

EB draft minutes

June 29th 2022, 8pm CEST

Present: Christelle, Juuso, Gergana, Knut, Robin, Helena, Flavia, Judit, Antonio, Annemarie and Diletta (guests for updates on Ukraine)

Excused:

Minutes: Helena, Christelle

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of draft minutes (EB 15/06)
3. Updates on Ukraine (convoy 14/18 July)
4. Online Congress evaluation
5. Secretariat update
6. Membership survey
7. Europe What if?
8. Candidate section update and Supporting smaller sections (postponed)
9. AOB
 - a. Sofia EB meeting
 - b. UEF FC meeting
 - c. EESC Civil society prize
 - d. The New Federalist
 - e. CERV grant planning

1. Adoption of draft agenda	Decision: Agenda approved.
2. Adoption of draft minutes (EB 15/06)	Decision: To be approved by Sunday (03/07).
3. Ukraine JEF Europe will fund 1/2 vehicles going to Ukraine. The fundraising campaign is organised and coordinated by Annemarie, with the support of JEF Europe. An email was sent to share the news and collect the availabilities for travelling with the convoy to Ukraine (14-18/07). a. Diletta informs the EB about the convoy's plan: Fundraising could to support purchase of goods, the list will be confirmed tomorrow	Decisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Juuso to discuss involvement of JEF Ukraine with them- EB members spread the word among their networks and attract funding and engagement.- Contact persons suggest to sections to organise fundraising events to raise donations (their initiatives would be collected under the EU-Kraine page in JEF's website)-

by the volunteers who collected it June in Ukraine, while the confirmation for legal requirements and the route will come closer to the date. The plan is to go to Odessa, yet this will depend on the changing war circumstances.

Fundraising will also be for buying the plant to desalinate water (22,000 EUR,).

JEF Italy sent an email to relaunch the fundraising and are in contact with the National Youth Council in Italy, planning to provide some resources.

b. Fundraising campaign update by Annemarie

Everything that comes in will be directed to this initiative. For now, nothing received. In the past weeks, less donations have been received.

Annemarie could provide contacts from locals and is in close contact with people in Odessa and Kyiv distributing goods.

One of her contacts has a background in interculturality and psychology and is currently looking to facilitate sessions for Ukrainians (both in and outside of the country) to support each other and build collective resilience during war times.

Fundraising events and initiatives could also be further developed (e.g. concerts).

Diletta suggests that as soon as we know the route and the needs that have to be distributed, then we put those contacts in touch with each other.

A relevant point is also raised on the need to connect with all other youth organisations working in solidarity with Ukraine.

<p>4. Online Congress evaluation</p> <p>A draft of an Online Congress evaluation survey will be sent by Judit in the coming days.</p> <p>JEF Europe was very flexible this year regarding deadlines and registrations, yet this entailed that the SG was only focused on the online Congress. It is very hard to impose hard deadlines considering the statutes. More time should be ahead to inform sections for next online Congress. Statutes might need to be reviewed.</p>	<p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An online evaluation survey will be circulated (previously revised by the EB). - Further discussion will follow during the in-person EB meeting in August, once feedback has been collected. - EB to send a list of learnings and questions to the Arbitration Board.
<p>5. Secretariat update</p> <p>Lorène is no longer the Membership Officer. Her role is highly needed, so recruitment will start in July.</p> <p>Tomorrow is Beatriz's last day. She will continue as a JEFer in JEF Spain.</p> <p>The Secretariat has already visited the new office. Rent contracts would again last for 2,5 years.</p> <p>Théo, Alex and Judit will be in the educational project in Fiji from the 8-18 of July. Hence, their work will be affected, also because of the uncertain Internet access. WhatsApp for urgent communications. Payments that have to be done should be requested during the first week of July, or they can expect delays.</p> <p>The grant for the inclusive political campaigning has been granted to JEF Europe. Alex will share more information about the project in cooperation with other youth organisations (ENIL, OBESSU, ...)</p>	<p>Decision: -</p>
<p>6. Membership survey</p> <p>Last membership survey happened in 2018.</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christelle to suggest a meeting

<p>Christelle prepared with Lorène this one, especially needed to check on the updated status of JEF sections after COVID-19.</p> <p>The idea is to send it to national and local sections, each one should fill it once.</p> <p>Translations would be too complicated to handle as answers would need to be analysed in different languages.</p> <p>Every two years, important to have the membership survey. Ability to track how JEF is changing and compare from period to period.</p> <p>Ideally, for the subsequent years, the survey should run during the first half of the year, so that changes can be implemented during the rest of the year.</p>	<p>date on Slack to go over the questions, people to react</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christelle to send it to the sections mid-July (would run until beginning/mid September - EB contact persons to chase answers from national sections
<p>7. Europe What if?</p> <p>Short meeting to co-construct with sections, then a new meeting with them to present the concept note after Sofia.</p> <p>Send a draft of the idea to the sections before the meeting, so that the brainstorming session is more productive</p> <p>Open to candidate/ full sections and interest groups outside of the EU. The project will serve as a bridge to open up new sections / build interest groups.</p>	<p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knut to be in charge of the project - Have a short first meeting with sections on the 20th of July (TBC) - Knut to draft an email presenting the idea (draft to be shared with the EB). - Judit to get in touch with the Open Society Foundation for a funding stream connected to this action.
<p>8. Candidate section update and Supporting smaller sections</p>	<p>Decision: Postponed to next online meeting (13/07)</p>
<p>9. AOB</p> <p>a. Sofia EB meeting</p> <p>EB members to inform about their travel plans. Meeting to start on Friday -afternoon?</p>	<p>a. Sofia EB meeting</p> <p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gergana to provide logistics details to help EB members arrange their travelling.

Logistics and budget would need to be tackled before Judit leaves for Fiji (i.e. by next week): 4-5 people at Gergana's, the rest in another place. We can meet at JEF Bulgaria's office building or find an alternative venue.

b. UEF FC meeting

Meeting next week in Brussels. HR issues in UEF.

c. EESC Civil society prize

UEF shared the call for EESC civil society prize. 6 prizes for c. 10,000 EUR each either on empowering young people or civil society support to Ukraine. Deadline is 31/07. It would be good for co-funding of the grant.

d. The New Federalist (TNF)

TNF sent a plan for enhanced cooperation with JEF Europe: articles to be featured in the newsletter, each month a board member would write an article on the topic of their choosing. TNF proposes to have periodical meetings with the JEF EB to hear what the main political priorities for the upcoming months are.

The EB notes the lack of social media around article publications.

Project on journalism with JEF France will welcome TNF participation. Once further info is available, it will be shared with TNF.

e. CERV

Reflect by next meeting on what key things should be included in grant application (will open soon for a month), including on capacity building

On granting application: not sure when it will be opened either together or in the autumn.

- **Antonio to draft EB agenda and send it next week**

- b. UEF FC meeting

Decision: -

- c. EESC Civil society prize

Decisions:

- **JEF to apply for Democracy under Pressure.**
- **Christelle to work on application to be reviewed by Judit.**
- d. The New Federalist

Decision:

- **Board members are encouraged to write articles, on top of those already written this year.**

- e. CERV

Decision

- **EB to reflect on priorities to be discussed at the next EB meeting.**
- **On granting and capacity building will also be discussed.**

The EB meeting closes at 22:15 pm CEST.