

EB minutes

19-21 August 2022

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

Minutes: Judit, Helena, Robin, Flavia, Antonio, Christelle

Friday 19th August 2022	
15:30 - 16:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Opening2. Code of of Conduct (contact persons Christelle & Knut)3. Adoption of agenda4. Adoption of minutes (20/07)
16:00 - 17:15	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. SG updates (office move, HR, fundraising strategy)
17:15 - 18:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none">6. <i>I choose Europe</i> lessons and brainstorming with Chris Glück
18:45 - 20:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none">7. Networks updates: UEF, WFM/YWF & YFJ
20:00	Dinner with JEF Bulgaria
Saturday 20th August 2022 -	
09:00 - 12:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none">8. Round of personal updates9. Code of of Conduct (contact persons Christelle & Knut)10. Federalist inspirations (Juuso)11. Upcoming activities 2022 (operating grant, actions, SOTEU, Federalist Academy)
12:15 - 13:15	<ol style="list-style-type: none">12. JEF 50
15:00-15:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none">13. Kahoot on statutes
15:30 - 17:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none">14. European elections 2024
17:30 - 20:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none">15. Europe <i>What if?</i>16. Operating grant 2023
Sunday 21st August	
09:00 - 10:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none">17. FC Prague and FC Malta
10:30-11:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none">18. Ukraine
11:30-13:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none">19. Database20. Work Plan 202321. Feedback from and to the SG and EB feedback round22. AoB and Conclusions<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. EB Video (Judit & Knut/Gergana)b. Who is doing federalist inspiration next time?

Minutes:

1. **Opening words by Gergana**
2. **Code of of Conduct (contact persons Christelle & Knut)**

3. **Adoption of agenda**

Decision: Agenda adopted unanimously.

4. **Adoption of minutes (20/07)**

Decision: Minutes adopted unanimously.

<p>5. SG updates (office move, HR, fundraising strategy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Financial update</u> Cash flow in good state. €183,000 in the bank (earmarked for specific projects or to pay staff), no cashflow problem expected in the next months. ● <u>Internal Secretariat matters</u> Bureaucratic registration processes in Belgium have been finalised. Ongoing talks with the Bank. <p>Fundraising strategy revision as a work in progress.</p> <p>Ongoing reworking of financial monitoring tools to make financial decisions and processes more accessible and efficient.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>JEF membership & network plans</u> Review of the Online Congress, to decide its aim and process for future Congresses. <p>Remaining internal audit for 2021, expected in autumn 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Projects' update</u> <p>Running: Next Chapter Europe (NCE) reporting phase, IMPACT¹ started with the training in Mollina in September, WP2022² is having a second seminar in Edinburgh and COYV³ running with the survey and</p>	<p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Resubmit the workplan grant application focused on democracy and linked to Democracy under Pressure- COYV: Mirjam to provide an updated survey responses situation so board members can push it more-
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¹ Inclusive Methods for Political Activism and Campaigns through Training

² Workplan 2022 Human rights and youth

³ Co-operation Youth Vote: Enabling future active European citizens

development of the voting toolbox.

Upcoming: CoE⁴ Federalist Academy grant, MEET (Youth Forum as co-lead)*, and Words of Europe, on EU elections.

- MEET: JEF responsible for Pillar 1, organising two open debates (together with local intergenerational debates linked to the European elections);

Not successful: Horizon 2020*, Erasmus KA2 (use of AI in youth organisations), WorkPlan 2023

Writing process: EP elections communication grant (deadline 30/08), Operational Grant (OG) 2023 (deadline 08/09) and WP2023 (deadline 01/10).

- Staff

Recruitment for Administration and Membership Officer: outreach strategy positively evaluated; selected person turned down the offer. Position profile to be rethought.

Positions to be filled in autumn 2022

- Membership Officer (upcoming FC and growing network)
- Administrative and HR Assistant (Part time)
- Project Assistant (internship for ongoing/upcoming projects administration and delivery)
- Project Officer (European Elections' project hiring process)
- Communications Officer (European Elections' project hiring process should we get the grant)

- Office

Lease of the current office expires on 31 December 2022. The head of the Salon for European Civic Organisations (SECO) is looking for places to move together.

Other potential places:

⁴ Council of Europe

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some offices visited (temporary) - YFJ rents a whole house for members from Jan 2023. 	
<p><i>6. I choose Europe</i> Chris Glück presents the experience with the I choose Europe campaign.</p>	<p>Decision: -</p>
<p>7. Network update YFJ⁵: General assembly in November - election of the new Board</p> <p>The call for positions is not published yet. Two people running for President, one of them already announced his candidacy. None of the candidates are JEF members.</p> <p>Democracy Festival / LevelUp! in October - JEF asked to be involved, no proper follow-up. However, let's use it for capacity-building and networking (20 spots for JEFers).</p> <p>Ukraine - YFJ could have done way more to coordinate.</p> <p>YWF⁶</p> <p>Juuso is meeting next week with YWF- with whom a partnership agreement with JEF Europe is under discussion. No draft yet.</p> <p>Annual Campaign - Week for World Parliament 21 Oct - 30 October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Events in New York, Nairobi, Delhi - Brussels Asked for JEF support (if so, 21-23/10 to avoid clash of events). <p>To be discussed with sections in case the partnership becomes close (e.g. sharing members). If they want to be a multilateral structure of young federalists, they have to do it considering JEF Europe as the European structure.</p> <p>WFM⁷ Their executive director changed - previous person joined to save the organisation from</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on having JEFers more active in YFJ to have a larger pool of candidates for the next election - Political mandate of YFJ representation to be given to Christelle and Judit for the general assembly -

⁵ European Youth Forum

⁶ Young World Federalists

⁷ World Federalist Movement

bankruptcy. Revamping their fundraising strategy.

Juuso to double check whether YWF is a youth part of the WMF. None of these processes seem to significantly impact JEF.

UEF⁸

Drafting of a new Ventotene Manifesto is ongoing but lots of tensions around it. Event in Ventotene linked to signing is happening, details around it are blurry however.

Points of Action

- European Elections campaign (none?). Might turn into an election campaign material, beware of it for our own campaign
- UEF Congress (summer 2023)

Role of JEF -not taking sides and interfering in internal matters (in line with previous JEF statements on the topic); focus should be in offering/improving the possibilities for the continuation of JEFers and the “lost” generations if active JEFers do not follow-up with the broader network.

Possible involvement in the JEF 50th anniversary.

Meeting closes at 20:00h EEST. Adjourned until Saturday, 20th August at 9:00h EEST.

Saturday, 20th of August 2022

8. Round of personal updates

9. Federalist inspirations

Juuso explains the history of the Montreux Declaration. He notes Spinelli’s mention of the political unity of the globe as a long term goal (Altiero Spinelli, Ventotene Manifesto).

The second attempt to preserve peace by means of a world organisation, the United Nations, is powerless, as at present constituted, to stop the drift of war. We world federalists are convinced that the establishment of a world federal government is the crucial problem of our time.

The UN cannot stop war, a world federation is needed.

⁸ Union of European Federalists

<p>10. Upcoming activities 2022</p> <p>SOTEU⁹ (Sept 14): opportunity to raise JEF's voice. Expectation of a proposal from the follow-up of the CoFoE¹⁰.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Talk with JEF Strasbourg about a street action: clear message for Treaty change <p>Upcoming important elections in Italy, Bulgaria and Sweden.</p> <p>Two European Councils in Prague (Oct 21) and Strasbourg, where electoral law, treaty change should be discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Priorities should be to address the rising cost of living crisis and the ongoing war in Ukraine. We must stay alert about Western Balkans' political developments. <p>Operating Grant (2022):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JEF 50: interviews pending - Europe at School - Pimp my JEF and Capacity Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Federalist Academy <p>Council of Europe Democracy grant: 20-25 participants (depending on funding).</p> <p>Important to fulfil participants' expectations & work on synergies with IMPACT (9-11 Nov in Prague in parallel) & FC¹¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upcoming online sessions: 06/9. - Online library: in progress, open access texts issue to be clarified. 	<p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Political mobilisation in Strasbourg for the SOTEU. - Relaunch the bingo on social media for awareness-raising across the network. - Federalist Academy: programme to be revised; participants' selection process to be defined (funding for EU and non-EU participants); - draft programme of the FC for clashes-combination with Federalist Academy and IMPACT programmes.
<p>11. JEF 50</p> <p>Time capsule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - add a map of Europe in 2022 - memorabilia showcase - vision for the next 50 years <p>Merchandising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A little more money available - T-shirts to be printed ASAP 	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 50 years capsule to be closed in Prague (Nov.), 10 years one in Brussels (Dec.) - The capsule is travelling with Robin by train. - EB to launch a Call for memorabilia and continue the Call for letters - EB to organise Interviews with JEF

⁹ State of the Union

¹⁰ Conference on the Future of Europe

¹¹ FC: Federal Committee

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 50 years booklet <p>House of European History</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 75 years anniversary of the Hague Congress - possibly an online exhibition - follow-up with memorabilia, also in cooperation with the EU archives <p>Friends of JEF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - letter for the time capsule - Congress in Prague? - interview series <p>50 years/euros of JEF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Event in December (around Dec. 10, possibility 3-4 Dec) with Friends of JEF - opportunity to fundraise 	<p>alumni and contact Friends of JEF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB to take part and disseminate the JEF 50 Challenge - Print t-shirts und update the 40 years booklet - EB to organise Fundraising dinner in Brussels on December 8 - FC-EB Meeting on the weekend (Dec. 9-11) or a week earlier (Doodle to be sent and shared with EB-FC).
<p>12. Kahoot on statutes</p> <p>Christelle presents the Kahoot she prepared. The Board enjoyed the Kahoot and showed outstanding knowledge on the Statutes.</p>	<p>Decision: -</p>
<p>13. European parliament Elections 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Narrative-framing brainstorming ● Grants-funding <p>JEF is applying for a Parliament grant encompassing a Make.org Consultation tool</p> <p><u>Activities</u></p> <p>Series of podcasts, engagement on social media, bring together various influencers, MEP candidates, whoever wants to jump the opportunity. Series of (online) debates.</p> <p>Discussion in the beginning of the campaign then push for vote in the second half</p> <p>Operating grant amount during 2024 will be higher because of the elections</p> <p>On branding: designers/contacting, budget 5K max</p> <p>Input from the network & external consultant</p> <p>From start of 2023, possibility of a fulltime</p>	<p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creation of a TF Elections to be suggested to the FC - Work division (in relation to European elections) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - COYV project (until Sept 2023): Gergana - EP grant/Comms: Flavia - MEET project (until Sept 2023): Juuso - TF Elections: Antonio - What if? campaign: Knut - Overall coordination: Antonio - Proposed calendar of action defined. - International officer evening on 21/09 7pm CEST

Comms Officer and Comms assistant for the 2024 elections (conditional upon EP grant outcome)

- Sections' involvement

From International Officers' evening (late September) to Autumn FC (late Sept until late Oct/early Nov): sections' consultation for narrative & framing

Historical overview of political mobilisation (civil society mobilisation) related to past/historical and upcoming elections. Sections can be part of the process of compiling this history and creating visually-attractive materials to showcase it. Motto that "certain things do not stay in the past but can be repeated" (cyclical history).

Task Force on the European elections (to work on the narrative and involvement of sections + focus group) to be officially launched Autumn FC 2022

- Proposed timeline and calendar

21 Sept 19:00 - 20:30h CEST (Wed) - IO evening: co-build the narrative*

*Preparation of IO session during EB meetings (7th and 20th Sept)

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In between: visual identity design process

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Nov 2022 - Prague Autumn FC: narrative, slogans proposals, proposed calendar of actions. Official launch of the TF.

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COYV & MEET actions/developments; first (pre-)activities in eligible countries

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April 2023 - Malta Spring FC: merch,

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May 2023 - Europe Day 2023. Action days. One year until the elections

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May-Nov 2023: Ongoing Make.org Consultation

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Summer 2023: Writing of the Federalist Manifesto (XXI century version)

<p> September 2023 - Closing COYV & MEET event November 2023 - XXVII JEF Congress: Presentation of Make.org?/MEET consultation results Roadmap towards May 2024 Last term of 2023/Start of 2024 - Voting weekends February-May 2024: Intense elections campaign</p>	
<p>15. Europe <i>What if?</i></p> <p>Last meeting was with big sections from outside of the EU (UK, Norway and Switzerland) and collected positive feedback. More involvement toward other sections needed.</p> <p>JEF Bulgaria is interested in working with North Macedonia. Participants can also be from EU countries, but main focus on non-EU countries.</p> <p>Important to have communication material for countries where we have no JEF communicating the message, starting the discussion before we mention JEF.</p> <p>Intersect with the strategy towards the European elections. “Shadow elections” idea for 2024 (in non-EU countries).</p> <p>Templates and graphic tools, possible to adapt to events. Focus on the closeness of the future.</p> <p>Send to sections a description about what we would like to do. Crucial to include countries from Western Balkans and Eastern partnership (EU candidate sections).</p> <p>- regular basis. If we commit, we need to be consistent politically. Sections need to feel they are part of a community.</p> <p>Collected interest from several sections. It</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreement of EB to pursue funding from the foundation - Europe, what if? To be presented during IO eventing and FC - Campaign to start by the beginning of 2023 - Knut to send a form for sections to collect ideas

<p>can mainly be for non-EU countries, but could be relevant for countries who are outside of Euro or Schengen, for example. What's the moment for you where history could have changed? What would Europe look like if a country was already in? These could be possible questions.</p> <p>It's about identifying the moment in your country's history that would have changed history/narrative for you. This applies to all current EU countries (e.g. countries under dictatorships/war who only joined after the end of these regimes).</p> <p>We can and will do this also in a cheap way if without funding. DG NEAR could be a donor. One of the funding opportunities could come from a foundation, we should start small, and then grow. We'll know more about the granting during next fall.</p>	
<p>16. Operating grant 2023</p> <p>Deadline 8/09. The EB thanks Judit and the Secretariat for their work. The grant covers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General Admin; - "Advocacy": elections and Ukraine - Europe at School: - Pool of Trainers (PoT): possibility for a training for trainers, upcoming PoT in 2024? - Capacity Building: section-specific (e.g. regional cooperation-training; onboarding new boards/growing sections) - Comms: collaboration with TNF - Federalist Academy (in cooperation with JEF alumni network) - Sections ongranting + starter packs 	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB to contribute to operating grant 2023 by next week

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Sunday, 21st August 2022

<p>17. FC Prague and FC Malta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FC Prague lapsing resolutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PC1 	<p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB proposes for PC2 to work on PC1's Federal Budget resolution (to be discussed with PC chairs);
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<p>Federal Budget Constituent Assembly Eurozone Economic and Political Union - PC2 Health Mobility - PC3 Africa Western Balkans Ukraine (reopened) Russia (reopened)</p> <p>Current resolutions should be revised with in mind more efficient use in our political advocacy. EB supports PC sessions organised for debating/interacting with expert speakers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Taskforces <p>TF on European elections mandate until Congress 2023, to be continued by new FC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposal will be made to the directly-elected FC members to elect one TF chair, the second one could be co-opted upon proposal of the EB. <p>TF space during the FCs: “workshop” time slot or for another purpose (e.g. TF work meeting ...).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recommendation on the continuation of the FT president ● Democracy under Pressure brainstorming ● Logistics <p>JEF Czech Republic is very active in the process. Venue and accommodation are under control. Working on the recruitment of volunteers and logistics for the combination of projects and FC programmes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - topic of outermost regions and overseas territories to be further discussed and considered (at least) within the Mobility resolution. - talk with TF chairs to understand what they would like to do/use the time offered during the FC for. Encourage TF chairs to prepare for preliminary work. - On the creation and chairing of the TF European elections, the vote will take place in Prague. - On the recommendation of the fulltime president, two EB meetings (one with and one without the President) will take place, where a document will be produced and presented in Prague, a resolution voted in Malta. Christelle will do the recommendation, Juuso the resolution. - Democracy under Pressure brainstorming to be included in the Autumn FC agenda. - Dates FC Malta 2023 to be discussed with JEF Malta: 31/03-02/04 2023.
<p>18. Ukraine</p> <p><u>Past activities</u> YouthResponsEUkraine has been dormant. However, revival is possible, also depending on JEF’s initiative. It is possible to apply for new grants to take up the network again. Need to discuss advocacy deliverables.</p>	<p><u>Decisions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communicate to the network about the water purifier for Mykolaiv - Give Antonio ideas for CSOs to meet while in Kyiv (Juuso to consult with JEF-Ukraine)

We should be proud of the rapid response we mobilised in February.

On the petition, a better-functioning database would have helped. Better use of data for mobilisation is an improvement point for JEF.

Upcoming solidarity activities

The planned mission to Odesa/Mykolaiv didn't take place due to the security situation, but the planned water purifier was delivered thanks to the fundraiser.

We still have €600 of JEF-Europe money on Annemarie's account. Annemarie would like to leverage official organisations for her fundraising and aid.

On 26/9 - 3/10, Antonio will participate in a new mission to Kyiv, organised by Stop The War. He will use this to meet youth civil society in Ukraine. Antonio will organise his own security.

Advocacy

Possible advocacy goals include supporting Ukrainian civil society and rebuilding of institutions; tourist visas for Russians; unjust extradition of Russian citizens to Russia; EU financial support for Ukraine.

YFJ should do more to coordinate youth civil society's support for Ukraine. JEF doesn't have capacity for direct on-the-ground aid. This should be taken up ahead of the YFJ Congress. We should also follow up to ensure YFJ's work on Ukraine has longevity.

JEF-Ukraine

JEF-Ukraine continues to lack activities.

Funding

Erasmus+ funding (~€200,000), but as it's Erasmus+, Ukraine can't directly be associated. Engaging with Ukrainian civil society and supporting them in maintaining and developing democratic participation would match with JEF's core goals.

Ukraine is covered by the "What If?" grant application. the grant should cover relevant

- Advocacy work will continue. Financial support and reopening of the MFF as next goals. Juuso to draft a position on MFF reopening ahead of next European Council (20/21 October)
- Christelle to chase YFJ on Ukraine

<p>elements for the war as appropriate</p>	
<p>19. Database</p> <p>The database is at a beta stage. Both making the switch and continuing the current database are possible options. Maintaining the current database would require financial resources but less than switching.</p> <p>The membership collection works, but not the mailing tool, which causes frustration.</p> <p><u>Sections sharing data with JEF-Europe</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - organise an information session with sections on GDPR - discuss with sections to understand any concerns they might have: while being mindful of their legal structures. <p>We could ask local, regional and national sections to give lists of their board members, so we at least have them in a database.</p>	<p>Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Database costs to be included in the operating grant application for 2023. - At the FC in Prague, EB reports to sections on the database solution, and communicates its decision on whether to continue the current database, or move to a new one. - In the autumn, organise a session on GDPR with Jesús Cordero Gonzalez (JEF-Spain), GDPR specialist. <p>By the end of October:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consult with Chris Powers on different database solutions ● Discuss best practices with JEF-Germany
<p>20. Work Plan 2023</p> <p>JEF applied for a Council of Europe Work Plan on media freedom, but the application was rejected. The educational component and the financial elements were criticised. However, the topic received positive feedback.</p> <p>Decision to direct funds towards Democracy Under Pressure (DuP) activities. Activities could be directed towards Central and Eastern Europe, and Southeastern Europe. Activities taking place beyond the DuP campaign week can concern topics like 'frontiers of democracy' and media.</p>	<p>Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB requests the Secretariat to prepare a new Work Plan application around Democracy under Pressure.
<p>21. Feedback from and to the SG EB Feedback round</p>	<p>Decision: -</p>
<p>22. AoB and Conclusions</p>	<p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Judit will do the federalist inspiration next EB meeting - EB members to share the membership survey with the sections again during meetings

Meeting closes at 2:30pm EEST.