

## EB minutes

May 18th 2022, 8pm CEST

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

Excused:

Minutes: Helena

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of draft minutes ([EB 04/05](#))
3. Political update (Convention procedure and new investment plans)
4. International officer evening
5. Strasbourg Summit evaluation
6. Membership statements and Online Congress
7. Council of Europe Youth campaign for revitalising democracy
8. Bi-weekly brief Secretariat update
9. AOB
  - a. YFJ comem
  - b. Youth Network Event
  - c. Euractiv Twitter chat (24/05)
  - d. Policy paper work (e.g. Health)
  - e. Sziget Festival
  - f. Final farewell to Milosh

<b>1. Adoption of draft agenda</b>	<b>Decision: Adopted</b>
<b>2. Adoption of draft minutes</b> <b>(<a href="#">EB 04/05</a>)</b>	<b>Decision: Minutes (04/05) approved.</b> In-person EB meeting (Strasbourg) minutes will be approved in the next online EB meeting (01/06).
<b>3. Political update (Convention procedure and new investment plans)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Closing of the CoFoE<sup>1</sup>: A system of 5 rapporteurs (1 per political group) has been established to prepare a text to be approved in the AFCO<sup>2</sup> Committee, to be sent to the Plenary by the beginning of June, so that it can be discussed by the last European Council shared by the French government in mid June.</li></ul>	<b>Decision:</b> Organising an International Officer evening on 8 June to discuss next steps for the Convention with the sections.

<sup>1</sup> Conference on the Future of Europe

<sup>2</sup> European parliament Committee on Constitutional Affairs

The last version of the draft mentions competences on health, education, strengthening defence mechanisms, abolishing the veto rights, Energy Union... A Pan-European referendum to be requested by the European Parliament. The only point that is not present in this text are Transnational lists -this is part of electoral law (it is up to the Council to approve the electoral law by unanimity vote).

Question: there seems to be room for campaigning for now, but we could start preparing national-level campaigning with concrete MPs.

The only topic not mentioned in the CoFoE conclusion is enlargement, but instead “associate membership” to be provided to countries who want to access the EU is currently discussed.

Main Convention rapporteurs: all German, from the Spinelli group. No diversity.

- REPowerEU: Energy crisis mentioned in relation to the Green transition, and 9bn EUR in 2022 directed to rebuilding Ukraine.

There won't be much time to work on the AFCO draft, but we will be able to work on implementation of proposals.

Mid-term perspective - if they don't achieve what they aimed for we can formulate more elaborate proposals / Campaign for what we agree with and can from the outcome of the text voted.

Next steps could include:

- Taking the resolutions and collecting concrete proposals.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Focus on the final points (conclusion document).</li> <li>- Talking with contacts we have established already (Spinelli Group).</li> <li>- Campaigning at national and European levels.</li> <li>- How to structure the Convention? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- List of European institutions</li> <li>- Non-institutional observers are needed -including citizens- in the Convention as opposed to Article 48(3) TEU<sup>3</sup>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4. International Officer evening</b></p> <p>Proposal to host the GDPR information session for our members. Not the goal of the IO evening, but worth checking whether there would be an interest for it.</p> <p>PC 1-3 call: coordinated by Knut to discuss new opportunities for members to engage in advocacy with a Board member.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EB to send feedback to the email proposal (by Gergana) on Friday 20/05 by 12pm (CEST) inviting sections to the IO evening happening on 08/06.</li> <li>- Agenda and final notes will be finalised during the EB meeting on Wednesday 01/06.</li> <li>- Capacity building and GDPR: can be mentioned in the IO evening, while organising a separate meeting.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5. Strasbourg Summit evaluation</b></p> <p><u>Positives</u></p> <p>Positive media coverage. Good turnout in the March for Europe. Great international presence. Great work with JEF France and the organising committee. Turnout was adequate for the human resources and capacities available.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Collect learnings and constructive feedback.</b></li> <li>- <b>'Thank you' email with participants and the network to be sent.</b></li> </ul>

<sup>3</sup> "...Convention composed of representatives of the national Parliaments, of the Heads of State or Government of the Member States, of the European Parliament and of the Commission".

<p><u>To be improved</u></p> <p>Turnout was smaller than expected. Moderate amount of workshops and good turnout on Friday. On Thursday, however, some were empty or did not happen. Logistics were not always well communicated in advance (hampering the possibilities for people to attend and participate).</p> <p>Further EB discussion on how to continue keeping JEF spirit up and possibly collecting JEFers experiences from the Summit and satellite events. On this, there is already a Drive to collect all Strasbourg Summit pictures, articles. On Monday, an official video of the Summit will be released.</p>	
<p><b>6. Membership statements and Online Congress</b></p> <p>One of the issues (and main reason) why we did not receive some of the statements on time is the mailing list to sections. Both responsibility of the IOs and the EB contact persons. Main contacts (emails) need to be updated accordingly, and sections should communicate changes to the EB contact person.</p> <p>Better communication should have been delivered from the EB's side about harder deadlines. Message given to sections who submit documents late. Sections are expected to have their membership numbers by their General Assemblies; ensure that these happen regularly.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Membership statements and fees to be finalised by the end of the week.</li> <li>- Number of delegates to be communicated to sections by 1st of June.</li> <li>- Clearer communication to sections about deadlines to submit statements for next year.</li> <li>- Detailed overview of membership by section/overall to be shared after all information is received.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Council of Europe Youth action week for revitalising democracy (Strasbourg)</b></p> <p>Workshop structure is closed. A possible workshop on Democracy under Pressure</p>	<p><b>Decision: Gergana will be attending on behalf of the EB.</b></p>

<p>could be prepared and JEF's work showcased at the event.</p>	
<p><b>8. Secretariat bi-weekly update</b></p> <p>Grant application for the European Parliament on inclusive political campaigning submitted.</p> <p>Application ongoing for an international activity with the EYF<sup>4</sup> (funding the Federalist Academy and follow-up activities). Microgranting to organisations is not in line with the guidelines of the call.</p>	<p>Decisions: -</p>
<p><b>9. AOB</b></p> <p><b>a. YFJ Comem<sup>5</sup> (Council of Members of the YFJ)</b></p> <p>Christelle attended a Comem for the first time. Was adopted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Resolution on Ukraine adopted (and motions on Belarus and Ukraine)</li> <li>- New membership fee system with solidarity funds, but based on total turnover rather than source of funding (does not work for us).</li> </ul> <p>Good to connect with the broader network. The general assembly will happen in Tirana in November; the idea would be to find a JEFer to become a YFJ Board member.</p> <p><b>b. Youth Network Event</b></p> <p>Networking event in the European Parliament. Appoint two representatives -one from JEF Europe and another from outside Brussels. Deadline: 27/05.</p> <p><b>c. Euractiv Twitter chat (24/05)</b></p> <p><b>d. Policy paper work (e.g. Health)</b></p>	<p>a. YFJ Comem <b>Decision: EB to share proposals for YFJ Board with Christelle, Antonio and Judit.</b></p> <p>b. Youth Network Event <b>Decision: Communicate via Slack, an EB member from outside of Brussels should be able to participate.</b></p> <p>c. Euractiv Twitter chat <b>Decision: Flavia, Juuso and Christelle to coordinate on Slack.</b></p>

<sup>4</sup> European Youth Foundation

<sup>5</sup> European Youth Forum council of members

Juuso has shared the policy paper he prepared with Kalojan Hoffmeister and Robert Scholz.

Discuss the format to publish these papers.

PC2 expressed their interest to work on a health resolution, this paper could be the starting point for it.

The energy and interest on specific topics should be effectively used for the benefit of the organisation. These papers would explicitly elaborate on points outlined on policy resolutions. However, we need to be careful to avoid that this type of effort undermines the work of PCs and PC chairs. EB and PC chairs should be to the extent needed involved in the process as much as possible.

Very important that the structure and procedure is fair, accessible, and openly communicated to all members, especially through PCs work.

**e. Sziget Festival**

JEF Hungary invited JEF Europe to attend the music festival and apply together. Best for JEF Hungary to apply with UEF Hungary if JEF Europe is only going 2-3 days to the festival, but we will send a Board member.

**f. Final farewell for Milosh**

d. Policy paper(s)

**Decision: EB to read the paper and provide feedback. Good starting point for further resolutions. Discussion to be continued on 01/06.**

e. Sziget Festival

**Decision: Talk to Judit / via Slack to appoint one person to attend.**

f. Milosh farewell

This is the last EB meeting of Milosh. **The board gives a HUGE THANK YOU TO MILOSH for his commitment to JEF all these years and in particular his hard work and passion as Secretary General. Once a JEFer, always a JEFer!**

The EB meeting closes at 22:38 pm CEST.