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EUROPEAN
FEDERALISTS

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EDITORIAL

Dear JEFers, dear friends of JEF Europe,

Thank you for your interest in the work and activities of JEF Europe for the years 2020 and 2021. We are very proud to present to you a very unique report on our organisation: this is the one that wears a mask and always carries a vaccination certificate alongside some disinfection gel. But behind that mask, the #JEFspirit continued. If it conveys a bit of that, this report has already achieved its purpose. A big welcome also to those who joined JEF in these two years and who are now getting to know #JEFspirit during physical events!

Already mid-March 2020, when the world seemed to disconnect, we were committed to the slogan "a federal Europe will not be put on pause". The motivation of the first JEFers who experienced a lockdown continued to be inspiring for the months to come, and we quickly learnt how to adapt campaigning and community organising to the new realities we collectively faced. Many online events were organised, connecting JEFers across the continent. Social media became the gateway to get to know JEF - and developed new strategies to reach out to millions of social media users around the globe. Our civic education programme "Europe@School" started organising a project called "Europe@Home" to adapt to the new realities of young people. We ensured that JEF remains "simply a generation ahead", having been one of the first European youth organisations to organise its statutory meeting completely online - and one of the first organising a hybrid meeting. Our biggest project of the past two years, "Y-Fed", was radically adjusted to each of the different stages of the pandemic, and successfully organised more than 50 events.

These have been two more years of crises in Europe, with - for instance - the pandemic, climate change, severe rule of law violations threatening the legal order. Brexit happened. Never has our message of regaining sovereignty through strengthening and democratizing the European level been more important. The Union made its first steps towards a fiscal Union, and has created an opportunity to discuss reforms, alongside Europe-wide advocacy to organise the Conference on the Future of Europe democratic, meaningful and inclusive way. As of October 2021, JEF's 13 ideas on the online platform count as the most popular proposals on the platform. Our joint project with AEGEE, 'Next Chapter Europe', organises youth consultations across Europe. JEF has managed to position itself as the non-partisan youth organisation that is ready to talk (and challenge) any stakeholder to do their best for the common future. The annual Democracy Under Pressure campaign, which turned 15 years old, has gotten new significance in the context of the recent protests in Belarus.

Thank you to the Executive Board for your hard work and your friendship. Thank you too to our Secretary General, Milosh Ristovski, and all members of the European Secretariat - the biggest it has ever been - who have worked tirelessly, with a lot of dedication from home, and now the office, to support JEF Europe in its activities.

Dear JEFers, I want to thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for investing your time and energy in JEF, in a time when everyone had to reorganise their lives. I want to thank you for advocating for a federal Europe during a time of significant crisis, where despite the uncertainties that faced us, we dedicated time and effort to create more diverse and inclusive spaces in our organisation and reflect about how the future of Europe can be shaped by our political work. You are an inspiration and Europe would not be the same without you.

So much more has happened, which we have tried to summarize in this report. I wish you a good read.

Leonie Martin

JEF Europe President
2020-2021



ABOUT US



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JEF Europe is an independent, transnational, nonpartisan, political youth NGO operating in 35 European countries with 12,500 registered members.

OUR VISION

A federal Europe based on the values of peace, democracy and the rule of law.

OUR MISSION

JEF Europe promotes active European citizenship, works for the widening and the deepening of the EU and strives for a more just and integrated society on the European continent.

OUR POLITICAL PLATFORM

The Political Platform is JEF Europe's main guiding political document.

Through the political platform, JEF Europe formulates its key convictions and ideas that provide inspiration to move on from the current political constellation in Europe and enable progress towards a true European Federation.

It outlines the necessary institutional changes that pave the way towards a European Constitution, describes Federal policies in major political areas. It pictures the role of a Federal Europe in the world and finally envisions the role of JEF in this framework.



THE PEOPLE

Executive Board

JEF Europe is guided on a daily basis by the Executive Board (EB).

The EB is responsible for the management, coordination and daily actions of the organisation.

The EB meets at least 4 times a year and every 2 weeks through online meetings.



LEONIE MARTIN
President



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Vice President



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Board Member
(2020/2021)



**ANDREAS
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GRAVERSEN**
Board Member



HANNA KIVIMÄKI
Board Member
(2019/2020)

Arbitration Board

The Arbitration Board is composed of 5 members elected by the Congress. Its function is to settle statutory conflicts between members, sections and statutory bodies.



JACOPO BARBATI



MIRIAM POSTIGLIONE



KEVIN KRISTIENSEN



CAMILLA WALSTAD



**ABDUL KERIM
AYDEMIR**

Auditors Committee

The Auditors Committee verifies the accounts of the association at least once a year. It is composed of at least two members and a maximum of three, elected by the Congress.



EMILIA CHEHTOVA



**PATRICK L.
VON WILDENRADT**



MARC SINNER

Federal Committee

The Executive Board implements the decisions taken by the Federal Committee (FC), which supervises the work of the EB. The FC meets twice a year and formulates the political and organisational policies.

The FC is composed of 16 members elected by the Congress and one representative for each national section. FC members also actively contribute to the work of JEF Europe and participate in at least one Political Commission (PC) or Task Force (TF).



SIMON DEVOS-CHERNOVA
Presidium



SONJA AFANASJEVA
Presidium



GERHARD SOYKA
Presidium



ANNEMARIE HERTNER



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INE TOLLENAERS



RICCARDO MOSCHETTI



RAIMOND NRECAJ



FLAVIA-GABRIELA
SANDU



BEN CASSAR



OLAV SOLDAL



CHRISTELLE
SAVALL
(2019/2020)



ALEKSANDRA
ALEKSEJEVA



GIORGIA SORRENTINO



KATHARINA BURREN
(2020/2021)

Co-Opted FC Members



OPHÉLIE OMNES



MALTE STEUBER



CLÉMENT MAURY

JEF Europe Secretariat

The Secretariat, under the leadership of the Secretary General, is in charge of the daily management of JEF Europe: organisation of statutory meetings, European projects, lobbying and advocacy in Brussels, finances and administration, coordination with sections, communications.

Having moved in February 2020, you can meet the Secretariat when you visit Brussels.



MILOSH RISTOVSKI
Secretary General



MICHAL RYBACKI
Policy Officer



SEAN ELLUL
Communications Officer



THEO LECARPENTIER
Project Officer



ALEXANDRA HUBER
Project and Financial
Officer



LORENE WEBER
Admin and Membership
Officer



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Project Officer



MIRJAM DE JONG
Project Management
Intern



KAROLIINA RAJALA
Communications Officer
(2020)



EMILIE VANDAM
Project and Financial
Officer (2018-2019)



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ALMARCHA**
Policy Officer
(2019-2020)



CHIARA GRIGOLO
Project Management
Intern
(2021)



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Project Management
Intern
(2021)



LINNEA HOPP
Project Management
Intern
(2020)



JEF's Visibility & Outreach

Over the last two years, JEF Europe strived to make the most out of opportunities in the field of digital communications, to truly be a generation ahead in the way we approach Communications, Visibility, and Outreach.

The past twenty-four months have been a period of experimentation and growth for JEF Europe's communications office. The effective use of previously untapped social media platforms, such as Reddit, proved to be extremely effective in driving unprecedented results in both reach, and political conversions for the organisation. Moreover, the use of new forms of content, such as Instagram Reels and Instagram stickers & GIFs, allowed us to expose ourselves to new audiences and means of engagement.

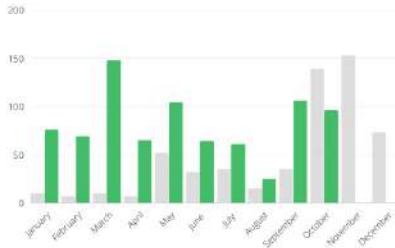
Having expanded our global engagement to over 3 million impressions in the last two years, it is clear that JEF's approach towards social engagement is working, with the organisation having solid and sound strategies in place. As of 2021, JEF built multiple new approaches towards external communications, with multiple shifts being noted in the way we do political advocacy. Political Statement & Press Releases were reduced in frequency, with the aim of factoring in the effective use of social media platforms such as Twitter when communicating our political goals.

The use of the digital platform GIPHY allowed us to expose our Comms materials to millions of people on Instagram, Messenger and WhatsApp in the form of stickers and GIFs. This move has gained us impressive levels of visibility, with over 18 million sticker & GIF views since January 2021.

JEF Europe aims to continue building on the successes of the last two years, with the aim of actively expanding our capacity and reach in the area of digital communications, to keep our network a generation ahead.

COMMS STATISTICS

Twitter



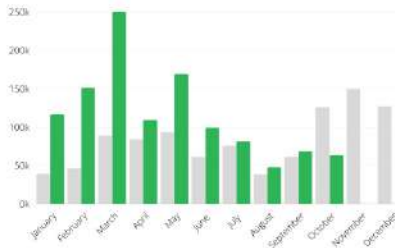
2020

2021

Total Tweets

2021: **814** (...and counting!)

2020: **568**



2020

2021

Impressions

2021: **988,800** (...and counting!)

2020: **1,154,70000**

Total Twitter Impressions: 2,143,500

Facebook

January 2020 to October 2021

Facebook Impressions:

1,920,000

Facebook Reach:

1,464,866

Sticker and GIF Views

Weekly Views:

573,600

Monthly Views:

1.9 Million

Total: 18.4 Million Views

Totals calculated from 25/10/21



The New Federalist

The New Federalist is JEF's online magazine, which publishes daily articles & interviews. It exists in seven independent language editions (Le Taurillon in French, The New Federalist in English, TreffpunktEuropa in German, Eurobull in Italian, El Europeista in Spanish, Kurier Europejski in Polish, România Europeană in Romanian) as well as an additional multilingual edition. In 2021, JEF Piraeus Athens (Greece) published their first article in Greek in the multilingual edition! Several language editions have also released their own podcasts, such as "A Nous l'Europe!", "We Belong!" & "Brüsseler Bahnhof".

Entirely run by volunteer editorial teams, all editions together gather over 200,000 monthly readers. They conduct additional projects such as the yearly European Press Days (Le Taurillon), or the yearly European media seminar (TreffpunktEuropa), or the facilitation of debates. In 2021, The New Federalist facilitated an online debate about the Conference on the Future of Europe at the College of Europe in Bruges. Their work has received several noticeable awards: TreffpunktEuropa was nominated for the Charlemagne Youth Prize 2021; Le Taurillon was laureate of the 2012 European Citizen's Prize and of the 2020 Prix de l'Initiative Européenne; The New Federalist was shortlisted for the European Press Prize 2019.

**200,000 Readers per Month
in over seven different languages**



PROJECTS, EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

FEDERAL COMMITTEE SPRING 2020

4th & 5th April 2020

The first Federal Committee meeting (FC) in Spring was the first-ever Federal Committee meeting to be organised online, and brought a completely new dynamic towards running Federal Committee meetings in JEF. As the first Statutory Meetings organised during the pandemic, the Spring 2020 FC brought new challenges, lessons and best-practices to the network, which helped in facing our new reality. One of the key points of the agenda for this meeting was the re-appointment of JEF Europe's Secretary General, Milosh Ristovski.

Adopted Resolutions:

The adopted resolutions call for a coordinated EU response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a European Constituent Assembly to draft a European Constitution, a more integrated and sustainable mobility infrastructure in Europe, a future-oriented partnership with Africa, and the accession of the Western Balkans.

FINFUN FC

25th August 2020

The 'FinFun' Federal Committee meeting was an extraordinary online statutory meeting organised to assess and vote on the closing of accounts of 2019, alongside a vote on the proposed budgets for 2020 and 2021. Following the discussions and votes on financial matters, the FC then moved towards Focus Group discussions on JEF Europe's 4-Year Strategy, which was to be renewed in 2021.



FEDERAL COMMITTEE '#HOMEFC2020', AUTUMN 2020

24th - 25th October 2020

'#HomeFC2020' was the third statutory meeting organised online, which had a packed agenda. The FC kicked off with a discussion with young MEPs on the Conference on the Future of Europe, followed by a general debate on Inclusion & Diversity, the co-option of FC Members & a new EB Member, and reports and updates on statutory reform.

Adopted Resolutions:

Resolutions were adopted on Organised Crime, a Renewed Electoral Act, Combatting Disinformation in the Modern Media Landscape, Advancing the European Union Social Dimension, A Federal Strategy for Sustainable, Safe and Healthy European Food, Trade Resolutions and EU-China relations.

FEDERAL COMMITTEE, SPRING 2021

26th June 2021

"#SpringFC21" was the Federal Committee Meeting organized in Spring 2021, and was our first statutory event that was organised as a hybrid event. With preliminary meetings organised in Barcelona, #SpringFC21 set the stage for strong cooperation among JEFers over a variety of different topics, including an Internal Resolution on Diversity and Empowerment, the approval of a revised Code of Conduct, and JEF Europe's 4 Year Strategy.

Adopted resolutions:

In the adopted resolutions, JEF called for a strategic EU engagement with the Eastern Partnership countries, a common response to the crisis and transformation process in Ukraine, a common migration and asylum policy, as well as a green and competitive digital industry in Europe.

FEDERAL COMMITTEE & EUROPEAN CONGRESS, AUTUMN 2021

Liège

Congress XXVI, organised in Liege with the support of JEF Belgium and JEF Liege, acts as the final statutory event of 2020-2021 JEF Europe mandate. JEF congresses are organised every two years, where JEF Europe gathers for its general assembly, and around 150 participants decide on the organisational and political strategy of the organisation. A congress brings about the election of a new leadership, alongside new statutory bodies. 2022 shall also kick-off the 50 year anniversary celebrations of JEF Europe.





Y-FED: EUROPE IS WHAT WE MAKE OF IT

The project “Y-FED: Europe is what we make of it” aims to bring the EU closer to its young citizens by developing a proposal for an improved institutional framework of the Union in line with the European Youth Goals. It is supported by an Erasmus+ “European Youth Together” grant and the Global Challenges Foundation, and builds on Y-FED: Model European Federation, co-organised in June 2019 by JEF France, JEF Strasbourg and JEF Germany.

In the first phase of the project, young activists were trained to prepare “Shape Europe” hackathons which they implemented in 5 European countries. The events gathered nearly 200 young people during the ongoing pandemic who were “hacking” the status quo of the current EU framework, where they came up with 27 solutions based on the 11 European Youth goals on how the EU should be transformed. In the second phase of the project, young people from 8 European countries became advocates for issues connected with the 11 European Youth Goals. They all gained specific skills and got mentored in order to implement their advocacy plans back home. The end of the project was marked with the Final Conference in Brussels, Belgium, where the project results were presented and the achievements of the project were celebrated.

Y-FED SIMULATION

The main highlight of Y-FED was the Model European Federation in Strasbourg, France.

The simulation was a blended large-scale activity where more than 120 participants took part online and physically in Strasbourg. The methodology was inspired by the Model European Federation organised in June 2019 by JEF Strasbourg, JEF France and JEF Germany. By playing the roles of decision-makers, lobbyists and journalists, the participants got involved in a reformed EU decision-making process where they discussed the EU Green Deal.

Through this first-hand experience, the young people who took part improved their understanding of EU governance and were able to discuss ways of bringing it closer to European citizens, whilst also reflecting on how the EU institutional framework can be improved. The event was one of the first large-scale events organised by a youth network during the pandemic. Extra efforts were taken into account to prioritise the health and safety of all participants and volunteers. At the same time, the blended style of the simulation allowed anyone to join the simulation and watch each debate unfold from the comfort of their homes.







THE CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

The Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE) is a series of consultations across the continent between May 2021 and Spring 2022, aiming to collect ideas for EU reform from European citizens. JEF Europe considers the Conference an opportunity to make the EU more united and democratic and we hope to use it as a basis for a Constituent Assembly to draft a European Constitution or a new EU Treaty.

Our work on CoFoE started in late 2019, when the Conference concept was being formulated. Since then, JEF has been advocating for making the process meaningful, democratic, inclusive, youth-friendly and followed up by genuine institutional reform. As the official preparations for the Conference were suspended for a year due to the pandemic and political disagreements, in early 2021 we called for launching the process without additional delay as part of our #UnlockCoFoE action involving national sections. In May 2021, we also implemented a mini-campaign #TheFutureIsYours? to ensure that the adoption of the Conference conclusions is a transparent and democratic process.

JEF's CoFoE page (jef.eu/cofoe) was launched ahead of the Conference and has been regularly updated to raise awareness of the process in the network and general public. As of October 2021, the page is the number one Google result for CoFoE.

JEF Europe has submitted 13 federalist proposals on the CoFoE Digital Platform concerning European democracy and institutional reform, protecting the EU's fundamental values, economic integration, foreign affairs and security, environment, health, social policy and migration. Most of these ideas are among the most popular ones on the platform and as such were mentioned by Die Zeit and directly discussed by the Citizens' Panel as a next step of the Conference process.

JEF Europe's engagement in CoFoE is recognised by external actors. Our President Leonie Martin has been invited to numerous events dedicated to the Conference organised by the EU, regional institutions, civil society organisations and think tanks. JEF's Secretary General, Milosh Ristovski, is one of the two Co-Chairs of the Civil Society Convention on the Future of Europe, a network of over 80 CSOs working on CoFoE, and attending the Conference Plenary on its behalf.

In parallel to the policy work on CoFoE, JEF Europe's Next Chapter Europe project has been engaging young people from across the continent in Conference consultations.







NEXT CHAPTER EUROPE

The project, co-funded by the European Union, is a joint initiative led by JEF Europe & AEGEE Europe to raise awareness for youth-led priorities and ideas surrounding the Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE). Starting with a Europe Week Campaign in May 2021, JEF Europe launched a campaign highlighting key historic EU moments of the last 8 decades.

Local sections from JEF and AEGEE started implementing local consultations in Italy, Malta, Ireland, Belgium, Spain and Greece, to collect

the ideas from youth from urban and rural areas and different backgrounds.

Next Chapter Europe shall continue in 2022, with a follow-up bus tour planned for Spring 2022!





EUROPEAN YOUTH EVENT 2021

The special highlight of JEF Europe's Next Chapter Europe Project was the European Youth Event (EYE2021) organised in Strasbourg.

JEF Europe engaged over 500 participants by organising two workshops, and an all-day open space aimed at educating young people on the Conference on the Future of Europe and to stimulate a debate surrounding the future of the European project.

JEF Europe also hosted a live exhibition which represented past historic milestones in European history. This was coupled with explanatory documents on how to submit and endorse proposals, a presentation of JEF Europe's CoFoE proposals, whilst also organising a space to collect the ideas of young attendees, focused on what future European milestones they wish to see in 2030.



EYE
2021



EUROPE AT SCHOOL

EUROPE@ SCHOOL PROGRAMME

More than twenty years ago, JEF Europe and its member organisations launched the Europe@School programme.

Based on non-formal education and learning methods, these civic education activities are carried out in the formal school system and in non-formal learning contexts, reaching thousands of young people across Europe. Europe@School activities aim to raise awareness about Europe and develop a European identity among young people, reaching out to thousands of young people.

JEF sections and partners regularly organise projects related to civic education and have developed their own tools and methodology for these actions. In order to foster the exchange of good practice, JEF Europe has implemented several projects aimed at developing the knowledge of the JEF network on this topic.





EUROPE@HOME:

With the disruption of COVID-19 pandemic, which has moved many educational activities to the online sphere, the project Europe@Home: European Civic Education Through The Mobile, funded by the Erasmus+ programme, aims to examine and further develop the practices of digital education that have been put in place in the wake of the pandemic, with a particular focus on European Civic Education.

Through desk research, innovative online and offline activities, JEF Europe took its twenty-year-old Europe@School programme to a new level by going digital. The project is in cooperation with different youth organisations, aiming to identify good practices of digital education, particularly in light of the pandemic.

In addition, JEF Europe develops the digital competences and skills of its members and educators, as well as representatives of other organisations to work with digitally adapted tools and to become familiar with new digital elements as a new educational pedagogical support in the future.

The project consortium is coordinated by JEF Germany and JEF Europe, with EYM Bulgaria, JEF France, JEF Malta and OBESSU as project partners.

WORK PLAN 2020 - EUROPE@SCHOOL: NEW DIRECTIONS

With the Work Plan 2020, funded by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe, JEF Europe aimed to develop youth workers and educators competencies and skills, as well as to adapt European civic education activities to disadvantaged groups of learners in order to work with young people with disabilities, young Roma and other minority groups, as well as young migrants and young refugees.

With the COVID-19 outbreak, the project activities had to be adapted to the specific context and format. Through this project, JEF Europe has achieved several objectives that will benefit the whole network:

- Adaptation of the Europe@School website with features for specific needs.
- Podcasts in collaboration with The New Federalist webzine on specific policies regulations focusing on the disadvantaged groups of the project.
- 3 online trainings gathering more than 60 participants,
- Manual of guidelines for the implementation of Inclusive Europe Civic Education activities with young people with disabilities, young Roma and other minorities, and young migrants and young refugees.

Europe@School Inclusion Week, which took place from 14-20 December 2020 and involved JEF Task Force Civic Education, JEF Belgium, JEF Hungary, JEF Latvia, JEF Malta, JEF France, JEF Germany, JEF Italy and JEF Comunidad Valenciana in organising online activities and reached out to more than 40,000 people online.

WORK PLAN 2021 - LET'S DISCUSS THE "GOVERNANCE" IN INTERNET GOVERNANCE!

With the Work Plan 2021, funded by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe, JEF Europe aims to bring together different youth actors, whether or not they are involved in Internet governance processes, to discuss and raise awareness about the role of young people in Internet governance.

With the 2020-2030 decade defined by many as the "Digital Decade", European civil society and intergovernmental organisations are launching initiatives and adopting strategies to shape the future of digital governance and standards related to data protection, technology, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, etc. This work plan seeks to develop the skills and understanding of young people from diverse backgrounds to enable them to reflect on how they can work to overcome the challenges of youth participation in Internet governance processes at European level, through joint activities, national debates, international educational seminars and advocacy actions.

In addition, a Working Group on Internet Governance has been set up to develop a coherent set of policy recommendations for country-specific solutions and encourages youth involvement and digital inclusion in the Internet Governance sector.



MINDSET

“MINDSET - Moving the Ideas of Non-Discrimination: Supporting an Equality Transformation” is a common project of Euractiv and JEF Europe, co-financed by DG JUST (European Commission). It raises awareness on discrimination based on ethnic origin, sheds light on which institutions people affected by this kind of discrimination can turn to, and focuses on possible ways to engage the media networks and youth organisations in addressing these issues. JEF Europe is taking the lead on including young people and their experiences and views in the project. This includes our report on mapping regional attitudes on discrimination based on ethnic origin in Italy, Sweden & Romania, where we directly asked more than 500 young people about their opinion on how discrimination is happening in their country and what groups are mainly affected. Notably, the aim and degree of discrimination varied across different countries, and often changed according to the scope and demographics found in the countries in question. Countries more connected to Sinti & Roma communities faced more discrimination related to national minority groups or migratory backgrounds. Furthermore, this study outlined that the media has a significant impact on the way in which we perceive,

report and react towards discrimination, and it also impacts the methods and means in which we can raise awareness against discriminatory acts.

As a follow-up action, JEF Europe organised a workshop addressing how Equality Bodies can act as contact points for young people working on discrimination and the role of civil society in the process of lobbying for more equality in Europe. Fifteen young people from different organisations and media networks came together in Stockholm, September 30 - October 1, 2021, to become multipliers of actions targeting discrimination. They learnt how they can act as allies and activists and were trained to spot the roots of discrimination. As follow-up actions, the participants are now equipped with new knowledge they will share with their local organisations.





GREENY

Younger generations have been demonstrating their concern for the environment and their future through actions and protests around the globe. Alongside our political message, GreenY offered for reflections as what we can do ourselves: JEF Europe and the expert partner of the project (Youth and Environment Europe - YEE) aim to combat climate change and environmental degradation by establishing good practices and raising awareness among members of youth organisations.

The project seeks to establish good environmental practices in youth organisations and to develop a step-by-step checklist for their implementation. Online activities such as webinars were implemented to strengthen the inclusiveness of the project by reaching more young people on the topic of the environment. A 6-day International Activity in Ljubljana, Slovenia, developed the competences and skills of the participants on the environmental topic and enabled them to express alternatives to implement more environmentally sustainable activities or events within the activities of their associations.

Participants in the international activity and webinars, with the support of the project team and expert partner, can use their newly acquired skills and the step-by-step checklist in the implementation of 20 follow-up activities in order to adapt these tools and knowledge to specific geographical and contextual learning.



DEMOCRACY UNDER PRESSURE

The authoritarian repressions in Belarus and Russia as well as the rule of law erosion in Hungary, Poland and beyond show that democracy cannot be taken for granted and must be actively defended both inside and outside of the EU. With our annual “Democracy under Pressure” campaign taking place since 2006, we amplify the voices of those who are being silenced across our continent and demand a stronger EU action in their defence.

The 2020 edition of the campaign was implemented between 16-22nd March 2020 and took place mainly online due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. Physical activities (such as the iconic statue gagging) were organised in some 10 locations across Europe, in addition to videos, online debates and social media actions prepared by JEFers.

Between 18-25th March 2021, JEF organised an Action Week marking the 15th anniversary of the campaign.

We prepared an infokit with templates for action and country overviews for our sections. In addition to an online communication campaign,

some 30 digital events took place along with physical actions in more than 20 European cities. JEFers also wrote almost 30 articles and issued 5 statements, some of them jointly with other organisations. Our activists also sent over 100 solidarity letters to political prisoners in Belarus.

Apart from raising awareness of violations, we also advocated for stronger action from the Union to protect its fundamental values at home and project them abroad by engaging in policy discussions with decision-makers throughout the campaign.

GLOBAL SOLUTIONS FOR GLOBAL PROBLEMS

The year 2020, which will be remembered for various environmental incidents and the pandemic, has demonstrated the importance of investing in global solutions to the problems/challenges our societies are currently facing. One of the pressing issues we have been facing in recent years, and on which young people have been particularly vocal and active, is climate change and its effects on our planet.

JEF Europe has already engaged its members in developing solutions for European governance to address the challenges of the 21st century and wants to do more to tackle global threats at the appropriate level. With the support of the Global Challenges Foundation, JEF Europe has launched the Global Solutions for Global Problems project which aims to develop solutions for the governance of intergovernmental institutions through training and meetings of young experts to find common global solutions to global warming and climate change.

Through bilateral meetings, online participatory meetings, Working Groups and online Campaign, JEF Europe strives to promote the Federalist perspective to advocate for the find global solutions to global problems with its policy paper 'Youth Stand on 21st Century Inter-governmental institutions'.

FEDERALIST SUMMER

Free to move, free to have a future, free to relaunch the utopia.

Three moments in summer 2020 seemed crucial for what kind of Europe we will live in tomorrow. In this pan-European action, JEF Europe organised actions that could be implemented on the streets, at home and/or on social media, for a summer to build our future. In June and July, we celebrated 35 years of the Schengen agreement when borders had closed; we paid attention to the negotiations of NextGenerationEU as well as the Multiannual Financial Framework and honoured the anniversary of the Crocodile Club.



BE A FEDERALIST ALLY

Be a Federalist Ally is an anti-racism campaign on social media that highlights JEF's support for the Black Lives Matter movement and aims at giving concrete tools for how JEFers and Europeans can be more inclusive in JEF activities and their daily lives.





SECTION PROJECTS

JEF BELGIUM // TRAINING DAYS

In 2020 and 2021, JEF Belgium developed training days specifically designed for JEFers. Participants could benefit from a wide-range of workshops, from federalism and citizen activism to capacity-building and advocacy. They also targeted specific topics addressed by JEF, such as civic education, climate issues or tackling hate speech. They could also interact with politicians to discuss the future of the EU from a youth perspective. JEF Belgium managed to adapt their training days into an online format in 2020, and came back with an in-person format in 2021, in Charleroi.

JEF MALTA & JEF BULGARIA // YOUTH EXCHANGE

In 2021, JEF Malta and JEF Bulgaria partnered to implement a Key Action 1 (KA1) Erasmus+ Youth Exchange: “Youths for Tomorrow: The Blueprint for our European Future”. During a week in Bulgaria, and then a week in Malta, the project aimed at fostering a sense of common European identity among young people. This was achieved through the organisation of workshops purposely designed to spark debate and bolster active citizenship skills among the participants.

JEF FRANCE // EUROPEAN PRESS DAYS

In 2020 and 2021, JEF France and Le Taurillon organised their European Press Days, a yearly rendez-vous since 2018, gathering professional and volunteer journalists (written press, online press, radio, podcasts...) in a European perspective. In 2020, the event, organised online, addressed Europe's visibility in the media. In 2021, the event took place in Toulouse and addressed the state of press freedom in Europe.

JEF GERMANY // INTERNATIONAL BERLIN SEMINAR

In 2021, JEF Germany organised the 21st edition of their International Berlin Seminar, gathering JEFers from across Europe. This year's edition addressed core JEF values such as rule of law and democracy, and discussed topical issues such as the post-factual era, populism as a style of governance, human rights and non-discrimination. Workshops, guest experts, non-formal education methods and JEF spirit formed the pattern of this unmissable yearly JEF gathering!

JEF ITALY // CYCLE OF DEBATES ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

In the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe, JEF Italy has organised a cycle of thematic debates, from the climate crisis to the fight against organised crime, from mobility and education to the fiscal union, from European citizenship to social Europe and more! They developed a set of policy recommendations and ideas, promoted on the digital platform of the Conference.

JEF DENMARK & JEF NORWAY // EUROPEAN YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

JEF Denmark and JEF Norway teamed up to organise a joint European Youth Summer Camp in 2021. It gathered 100 participants to discuss climate change, federalism as well as to learn about the EEA and Norway in Europe, and discuss cultural differences between both countries. Workshops on debating skills, activism and events organisation completed the learning side of the event. Sports tournaments and other bonding activities such as a quiz night were also on the programme.

JEF FINLAND

In summer 2021, JEF Finland organised their Linnaseminaari training days. This year, the seminar addressed the future of Europe through topical issues such as climate change, digitalisation, and Europe's global challenges. The event, organised online this year, gathered JEFers, young activists, NGOs, youth political organisations, political representatives and experts to debate around these thematic.

JEF SPAIN // SPANISH YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

In 2020, JEF Spain became an observing member of the Spanish Youth Council (Consejo de la Juventud de España). This new status notably allowed JEF Spain to influence a resolution on young people in Belarus, amending it to include JEF Europe's positions, namely free legislative and presidential elections and a call for the EU to firmly stand for freedom and human rights in Belarus, especially through its foreign policy tools.

JEF SWITZERLAND // EU- SWITZERLAND SEMINAR

Through workshops, roundtables, interactive presentations and debates, JEF Switzerland organised its flagship seminar going through the relationships between Switzerland and the European Union. Representatives of the political, diplomatic, cultural, economic and journalism world were invited, and institutional and historical visits were part of the programme.





SECTION CAMPAIGNS

JEF UNITED KINGDOM // BREXIT REALITY PORTRAITS

In the framework of the Conference on the Through video and audio interviews, the Brexit Reality Portraits campaign of JEF UK aims to showcase the true impact of Brexit on citizens across the UK and the European Union. Addressing the impact of Brexit on their citizen rights, identity, university studies, or businesses, these testimonies are available on JEF UK's website and social media.

JEF FRANCE // ERASMUS DAYS

On the occasion of the Erasmus Days, JEF France has campaigned to advocate for the importance of youth mobility programmes, whether in terms of education, professional integration, or European citizenship. Calling for more information and awareness-raising campaigns about European mobility opportunities and scholarships, JEF France co-signed a column in 2020 with the French Youth Forum and 29 MEPs. In 2021, JEF France launched an awareness-raising campaign on social media, sharing information on Erasmus+ mobility opportunities.

JEF AUSTRIA // EUROPA GEGEN COVID 19

JEF Austria was awarded the international Kaiser Maximilian Prize 2021, by the government of the State of Tyrol and city of Innsbruck, as an acknowledgement of their “#EUMythBusters / #EuropaGegenCovid19” campaign. This campaign developed fact-based educational formats, and especially podcasts, to tackle EU myths, fake news and conspiracy theories.

JEF ITALY // VENTOTENE BUON VENTO

In 2020, JEF Italy initiated the making of the ‘Buon Vento’ documentary, recounting the experience of the yearly international federalist seminar in the island of Ventotene, in Italy, where Altiero Spinelli wrote his Federalist Manifesto while being imprisoned. The film could be produced thanks to JEF Italy’s leadership, in collaboration with the Altiero Spinelli Institute of Federalist Studies, with the patronage of the Lazio Region and the Municipality of Ventotene, and with the support of the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.



EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION & ADVOCACY



AN AVERAGE OF

11

EXTERNAL
REPRESENTATION
EVENTS PER MONTH

72

PARTICIPATION
SECTIONS
(ONLINE AND
PHYSICAL)

110

EXTERNAL
REPRESENTATION
MEETINGS AND EVENTS

18%

OF ALL MEETINGS WERE
RELATED TO THE
CONFERENCE ON THE
FUTURE OF EUROPE

2
TION IN
EVENTS
AND

AN AVERAGE OF
MORE THAN

30

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES PER
EB MEMBER THIS
MANDATE

MORE THAN

50

MEETINGS WITH
EXTERNAL
PARTNERS



EXTERNAL RELATIONS

JEF AS A MEMBER

UNION OF EUROPEAN FEDERALISTS // UEF



The Union of European Federalists is a pan-European, non-governmental political organisation dedicated to the promotion of European political unity. UEF is the non-youth counterpart of JEF Europe and in many national sections JEF members are automatically UEF members. We are represented at the UEF board and all UEF statutory meetings.

EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM // EYF



The European Youth Forum is a platform of over 100 organisations in Europe, representing National Youth Councils and International Non-Governmental Youth Organisations. The YFJ is the main platform for advocacy and lobbying for youth rights in Europe. It also engages in various activities to develop and strengthen its members. JEF Europe cooperates strongly with the group of Political Party Youth Organisations in the YFJ and regularly organises debates and activities with them. JEF Europe is also strongly involved in different expert groups in the YFJ.

EUROPEAN MOVEMENT INTERNATIONAL // EMI



The European Movement is the largest pan-European network of pro-European organisations. It is present in 39 countries and encompasses 36 International Associations, bringing together European civil society, business, trade unions, NGOs, political parties, local authorities and academia. JEF Europe is a long time member of EMI and cooperates actively in the different activities and political committees organised by EMI.

CIVIL SOCIETY EUROPE // CSE



Civil Society Europe – the European Coordination of Civil Society Organisations intends to be, at European level, a legitimate and representative platform of civil society organisations defending the values we claim and to put them back at the heart of the European project. JEF Europe has been a member of CSE since its creation in 2016, and we are actively involved in different working groups.



GENERATION CLIMATE EUROPE // GCE

Generation Climate Europe (GCE) is the largest climate coalition of youth-led organisations at the European level, pushing for stronger action from the EU on climate and environmental issues. GCE brings together 381 national organisations across 64 countries. JEF Europe has recently joined the coalition, and we are working to strengthen collaboration with the other members through its various working groups.



WORLD FEDERALIST MOVEMENT

The World Federalist Movement - Institute for Global Policies is a worldwide, non-governmental political organisation dedicated to the promotion of global political unity. Among the main campaigns it promotes are: a United Nations parliamentary assembly, the International Criminal Court, a World Citizens Initiative and the World Parliament Week. We are represented at the WFM statutory meetings.

OUR DONORS



EUROPEAN YOUTH FOUNDATION // COUNCIL OF EUROPE

For several years, JEF Europe has been awarded grants from the Council of Europe's European Youth Foundation. Our annual work plans including seminars and local actions have been co-financed thanks to the EYF. The EYF has also granted JEF Europe a multi-annual operating grant. Through the European Youth Foundation, the Council of Europe's Youth Sector finances a wide range of activities organised by youth organisations in its 47 Member States in line with its bi-annual priorities.



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EUROPE FOR CITIZENS PROGRAMME

The aim of the Europe for Citizens Programme is to contribute to citizens' understanding of the EU, its history and diversity and to encourage the democratic participation of citizens at EU level. The aim of this programme is to contribute to citizens' understanding of the EU, its history and diversity, as well as to foster European citizenship and improve conditions for civic and democratic participation at EU level.



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ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME

The Erasmus+ Programme is the European programme for education, training, youth and sport. Its 14.7 billion euros budget over 7 years allows the EU to fund a wide diversity of projects and organisations.



FRIENDS OF JEF

Friends of JEF e.V., a non-profit association under German law, is composed by former and active members of the Young European Federalists in order to support political and citizenship education and the activities of JEF Europe. The alumni network pursues as primary goals: networking, activation of JEF alumni, fundraising.



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

The multiannual programme in the area of Communication, Youth Outreach Unit of the European Parliament is a key area of the European Parliament that offers financial support for Communication Projects related to the Parliament.



GLOBAL CHALLENGES FOUNDATION

The Global Challenges Foundation aims to promote the development of global decision making models capable of more effectively and equitably mitigating and, preferably, eliminating the major global catastrophic risks threatening humanity. JEF Europe has recently organized activities with the support of the GCF, notably for Y-FED and Global Solutions for Problems projects.



MEMBERS

JEF is composed by its members working together to promote the creation of a democratic European federation as a guarantee for peace and a more free, just and democratic society. Our local and regional sections are grouped in National Sections. We also have several Interest Groups, formed by JEF-Europe, that are active in countries where no registered section existed before. After organising successful activities, these activists can apply for candidate status during a statutory meeting. If the section remains active and carries out JEF's policies and spirit, they can be accepted as full member sections.

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A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE

The next few years will be the time to celebrate the great success that the organisation has achieved in its 50 years of existence, but also set up new long-term objectives for the future. The new team will have a lot of work in making sure the network is ready for upcoming processes that will be of great importance for Europe and the world. The work done by JEF Europe will be very important for the conclusions of the Conference on the Future of Europe, the preparation for the next European Parliament Elections as well as the restructuring of the UN to make it fit for today's challenges.

The organisation will internally continue to evolve and develop expertise in ensuring participation and activities for all Europeans, especially ensuring that minority groups are part of the activities and membership. The leadership will continue investing in a sustainability agenda which will be a standard on all events organised by JEF Europe.

