

EB draft agenda
26 January, 8pm CET

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Minutes:

Present: Antonio, Christelle, Juuso, Robin, Gergana, Flavia, Helena, Knut, Milosh

1. Adoption of draft agenda	Decision: Agenda adopted.
2. Adoption of draft minutes	The minutes from the in-person EB meeting in Florence, and from the meetings of 30 October and 16 November were adopted by email. Decision: The minutes from the meeting of 12 January are adopted.
3. 2022 Action plan	Antonio will finish writing a draft for the Action Plan in the next few days. It will be finalised during the EB meeting in Brussels (18-20 February). Probably the Spring FC in Luxembourg in April 2022 could be a good opportunity to share with the network the political strategy guiding JEF's work throughout the year and getting their feedback. The content will be aligned with JEF Europe's 4-year strategy.

The length of the document to be shared with the network will have to be further discussed, as it wouldn't need to be too long but concise and descriptive enough.

Discussion on the Action Plan Draft document among EB members. Useful to 'use' clear feasible metrics (indicators) as a guide to monitor our past actions, hold us accountable for what we promised to do and what we should be doing. The introduction would summarise JEF Europe's campaigning and advocacy goals, including our political priorities for the mandate (e.g. final part of the CoFoE; work ahead of the European Elections 2024).

Discussion about the work plan and the existing political platform and policy resolutions defining the political position of JEF. It highlights the actions that we want to take regarding concrete policy areas/resolutions.

Antonio presents key points to consider for the 2022 Action Plan:

- Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE) - Final part of Next Chapter Europe + Civic Society Summit (CSS)
 - Acknowledge and overcome the limitations of the CoFoE.
 - Further discussion is needed on what to do if it fails (i.e. if results are not considered as there is no legally-binding provision for EU decision-makers). How to deal with expectations and reality after the end of the CoFoE? What do we want our message for the EU and for society to be?
- Democracy Under Pressure (DUP)
 - Hold the EU accountable for its values and the realities we experience across Europe.
- Federalist Academy: re-new federalism. An ad hoc political strategy for non-EU countries
 - Foster dialogues about what federalism meant and achieved, what it currently stands and serves for.
 - Intention to bring members into conversation, build a collective European sense of belonging.
- Developing federalist positions on Digital and Health.
 - Already witnessing the rising socioeconomic, environmental, political, etc. impacts of technological advances; relation to health and inequalities.
 - Pandemic and (mental) health -need a federalist approach.
- Planning EP 2024 as the occasion to reform treaties.
 - Momentum: EU needs reform. Models of (dis)integration are very much alive, (re)emerging nationalisms and lack of/need for European

	<p>sense of belonging.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunity (following CoFoE) for civic participation for treaty/institutional change. <p>Decision:</p> <p>Define the list of priorities that will be shared with the FC on Saturday. Will be drafted by Antonio (points above) and EB members can make comments until Friday 28/01 at night. Further discussion regarding the structure and content will be followed-up during the in-person EB meeting in February.</p>
<p>4. Political Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ukraine b. CoFoE 	<p><u>Transnational Lists:</u></p> <p>No agreement yet on Transnational Lists (AFCO discussion didn't conclude with an agreement). Letters to be sent to the AFCO MEPs.</p> <p><u>Ukraine:</u></p> <p>JEF has tweeted about it according to the existing political resolution. -Sections could be encouraged to translate the tweets and share them in their languages (example of JEF Spain).</p> <p>Open meeting with JEF Ukraine on Thursday evening. Afterwards, the input can be incorporated into further actions from JEF Europe's side.</p> <p>Discussion will be brought to the PC3 meeting.</p> <p>Decision: Discussion will be followed-up via Slack and decisions for further actions be made if necessary and in accordance with JEF Ukraine's considerations.</p>
<p>5. Portfolio reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Secretariat updates - Communication with Federal Committee and sections - GCE board member - Inclusion of ethnic minorities in sections - JEF Georgia 	<p><u>Secretariat:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Treasury: Grants closed with the year closure, some new grants expected (beginning next week). The Secretariat has been informed and involved in the process. Reimbursements have been frozen, probably until March 2022 (*communicate this to sections asking for them). Some sections are being reminded about 'missing' payments to reimburse the unused part of their microgrant. - Contracts closed with Sean and Elitza. Currently in a transitioning period. COVID-19 is posing challenges in the 'normality' of the work. - Comms team: Two new employees for communications, starting next week/following one due to COVID. - Grant applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EYF¹: about follow-up from CoFoE and debates around European Elections 2024 -idea is to organise debates and democracy dates, culture of democracy and discussions) work with

¹ European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe

- National Youth Councils and OBESSU².
- Arci Solidarietà: bringing Europe closer to its citizens, using materials from WP 2019.
- E@S (Theo and Miriam): JEF Germany already expressed their interest; COYV³
- Inclusion or Global Citizenship (JEF Finland & JEF Norway as potential partners).
- Revitalizing Democracy (CoE⁴)
- Potential grant from Internet Society Foundation.

Follow-up regarding grant applications is needed, but the EB acknowledges the difficulties the Secretariat has been facing lately mostly due to COVID-19.

- Secretary General application until 30th Jan. Shortlist will be made by next online meeting.

Decision: -

Communication with Federal Committee and sections:

- Involvement of FC beyond statutory meetings: Possibility of online EB-FC meetings in between statutory meetings. Useful for building team spirit. Opportunity to get to know each other better (beyond the respective EB contact person).
- Sections: propose an 'EB-International Officer's meeting' to share projects and opportunities with everyone. Can also serve as an experience- and knowledge-sharing with former and new International Officers. Opens up paths for cross-JEF events. Will be done together with the Secretariat (Milosh-Theo).
 - Communicating with sections: proposal of creating Instagram chat/s with sections (especially local) to reshare messages already shared with sections mailing list, Facebook groups, etc. Discussion to be followed-up with the Communication Officers from the Secretariat.
 - Comms survey: Comms strategy prepared by Christelle and Flavia will be shared with the rest of the EB. Another communication survey could be run at a later stage during the mandate.

Decision:

Agreed to have an online EB-FC meeting in between statutory meetings (first one on Saturday, 29/01). The proposal will be made to the FC and agreed upon.

² Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions

³ Project of JEF Europe funded by Erasmus+: Co-Operation Youth Vote- Enabling future active European citizens

⁴ Council of Europe

	<p>Agreed to have International Officers-EB meetings. Gergana is defined as the responsible person for coordinating this with the Secretariat.</p> <p>The discussion on how to communicate with sections most effectively -but also in line with our value of subsidiarity- and a clearer communications' strategy will be continued during the February EB meeting.</p> <p><u>GCE Board member:</u></p> <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following the Slack discussion, JEF will support Agata's nomination. <p><u>Inclusion of ethnic minorities in sections:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - Section might have members of only one ethnic group, situation that might happen in most Western Balkan sections: the role of the EB is to ensure that their statutes are not exclusionary Bear in mind and encourage discussions on European politics, diversity and integration in all sections across the continent. - Further work on projects on inclusion (collaborate with TF E&D). <p>Decision:</p> <p>The EB will follow-up with the future developments within sections and take the approach described above.</p> <p><u>JEF Georgia (interest group):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lead contact person does not wish to lead the interest group project anymore. New lead person already appointed. Currently defining a social media strategy. Request to use JEF logo and name. Facebook page created, no posts or followers yet. The EB contact person (in this case, Juuso), would be co-admin of the Facebook page, as per practice. <p>Decision:</p> <p>Juuso will follow-up with the lead contact person in Georgia, whom he will encourage to keep engaging in JEF events. Use of logo and name would be given to the interest group only after closer ties are established</p>
6. JEF Database	Instrument established by former EB.

	<p>Complex database and lack of training on how to use it.</p> <p>Proposal to have a meeting with the Communication intern in charge of communications with members, Lorène and Michal. Complement with trainings for our sections and potentially count with an expert from an external company (evaluate costs).</p> <p>Decision: Communicate with the sections who have expressed their concerns regarding the lack of response for the database, sharing the situation explained above.</p>
<p>7. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 50y of JEF - 20 years of euro campaign - FYI update of the map of sections and membership survey 	<p><u>50-year anniversary of JEF</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - February 9th:50 years of JEF Europe social event organised by JEF Norway and Friends of JEF. - Brainstorming call on anniversary -agree on a day when the EB will discuss this. Christelle will share the brainstorming by the former EB. <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invite sections to organise 50 years celebrations, depending on COVID regulations. - The 50 anniversary point will be an agenda point in the next EB meeting. <p><u>20 years of Euro campaign</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communicate with and involve sections: calls for short stories to be shared on social media. To be posted on February 7th - Maastricht Treaty Anniversary. - Call shared on 02/01 will be shared again in the newsletter, Christelle will share video requirements to the EB. <p>Decision: -</p> <p><u>Map of sections and membership survey:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sent by Lorène to the sections and included in the newsletter. EB contact persons should communicate with their respective sections so that they check and update the information when necessary. - Membership survey: will be further discussed, preferably to be run after the Spring FC. <p>Decision:-</p> <p><u>Copyright issue (use of a very similar JEF logo by a university in Budapest):</u></p> <p>Decision: Antonio & Robin will follow up -will contact the probono lawyer and write to the university.</p>

The meeting ends at 11pm CET.