie to invite guest speakers, and Pauline LeoniePaolo. Sebastiano will call Peter
 - c. Event will be organised by Seba and Chris. Leonie can bump up there.
 - d. The EB asks the Secretariat to have considered to prepare worst case scenario for when the online voting system falls out.
 - e. The EB discussed self-tests at the Congress given the recent developments. However, the EB decided it should be medical and/or FFP2 masks only. Buy sufficient masks for changing. Congress Presidium could indicate when we switch masks.
 11. CoFoE
 - a. March in March in Strasbourg
 - i. Milosh and Leo meet up with Hervé and others every two weeks. Hervé is very positive that the concept will receive funding.
 1. Three objectives
 - a. Youth participation
 - b. Big federalist meet-up
 - c. JEF 50 years
 2. An event in several stages:
 - a. Wednesday before the plenary: young people cross-checking CoFoE outcomes with the youth goals

- b. Friday civil society will be invited to organise discussions on the nine topics in different places in Strasbourg: how to follow-up? Space paid
 - c. Friday evening 50 years JEF Europe
 - d. Saturday morning workshop of 3 hours to design placards
 - e. Saturday noon March!
3. Is there a connection with European Year of Youth?
 4. Leonie to add march save the date to federalist chapter
 5. Save the date to be sent out soon. EuCo: communicate that there might be chances to connect MEPs. Get in touch with friendly MEPs. Emma, Seba but also Leo and Milosh can support.

b. CoFoE advocacy

c. Civil Society Convention

- i. Milosh reports from the Conference Plenary meeting where he gave a speech. Citizens
- ii. Milosh to propose to the Civil Society Convention to organise a civil society caucus with a preparatory meeting with citizens solely.
- iii. The EB wants to pitch the drama at the Conference plenary / inform media in advance that something is coming.
- iv. Communication also afterwards.
- v. Transparency International might be an interesting partner to raise transparency issues. Leonie to raise issues with political stakeholders about minutes and transparency.

d. AOP: European Year of Youth: Leonie and Michal working on it.

12. AOB

a. Networks

- i. UEF: no updates since last meeting. Technical FC on Sunday, Dec 19, adoption of Rules of Procedure.
- ii. EMI emi@jef.eu distribution list will finally work!
- iii. YFJ CoMem coming up

b. TNF

- i. Five applications. Late process. Sebastiano presents the current stage of evaluation.

Decision: the board selects Jacopo Barbati and Elsie Haldane as editors-in-chief of TNF for the upcoming mandate.