



Request to initiate a Monitoring Process of JEF Poland

Submitted by the Executive Board of JEF Europe

The Executive Board of JEF-Europe,

- Noting that the Rules of Procedure allow for a “monitoring process on the situation of a section can be initiated by the Federal Committee with an absolute majority of delegates upon a motivated request of the Executive Board” (RoP 2a. pg10);
- Brings to the attention of the Federal Committee that one national section has reported continued harassment online of its local branches and members by one member of the JEF Poland national board;
- Brings to the attention of the Federal Committee that members of the Executive Board have been called upon through the duration of the 2019-2021 mandate to intervene on allegations of bullying, and misogynistic behaviours;
- Brings to the attention of the Federal Committee that there has been political instability within the section JEF Poland with elections only having been possible when established and controlled with extensive support from the Executive Board, a position which is not sustainable as sections need to be able to govern themselves;
- That the section is lacking legally binding statutes as required by JEF Europe for any candidate section seeking full membership (Statutes, Article 13 b.i) and a bank account/means to independently make financial transactions in the name of JEF Poland;
- Notes its desire to resolve this situation in a way that leaves JEF Europe with a Polish member section that is stronger and in good relations with all other JEF sections;
- Recalls that the Federal Committee is the sovereign body of JEF Europe between Congresses, and a monitoring process led by it is the most democratically accountable way in which the Executive Board can attempt to support a section;
- Emphasises that while a monitoring process can lead to a recommendation for sanctions against, up to and including the expulsion of a section, that its intention is to provide clarity on a situation and support, and hopefully resolve it before such actions need to be considered.

The Federal Committee thus recommends the following:

1. The Federal Committee formally decides to establish a monitoring process of JEF Poland;
2. appoints an EB MEMBER, FC REPRESENTATIVE, and SECTION REPRESENTATIVE (to be decided at the incoming FC Autumn 2021) as members of the Monitoring Committee, to follow up on the situation of JEF Poland and draft a monitoring report as laid out in the Rules of Procedure;



3. the Executive Board take all necessary measures allowing discussion of the abovementioned report during the next meeting of the Federal Committee;
4. the Executive Board to take all necessary measures to allow for a hearing of the sections concerned before the Federal Committee and the Arbitration Board, should these sections be interested to use this statutory right;
5. that JEF Europe as a whole strive to lend its support to ensuring JEF Poland is a successful section and able to play a crucial role in JEF Europe;
6. that JEF Poland recognise such a procedure is rarely initiated in this way, to cooperate fully with the Monitoring Committee, and embrace this as an opportunity to grow;
7. that members of the Executive Board and Federal Committee remind in their interactions with JEF members, branches, and sections, when they are experiencing interpersonal problems, that the Code of Conduct exists to help resolve them and that there is always support available.