

EB minutes 23 March, 8:30pm CET

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

Excused: Milosh

Minutes: Helena

1. Adoption of draft agenda
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7. 50th anniversary of JEF;
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 - d. Follow-up from IO evening
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1. Adoption of draft agenda

Decision: Adopted.

2. Adoption of draft minutes: EB 09/03

Decision: Will be adopted on Sunday (27/03) with the amendments incorporated by then.

3. Democracy under Pressure (DuP) update and picture

- Social media posts by sections and JEF Europe's are planned during the campaign as well as a Twitter chat tomorrow, 24/03 at 12:30pm CET. Flavia, Gergana and Christelle have pre-drafted tweets to be divided among EB members, new ones can of course be added. As for previous Twitter chats, the event is to be shared with sections who can participate themselves or retweet and translate JEF Europe's / EB members' answers.
- At the same time, an event on Democracy in Belarus will take place, organised by the World Federalist Movement (WFM). Antonio will attend and mention our DuP campaign.
- Friday 25/03: Belarus Freedom Day and Anniversary of JEF. There will be social media posts.
- Christelle will write a summary of this year's campaign to be published on The New Federalist (TNF).

Decision: EB members to continue encouraging sections to participate in the campaign (share webpage link and other useful resources), especially those who have yet to share plans.

4. Youth response on Ukraine and follow-up

- Initiative from the German Youth Council's Chair, the Ukrainian Youth Council's Chair, and Milosh with the aim to develop a collective youth response to the situation in Ukraine. More than 20 organisations gathered in Budapest during the weekend (18-20/03). Christelle and Antonio participated, together with Milosh, Judith and Clara (JEF Germany).
- The outcome is a document/working group/Steering committee including 5 workstreams: information sharing, advocacy, help in Ukraine and in neighbouring countries; fundraising. JEF will be part of the Committee, together with other youth Civil Society Organisations. A report will be shared and the Committee will meet to keep working on the defined lines of action.
- JEF's engagement will focus on: (1) fundraising, partnering with organisations; and (2) fast European advocacy, contacting European decision makers and advocating for rapid, collective answers to the developments of the crisis.
- Communications: Content from the meeting has been shared on social media last weekend. Some videos have yet to be published.

Decision: On the [EU-Kraine petition](#): EB to keep encouraging sections and our network to sign and share. Taking the experience of the outreach of the petition by European Movement International (EMI), we should improve our outreach efforts. However, we also acknowledge that our focus and demands are more precise.

5. Federal Committee (FC) Luxembourg updates and needs

- All Political Commission (PC) resolutions have been received before the deadline of 18/03 midnight.
- FC Agenda still needs to be shared. Agenda should be ready to be sent by the end of this week. Milosh has communicated the delay to the network given JEF's action focus considering the current developments in Ukraine.
- Monitoring Committee on Poland: Antonio is in contact with Anna and Laura. For now, there is quite a low level of engagement but the section is working on it. Monitoring will continue, together with support for outreach and engagement.
- PC3 is currently drafting factsheets as an accessible summary of the resolutions that will be discussed and voted upon.
- Needs/support: Robin will be in contact with Lorène to coordinate with members arriving on Friday who could support the organisation (Secretariat/JEF Lux).

- JEF Ukraine's Candidate section submission: monitored by Juuso. The deadline for the application was not met, but the EB can put to vote this new agenda point to the FC. New deadline is Friday 01/04.

Decisions: - Flavia to join the Resolution Committee on behalf of the EB.

- Communication with partners/broader network: Knut will communicate with Milosh to investigate whether they will be able to attend parts of the meeting.
- PC1 and 2 to be encouraged to do factsheets (should they have the capacity).
- EB Activity Report: Antonio will send an email with the draft and the allocation of tasks (sections to be completed and presented). EB members will present the different parts during the FC. To be able to include EB Representation, EB members should complete their respective activities in the respective document beforehand.

6. Federal Committee Resolutions and possible EB amendments:

- Resolutions will be uploaded on the [amendment platform](#) (and the other documents in the Internal Area on JEF's website) by Friday 25/03, open for amendments.
- At the FC, there will be a total of 9 resolutions to be voted upon (8 + 1 readoption including a small change). The Space resolution is on purpose a work in progress resolution to be completed at the PC meeting of Saturday.
- EB agrees that it could discuss and submit amendments collectively. Discussion on possible amendments during this EB meeting.

Decision: EB members to prepare amendments by the next EB meeting to be discussed together.

7. 50th anniversary of JEF;

- JEF Luxembourg is taking care of the cake.
- Gergana is taking care of the time capsule. EB discussed the practicalities (model, materials, content...). A digital time capsule is part of the ideas.
 - The capsule will be presented and opened at the FC for the first time. Discussion on whether it would be an open capsule (ballot box model), where people could introduce content as years pass by, or a closed one which would
 - Letter to the future JEF, written and signed by the EB, could be the first item
- The 50th year anniversary will be promoted in the next IO evening.

Decision: Knut is contacting former JEF Presidents/SecGen

8. Conference on the future of Europe (CoFoE) and political developments;

- Ongoing discussions. There is certain support for a Convention after CoFoE.
- Some MEPs are already drafting a resolution on organising a Convention independently from the Conference, which should be presented and discussed on 02/05 (between the last European Parliament Plenary session and the presentation of the outcome of CoFoE).

9. AOB

- a. FC Prague dates and Federalist Academy

- Federalist Academy should be financed by the operative grant framework. It will be confirmed among Milosh and Robin.
- Dates for the Federalist Academy Seminar: proposed dates 13 (end of FC) - 16/11, following the Autumn FC in Prague.
- The Federalist Academy project will be officially presented and promoted in Luxembourg.

b. Online Congress

- Last weekend of May (29/05). This responds to an organisational/logistical criterion -voting rights will be as during the Congress (they need to be recalculated from 01/06). The call for the Congress must be sent by email and published on the website 8 weeks prior to the event (so if on 29/05 by 03/04).
- Pre-Congress online support meeting could be held for sections having doubts regarding the voting system.
- This Congress is intended to comply with a procedural vote (Accounts approval). No further points should be added to the agenda. Suggestion is that vote will happen through Nemovote as past votes.

c. Update membership statements

- Only Romania has sent it.

Decision: Robin will remind it at the FC in Luxembourg.

d. Follow-up from International Officer evening

- Proposed future dates: every 2-3 months and different topics. Potential date could be after Strasbourg, possibly in between Europe Day (09/05) and Work Plan (17/05).

e. JEF Calendar

- Public calendar available on JEF Europe's website should be available soon.
- The call [for the Workplan training](#) in May is open and can already be advertised to sections.

f. Strasbourg Summit

- A meeting took place today, where interesting points were presented, but the Summit comes really soon and the good (and practical) things still aren't on the website. Clearer information is needed.
 - Resources presented today: 1) Map of booked venues, on the website soon, 2) List of confirmed events in a calendar, on the website soon, 3) List of delegations that have already registered, 4) FAQ site, on the website soon
- There are already events on the calendar (link website), but further partners should be invited to host their workshops and other activities and bring their participants.
- There is a list of the registered delegations which needs to be expanded.

The EB praises the amazing work of the Secretariat in drafting the grant application that will help JEF strive in the next years, in particular for the European elections!!

Meeting closed at 23:23 CET.