

EB minutes - March 9th, 8pm CET

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

Minutes: Juuso and Knut

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of draft minutes: EB Brussels 17-20/02 - EB 23/02
3. Update on Ukraine and next actions
4. Democracy under Pressure
5. Federal Committee Luxembourg
6. Strasbourg summit
7. International Officer meeting
8. AOB
 - a. JEF Madrid and the Congress
 - b. Federal Committee Prague date
 - c. Federalist Academy

1. Adoption of draft agenda

Decision: Draft agenda was adopted.

2. Adoption of draft minutes

Decision: Draft minutes from the previous two meetings were adopted.

3. Update on Ukraine and the next actions

Antonio thanked the Executive Board and the sections for their work on Ukraine since the onset of the war. He thanked Milosh for his work on connecting with Ukrainian stakeholders and with other stakeholders through Civil Society Europe.

Antonio discussed recent meetings he has held concerning Ukraine, including a meeting with the Italian S&D delegation in the European Parliament, and a meeting with European Trade Union Confederation who will organise a pan-European demonstration on 15 March. An online demonstration was organised by UEF¹, in which JEF was a partner; JEF participated in street demonstrations held around Europe.

Thanks to initiative from Milosh and the German Federal Youth Council, there will be a coordination meeting in Budapest between national youth councils and other relevant stakeholders (youth European associations) about organising aid for Ukraine. The meeting will take place on 18 - 20 March: a funding application for the Franco-German Youth Foundation is

¹ Union of European Federalists

being prepared. Antonio, Christelle, Milosh and the Executive Board's Secretary General nominee Judit will be there.

Christelle gave an update on the [EU-Kraine petition](#), which so far has almost 600 signatures. Discussion on getting more signatories for the petition: how can we reach out to more signatories, also outside of JEF? Discussion on when to send the EU-Kraine petition. Next steps: how to follow-up with our commitment and the claims raised in the petition. List of remaining (institutional) obstacles to achieve the demands in the petition.

A Convention could be launched on the 9th of May, European Parliament position to relaunch treaties after the end of Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE).

Decisions:

- Keep sharing website link and petition link on social media and with sections.
- Ensure and remind people about the [confirmation link](#) (to be highlighted more on the website).
- The petition will be sent once the Commission has made a proposal on the EU candidate status of Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova.
- Further strengthen partnerships with current network organisations.
- Christelle already did on Twitter, but information post with accessible explanation about key demands/enlargement process for non-familiar people who would potentially support it -sections encouraged to translate it into their languages (e.g. Germany did).

4. Democracy under Pressure (-9 days left)

Christelle, Knut and Flavia presents the latest on the campaign. Ukraine will be incorporated into the communication around the Democracy under Pressure campaign, including in the The New Federalist article to be published. The theme of the campaign is "Democracy under attack".

The Twitter chat with EURACTIV takes place on 24 March. Visuals for the campaign are under preparation. The [webinar on Hungary](#) took place on 25 February. The event on Ukraine from JEF Heidelberg-Mannheim in cooperation with JEF Europe will be held on 17 March. The event on Belarus will take place on 21 March.

Knut is also working on an event about Moldova and Georgia which would likely happen after the action week. JEF Georgia could be included as a speaker in this event: Juuso will transmit the invitation.

Christelle will aim to meet JEF Hungary members in Budapest the weekend of 18 - 20 March during the youth response for Ukraine weekend and do a street action with them.

Decision: -

5. Federal Committee Luxembourg (-1 month left)

Christelle, Milosh and Antonio had a meeting with JEF Luxembourg. Christelle presented the draft agenda.

The internal audit report only needs to be ready for the online Congress (end May) and not for the Federal Committee as per Belgian law and change of statutes.

Communication to Friends of JEF and former active members is going out on Friday.

Sections and directly elected members of the Federal Committee can give a proxy vote if they cannot attend. It should be ideally sent 7 days before the event to help with logistics.

Decisions:

- The EB approved the draft agenda for the Federal Committee in Luxembourg and it will now be discussed with the Presidium.
- Helena will be in contact with Sebastiano about a potential observer from the interest group in Turkey.
- Gergana and Knut, will work on how to implement all the initiatives on the 50 years anniversary. The contact person in the secretariat is Lorene.

6. Strasbourg Summit

Most important was a political update on CoFoE. We must connect the Strasbourg event to everything else that is happening around (convention). Between Next Chapter Europe and other sources of funding we should be able to give financial support to around 100 people. How do we choose them? Applications from national sections are to be confirmed but could give more funding. JEF Europe is planning to arrange two events during the summit.

Sections are working on the organisation of events and recruitment of members to be physically there. Update from Germany: three regional sections are thinking about sending a delegation of about 5 people each + 6 people will join from the federal board. They will encourage local sections to organise a street action via Next Chapter Europe (for funding) and go to Strasbourg which might mobilise another 20 people, but numbers are still tentative

Decision: Robin will follow up on additional sources of funding.

7. IO meeting

Gergana presents the agenda sent by email and the draft presentation.

Decision: EB members should complete the slides before the meeting.

8. AOB

a. JEF Madrid and the Congress

JEF Madrid expressed interest in hosting the Congress. We thank them for their interest and will notify them when the call for interest is open (a few weeks before the FC in Prague).

Decision: -

b. Federal Committee Prague date

Decision: Tentative date is set for **11 – 13 November** (week 45), but to be cross-checked with UEF (Antonio) and YFJ (Christelle).

c. Federalist Academy

The first proposed date to start is 30 March. The dates will be confirmed soon, but it depends on the speakers. We should start promoting the Federal Academy soon . Discussion about starting in April, and not in late March, considering the Democracy under Pressure action week focus in the coming week followed by Spring Federal Committee (together with the Internal Officer evening tomorrow, it should be the best opportunity to share it with sections). Following the last confirmation from Visnja (Session 4), Robin and Visnja could discuss the possibility of a joint session; Robin is also open to the original idea of Visnja being the main lecturer.

Decision: Juuso draws new dates starting from April and updates the schedule. Robin and Helena to further coordinate for the bibliography collection for the website space.

Meeting closed at 21:42.