

EB minutes

June 15th 2022, 8pm CEST

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

Excused:

Minutes: Juuso and Helena

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of draft minutes ([EB 01/06](#))
3. Secretariat update
4. Financial update & online Congress
5. Actions on Ukraine
6. Sections update
7. AOB
 - a. IO meeting
 - b. Ventotene
 - c. Contact from Israel
 - d. Trade Civil Society Dialogues
 - e. Federalist view newsletter
 - f. Europa Nova Germany event

1. Adoption of draft agenda	Decision: Adopted
2. Adoption of draft minutes	Decision: Adopted with modification of the Glasgow seminar date
3. Secretariat update Judit has had one-on-one discussions with colleagues. Overall, Secretariat members are happy with their tasks. Théo is joining the Work Plan team, instead of Michal. Lorène is leaving at the end of this week. Currently Next Chapter Europe and the Work Plan are the only important ongoing grants; local activities for the Work Plan are being implemented, and Mirjam is making a list. Théo, Alexandra and Judit will go to Fiji in July. JEF-Europe will move offices by 1 October. We're currently looking for suitable office spaces.	Decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Antonio, Helena and Knut expressed interest in joining the Glasgow Work Plan seminar, final decision depending on availability and funding opportunities.- EB contact persons to follow-up Work Plan local actions with sections.

4. Financial update & online Congress

We are now closing the 2021 financial year. Closing past employment contracts proved to be a noteworthy expense. Other challenges include COVID. The result for last year is -55,136€, but one should note that for 2020 the result was +60,711€. Overall, the Secretariat doesn't see a reason to be alarmed.

Reserves are €36,551, which isn't a huge amount - might climb to around 45 000 EUR with the final closing tomorrow. This year, we would like to increase it . As we have multiple grants with co-funding requirements, we need to maintain reserves for co-funding.

Closing the 2021 financial year is a prerequisite for sending the final documents for the online Congress. The accountant should be able to finalise the documents tomorrow.

The Credentials Committee will verify the allocation of Congress delegates. It is composed of one FC member, one Arbitration Board member and one internal auditor. Concerning voting methods, Nemo Vote will be used.

Decision:

- Financial documents will be sent to sections tomorrow.
- Sections to communicate their delegate/s by the day before (28/06) the latest. Proxies will be allowed as per statutes.

5. Actions on Ukraine

a. Solidarity with Ukraine. Mission to Odessa.

In April, a convoy of volunteers from civil society organisations from Italy left for Lviv to bring goods and bring back refugees. JEF Italy formally took part in this initiative. The convoy is organising a second trip, trying to expand the scope of volunteers and is seeking the support of JEF Europe.

a. Solidarity with Ukraine, mission to Odessa

Decisions:

- **We will join the convoy's call for donations of goods to bring to Ukraine.**
- **By the next EB meeting (29/06), details to be further explored (contact Flixbus and Annemarie, see**

Currently, the mission will go to Odessa, for a week in July (14 to 18).

JEF Europe cannot take responsibility for such an action. However, a few **volunteers** would be able to go on the mission and we should be able to provide a **vehicle**. Renting a transportation method is complicated.

Flixbus is running programmes in Ukraine, which opens the possibility to organise a bus with them (*to be checked*).

The convoy will provide the preparation, the contacts in Ukraine and the knowledge about the process.

At least one preparatory session would take place with the EB and the volunteers, facilitated by the people who participated in the first mission (contact through JEF Italy).

It is necessary to know the **financial details** for this action (who would cover which costs, what should JEF Europe assume and how could this be administered from the organisation).

- b. Call to action on Conference follow-up. Convention for treaty change

Discussion started but scepticism remains. The Spinelli group joined advocacy actions. Uncertainty around the Czech's presidency support for the Convention.

Action day, open letter to country representative in the European Council press release. Will be more effective to do advocacy at the national and regional levels through sections' actions, followed by the EB contact persons.

the vehicle renting feasibility...); if feasible, Diletta to be invited to the meeting regarding practical details (especially financial conditions, forms of engagements.

- b. **Link with Conference follow-up. Convention for treaty change**

Decisions:

- **Send the letter to Charles Michel and send it to the sections, asking them to translate it and send it to their national decision-makers.**
- **Antonio to request meeting with EU Nordic/Baltic sections to happen next week on specific actions on Convention.**
- **EB to follow actions from sections expected next week (confirmation of letters sent).**
- **Amendments on the letter and PR**

<p>Useful to create a one-page visual-explainer with the checklist on how to proceed with political advocacy on the Convention for treaty change.</p> <p>c. <u>EU-Kraine petition</u></p> <p>EU-Kraine petition will be sent to main decision-makers.</p> <p>Further emphasis on the role of sections to bring the petition and the advocacy for Ukraine (and other countries)' candidate status at the national governments' level (talk about it through EB contact persons).</p>	<p>by EB members by Thursday 16/06 9:30h CEST (documents to be sent during the morning). Email will be sent Thursday 16/06 morning</p> <p>c. EU-Kraine petition</p> <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Send our petition on Ukraine attached to the letter on Conference followup.
<p>6. Sections' update</p> <p>Sections' updates shared and discussion points debated. Confidential report.</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further reflection on the very small / struggling sections is needed, need for specific actions to be defined in the next EB meeting (29/06).
<p>7. AOB</p> <p>a. IO meeting</p> <p>Next date: September. New Boards might be elected, which should be taken into consideration for comm</p> <p>Good practice, should be kept. Idea to discuss administrative/logistical updates at the beginning, although structure can be further discussed for upcoming meetings.</p> <p>Political discussion is very valued. Communicate topics in advance (and even possibility to suggest preparatory readings)</p> <p>b. Ventotene seminar</p> <p>Antonio, Judit, Gergana, Knut and Christelle to go (to be confirmed). The list of JEFers who applied/will participate will be known after registration close (20/06). More</p>	<p>a. IO meeting</p> <p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next IO meeting to be organised in September on projects' updates, on granting, 2024 European elections and the Prague FC. - Helena and Christelle to discuss with the taskforce Empowerment and diversity the lack of gender diversity in IO meeting's discussions. <p>b. Ventotene seminar</p> <p>Decision: -</p>

information on the program and speakers coming soon.

c. Contact from Israel

Juuso got contacted by people from Israel interested in starting a section, which is not possible according to our statutes.

d. Trade Civil Society dialogues

JEF Belgium is preparing a position paper on trade and would like to register for the trade civil society dialogues. They would like to register using JEF Europe's European Transparency Register.

e. Federalist view newsletter

An example of weekly newsletter - (Monday/Tuesday) to recap on the policy developments and federalist take - was sent to the board. The idea would be to communicate articles and short reflections on political debates and it would be open to everyone.

Point made that not so many people are reading the newsletter currently, and whether it contradicts what was agreed in Strasbourg.

f. Europa Nova Germany event

We have been invited to speak at a Europa Nova Germany on 23/06 18-19h CEST. No board members can join so we could extend invitation to Clara (JEF Germany).

c. Israel

Decision:

- **Juuso to put them in touch with Young world federalists.**

d. Trade Civil Society dialogues

Decision: Helena and Juuso to follow-up.

e. Federalist view newsletter

Decision:

- **Discussion to be continued with format to be refined.**

f. Europa Nova Germany event

Decision: Followup on Slack. Judit to contact Clara, with Helena in cc.

The EB meeting closes at 11:15pm CEST.