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**Minutes**



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## 1. Official opening

### 1.1. Welcome address by JEF Europe

FC opened by **Christelle Savall** (Vice-President) and **Juuso Järviemi** (Vice-President): It's a historical FC happening 50 years after the founding Congress in Luxembourg. There will be a 50 anniversary celebration. It's also happening in the context of Russia's war in Ukraine.

### 1.2. Code of conduct and Gender watch

**Laura Gaißmaier** (Presidium) explained the Code of Conduct and Gender Watch as well as introduced the Contact Persons - Kati Systä and Julius Lajtha.

**Kati Systä:** The Code of Conduct was updated last year. It is a document that creates the rules on how we interact with each other during events, what our values are and how we treat each other. It aims to create a more diverse and equal environment for everyone. If you see some improper situations or feel you were not treated well, feel free to contact us. There is also an anonymous form and email address. It applies to all JEF events and activities, also when we go to parties.

**Xesc Mainzer Cardell:** The Code of Conduct also lists the attitudes you should avoid. We come from very diverse backgrounds and we should realise something we consider normal may not be considered respectful by others. Always try to understand others and respect the fact they may not share your point of view. Some people may be here for the first time and may not be familiar with our procedures. Never comment on the looks of someone publicly, never touch others without permission. Avoid making assumptions based on the looks of people.

**Kati Systä:** We have a list of actions that the Contact Persons can take if the Code of Conduct is violated:

- Remind participants of their obligation to act in accordance with the Code of Conduct and give them advice on how to do so.
- Engage in a one to one conversation with the person in breach of the Code to make sure that there is a mutual understanding of the nature of the inappropriate action.
- Inform, only when necessary, the other organisers of the event or the meeting chairs about the problematic behaviour or the violation of the Code.
- Facilitate a structured conversation between parties to resolve the situation;
- In consultation with the organising team and the facilitators of the activity, suspend the session and/or ban the person in breach of the Code from attending the remainder of the event or activity.

**Milosh Ristovski** (Secretary-General) reminded everyone about the COVID-19 restrictions and logistics.

## 2. Overview of FC activities

**Laura Gaißmaier** (Presidium):

- Some FC updates. We've had two EB-FC meetings (one before Christmas and second in January) to learn working with each other.
- We have four Task Forces (TFs): TF Civic Education (Co-Chairs Annemarie Hertner, Pauline Laloux), TF Capacity Building (Co-Chairs Victor Lepine, Max Nordin), TF Green Transition (Co-Chairs Marie Pouliquen, Moritz Schleicher), and TF Empowerment and Diversity (Co-Chairs Xesc Mainzer, Kati Systä).
- We are moving to an overview of the work so far of the Political Commissions (PCs).

### **PC1: Institutions and Governance - resolutions:**

- The Structure of a Federal European Parliament (revision)
- Towards genuine completion of the Banking Union (revision)
- On the future UK-EU Relations (new)
- From the lead candidate system to renewed European democracy (re-adoption)

### **PC2: Internal European Affairs - resolutions:**

- For a United Digital Europe (revision)
- Environment does not stop at borders: Towards a Sustainable Europe and a Sustainable Global Climate Policy (revision)
- Calling for an ethical and efficient EU policy framework on Artificial Intelligence (revision)

### **PC3: External Affairs and Global Governance - resolutions:**

- Establishing a European Security and Defence Union (revision)
- For a European Space Common Policy (new)
- Protecting the value-based partnership with the US (revision)
- PC3 is also working on a policy paper and its Co-Chair Riccardo Moschetti is representing JEF in the World Federalist Movement (WFM).

## **2.1. Activity report by the Executive Board (EB) and Secretariat**

**Antonio Argenziano** (President): We will present things and will be open for inputs afterwards.

### **Antonio Argenziano - political priorities and advocacy:**

- The previous mandate started talking about the climate crisis. Then the pandemic happened and we are talking about a new crisis to handle. And then, even a war came to Europe. There are still problems with youth unemployment, migration. We live in a systemic crisis and we need Europe to step up its response. It's important for Europe not just to react, it's crucial to be proactive. Taboos fell and we have the Next Generation Europe. There was a defence taboo and now we are talking about European defence. Enough waiting for the next crisis - we need to invest in the future - and for that we need a European government. As young people, we need to constantly underline that. Waiting for an emergency is not looking into the future, which is not acceptable for us.
- Since the idea emerged, we've been following the Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE). Now, we are approaching the first wrap-up of the process. In the European Parliament there is a lot of discussion on calling for a Convention to change the EU Treaties. History has just sped up and we have to speed up too.
- Our priorities we set as the EB for the first 6 months:
  - CoFoE and its follow-up:
    - We have a JEFer (SG Milosh Ristovski) in the Conference Plenary.
    - JEF has been one of the most active organisations in creating the Civil Society Convention (CSOCOfoE). Milosh was appointed as one of the chairs of this platform. Then, when CoFoE started, some of the Convention members were invited to become members of the CoFoE Plenary.
    - **Milosh Ristovski** (Secretary General): Being inside CoFoE is a rollercoaster. It tests all your beliefs in Europe. It's a very big honour being there, you feel you are making history. Everyone knows JEF and our CoFoE proposals. There is a meeting in Strasbourg happening now which I couldn't attend. Sadly, we don't know what the results will be and if there will be a proper follow-up. But we're

doing what we can, including through the Strasbourg Summit.

- **Antonio** continues: The action on the Digital Platform has been successful and I would like to thank the previous Board for this initiative. Our idea for federal Europe was not just the most popular on the 'Democracy; cluster, it's the most popular idea on the whole platform.
  - We also recently did an interview that connects CoFoE and Ukraine.
  - A couple of weeks ago, we co-signed a statement with the UEF about the results of CoFoE, we called for a Political Union through Treaty change.
  - The Strasbourg Summit: with JEF France and the French people in Strasbourg, we are going to have a big event. With this event, we want to call for an adequate follow up on CoFoE just before its conclusion. We want to show that European citizens are there to make the process accountable.
  - Next Chapter Europe: An important project of JEF funded by the European Parliament. The final event will also be happening in Strasbourg. We initially planned a bus tour, but instead, people will reach Strasbourg from different parts of Europe.
- Democracy under Pressure (DuP). It's important to fight for the values we represent.
  - The Federalist Academy - important to disseminate our ideas. Federalism is active thinking - it's interpreting the world to change it. It's shaping ideas and trying to make an impact.
  - Russia's war in Ukraine. We joined demonstrations, launched a petition to give the candidate status to Georgia, Ukraine and Moldova and improve the decision making in foreign affairs.

**Knut André Sande (EB Member) and Christelle Savall (Vice-President) - Democracy under Pressure:** This campaign is your achievement because it couldn't have happened without you. This year, we did the following:

- infokit, shared folder, the visual, recommendations for books, films to watch etc.
- Twitter chat.
- 2 articles for *The New Federalist*.
- Press release.
- 3 webinars: one on Ukraine by JEF Heidelberg, one on Belarus and one on Hungary.
- We also had to adapt to the war in Ukraine: we re-branded the campaign to Democracy under Attack.
- Partnership with the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR).
- Please fill out the campaign evaluation form.
- DuP is something we do the whole year and something we do a lot of advocacy work on.
- We always hope we won't need DuP next year but unfortunately things are far from perfect.

**Juuso Järvinemi (Vice-President) and Robin Mudry (Treasurer) - Federalist Academy:**

- The Federalist Academy is a really good match with the 50th anniversary - thinking about what we stand for. There is an online course with 11 webinars throughout the year.
- There will also be a real Federalist Academy in early November in Prague. The idea is to combine it with the next FC. It's also related to the 50th anniversary. We are also starting an online library in our Internal Area about federalism.

**Gergana Blazheva (EB Member) and Helena Robert i Campos (EB Member) - meetings and events**

- We have online EB meetings every 2 weeks and physical meetings 4 times a year. During our second physical meeting in Brussels, we had a fruitful brainstorming session with the Secretariat.
- We will probably have our next physical meeting somewhere around the Strasbourg Summit. There are a lot of projects coming up thanks to grant applications. There is also Work Plan

- 2022 on Human rights with the first online meeting in February and a training in May.
- Budapest late March - there was a meeting of CSOs to prepare a collective youth response to the war in Ukraine.
  - There was one International Officer meeting and we are planning to hold them regularly every 2 months. We go to TF and PC meetings and section congresses. We also attend our partner organisation meetings.
  - Representation:
    - In total, EB members have represented JEF Europe 147 times since the last Congress.
    - Representation (not including informal contact) - online and physical: spoke at 36 events
    - Section Visits (not including informal contact) - online and physical: around 61 visits and meetings with sections

**Helena Robert i Campos (EB Member) - interests groups:** The Board members are working with different groups to set up new JEF interest groups. Please get in touch if you know people who could be interested.

**Flavia Sandu (EB Member) - communication:**

- Encourages to subscribe and read newsletters.
- Ana Figueras and Beatriz Garcia-Marina are in the comms team.
- Social media outreach in Q1 2022:
  - Instagram:
    - Accounts reached: 22,800
    - Unique content interaction growth: +8.1%
    - Total follower growth: +9.6%
    - Content uploaded:
    - Posts: 43
    - Stories 322
    - Reels: 5
    - Giphy sticker views: 4,800,000M views
  - Twitter:
    - Total impressions: 209,800 impressions
    - Total tweets: 214
    - Total profile visits: 60.3k
    - New followers: 287
  - Facebook (only available for the last 28 days):
    - Post reach: 25,835
    - Post engagement: 2,157
    - New page Followers: 67

**Milosh Ristovski (Secretary-General) - Secretariat update:**

- January, February, March - difficult times, project reporting.
- Invited people to apply for the WP22 training in Budapest.
- New project: COYV for the EP elections 2024.
- We submitted grant applications about AI, media freedom, and democracy.

**Antonio Argenziano (President) - full-time President update:** I started working full time in January. I work on policy, advocacy and representation, currently mainly CoFoE and Ukraine. I attend Board meetings of the Union of European Federalists, Civil Society Europe, and the European Movement

International.

## **2.2. Democracy under Pressure 2022 awards**

**Christelle Savall** (Vice-President), **Knut André Sande (EB Member)** and **Flavia Sandu** (EB Member) presenting the winners:

- Most innovative - JEF Madrid:
  - Bringing children from Ukraine to Spain, supporting them financially and emotionally.
  - Invited many political stakeholders to a debate.
  - A call with Russian citizens about the war in Ukraine.
- Best social media - JEF UK:
  - A statement with other youth organisations across the country.
  - Concert and charity events in Manchester, 5,000 GBP raised.
  - The UK is not accepting refugees from Ukraine unlike most EU countries.
- Best newcomer - JEF Estonia:
  - Several activities across the country.
  - Weekly events about Ukraine.
- Best partnership: JEF Rome and JEF Berlin:
  - The final day of DuP was the first day of the twinning between the sections.
  - A joint flash mob organised in Rome.
- Best advocacy action: JEF Italy and its sections.
- Best street action: JEF Latvia:
  - A small street action in front of the Russian Embassy joined by several people, including Belarusians.
  - Democracy should be discussed every day.
- Special mention for successful building illumination: JEF Torino.
- Special mention for media partnership: all language editions of The New Federalist that contributed to the DuP.

### **Closing address by JEF Luxembourg**

**Manuel Quaring, Amélie Haegeman, Maja Bratovic, Mathilde Pareja, Leo Hoerter** (JEF Luxembourg):

- Young European Federalists of Luxembourg hope you've had a good trip.
- Introduced the members of JEF Luxembourg.
- Welcome to your birthplace, dear JEFers, where it all started in 1972. Here we are again!
- The first time we met was at a DuP protest. This event is quite a challenge for the section which is quite young, we are a baby JEFer.
- We are engaged young European federalists!

# Saturday, 9 April

## 1. Roll call

37 voters present - quorum reached.

## 2. Election of tellers

Candidates:

- **Tanaz Farmani** (Observer, JEF Belgium).
- **Robert Scholz** (Observer, JEF Germany).
- **Olav Soldal** (Observer, JEF Norway).

Vote: Election of tellers		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
unanimity	0	0
<b>All candidates elected</b>		

## 3. Adoption of the agenda

**Milosh Ristovski** (Secretary-General): The agenda was sent after the deadline so we need your approval. Main additions:

- The nominations for hosting the Spring FC 2023 added after the deadline: JEF Malta, JEF UK.
- Candidacy of JEF Ukraine. Very important to consider it now - so we ask you to add this to the agenda.
- Points of information added: Updated budget for 2022, it was approved by the Congress and reports will be approved by the next Congress. There will be an additional online Congress in the next 2 months. We added additional parts with project grants that we had received.
- The agenda we are approving now was given to you upon registration yesterday.

**Simon Paetzold** (JEF Germany): There will be another Congress in the next two months?

**Milosh Ristovski**: Yes, at the beginning of June online. You will get a 2-month notice. This is according to the updated statutes. You will be invited to nominate delegates based on the latest membership statement done but we will be flexible because it's a new model. The online Congress will be a 1 hour thing. We are also checking if this could be an email. We may not even have to have all people online, just a window of time when the vote can happen.

**Laura Gaißmaier** (Presidium): We vote on the adoption of the agenda in a block.

<b>Vote: Adoption of agenda</b>		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
unanimity	0	0
<b>Adopted</b>		

#### **4. Adoption of the minutes**

<b>Vote: Minutes from the Congress in Liège</b>		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
unanimity	0	0
<b>Adopted</b>		

#### **5. Election of the Resolutions' Committee**

Candidates:

- **Flavia Sandu** (EB Member)
- **Laura Gaißmaier** (Presidium)
- **Kalojan Hoffmeister** (PC1 Co-Chair)
- **Guillaume Kayser** (PC2 Co-Chair)
- **Riccardo Moschetti** (PC3 Co-Chair)

**Milosh Ristovski** (Secretary-General): The Resolutions' Committee is going to meet after the statutory deadline for amendments (tonight at 20:00). They will check the blocks of changes developed during PC meetings and check the amendments afterwards after PC meetings. They will go through the amendment plugin and will prepare the final document with the additional changes that have to be voted on Sunday morning.

<b>Vote: Election of members of the Resolutions Committee</b>		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
unanimity	0	0
<b>All candidates elected</b>		

#### **6. Introduction of the Task Forces (TFs)**

Brief presentation of the TFs and their chairs:

- TF Civic Education (Co-Chairs Pauline Laloux and Annemarie Hertner)
- TF Capacity Building (Co-Chairs Victor Lépine and Max Nordin)
- TF Empowerment & Diversity (Co-Chairs Kati Systä and Xesc Mainzer)
- TF Green Transition (Co-Chairs Marie Pouliquen and Moritz Schleicher)

## 7. Presentation of the work of the Political Commissions (PCs)

Introductions of PCs and their resolutions:

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## 8. Updates from the Monitoring Committees

**Anna van de Moosdijk** (JEF Netherlands): I'm Anna from the Monitoring Committee on Poland with Antonio Argenziano (President) and Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium). There is no Code of Conduct situation anymore. They did some actions, including during DuP. They are in a twinning process with Paris and Berlin. They are small and struggle with recruitment. They need close support also to set up a more democratic process in the organisation. They need to recover from the difficult situation. Today they gave their proxy to Antonio - if you have more questions, you can get in touch with him.

**Christelle Savall** (Vice-President): There are two types of Monitoring Committees: ones about how functional a section is (e.g. JEF Poland) and second type which is about sections that may be removed from JEF Europe with the hope of starting a new section. This monitoring committee on Poland was opened in Liège. The second was opened before on Moldova, Montenegro and Hungary (Aleksandra Aleksejeva, Tosia Stępniaak, Chris Powers and myself). We sent letters to sections saying we plan to expel them - because we hadn't heard anything from them, there were no member fees and no activities.

**Christelle Savall** (Vice-President):

- JEF Hungary:
  - The old section is inactive. A new interest group has become a candidate. The old group doesn't want to share the registration. We have to expel them to get the legal name - we may have to go to court, so it's important to follow the rules.
  - **Robin Mudry** (Treasurer): There are many actions of the new group, they are doing something every second week. They were very active before the elections, including through DuP. They are quite depressed after the elections. We are thinking about a new strategy and we are confident that they are going to be active and an important piece of JEF.

- **Christelle** continues - JEF Montenegro: No contact, no fees, no activities. We are trying to get new people and get the old registration. If not possible in this mandate, then we will propose to expel it.
- JEF Moldova: Same story but we have hopes to get the registration. Juuso is working on starting a new group.
- **Juuso Järvinemi** (Vice-President): The old JEF Moldova has the legal representation but has not responded. But there is a new generation of aspiring JEFers, a motivated group. They had their meeting a week ago, they are motivated to organise physical activities. More updates will follow.

## 9. Finances

### Robin Mudry (Treasurer):

- We will start with the membership statements. There is a member statement going on every year. At the moment we have 29 sections and all of them are required to send us member statements about the number of members and membership fees. This helps us to calculate the number of Congress delegates. The new Congress will be based on a new membership statement. There was the first deadline at the end of March, I have received answers from 11 sections with information partially or completely submitted. Special thanks to JEF Romania because they are a new section and they were the first to reply. But the problem is we have many more sections and the first deadline has passed already. Since we have an annual Congress, we must get these statements on time. There will be a reminder with a new deadline late reply and I invite you to take it seriously. Membership fees are €2 per member. Current figures will be presented at FC Prague.
- There was a GDPR question - people asked in emails how to handle this. To what extent to send member data? We at JEF have internal GDPR guidelines on this so we are safe, and each section should have a comparable document. So you shouldn't worry about sending us the member data.
- Accounts. I worked closely with the Secretariat. The accounts will be closed soon. Expenditures and reporting have been completed according to a plan. Two audits are going on: external and internal. Changes occurred: in the past audit was presented during Spring FCs, now - it will be presented during an online Congress annually. As a new Board, we are still waiting for Moniteur Belge to register the new Board and the changes to the Statutes, hopefully we will change this month. Until now, I can't sign any payments.
- The 2022 Budget can be found in the internal area. We have 2 big grants: CERV that ensures the smooth running of the organisation, and also COYV for the EP elections 2024 is a multiannual grant. Our budget is characterised by relative stability, largely thanks to project writing by the Secretariat. Since the beginning of 2022, they have applied for 10 grants.
- Cash flow: as of 8 April, we had slightly more than €300,000 on our account, which is better than the beginning of the year which was because of waiting for the payment of grants after project closures. Also, COVID-19 caused the extension of projects and reporting delays.
- **Milosh Ristovski** (Secretary-General): I would like to thank JEF Germany and JEF France - we developed an application on Ukraine for the Franco-German youth foundation, so we could meet in Budapest. We discussed what it meant to be a young person in Ukraine. Antonio Argenziano was there representing JEF.
- **Robin Mudry** continues: Outlook, future risks and pressure. We have to keep COVID-19 in mind. We know how to do online events. Most of our funding is project

related so we have to constantly work on project grants so we have to constantly apply. We're looking at the diversification of our funding but we can't report progress yet.

**Laura Gaißmaier** (Presidium): What happens when membership fees are not paid on time?

**Robin Mudry**: It's crucial to have the member statements on time and it's equally crucial to receive the payments. If there are any reasonable difficulties, these are things we can always discuss at the bilateral level. We can always find a solution but it shouldn't be the case that we work with an endlessly flexible deadline.

**Kristine Meek Stokke** (JEF Norway): How do you deal with the membership data we are sharing with you?

**Robin Mudry**: It is safely archived. We are not using this data to monitor the organisation to see how membership is structured. We don't sell or use the data in any suspicious way.

**Julius Lajtha** (JEF UK): I'm wondering how the info from JEF Europe can be more directly disseminated to the members. Is there a process of adding people to the newsletter in a GDPR-friendly way? Dissemination to local members is not really working.

**Robin Mudry**: It's impossible to take the email address we have and throw them to the newsletter. But when we do actions like petitions, people can choose the option to receive updates. Generally, people have to actively give consent to receive this information, so we cannot use the information we have to just send to the addresses we have. So I encourage you to invite members to do that - they can subscribe for a newsletter or give us GPPR a consent.

**Jesús Cordero González** (JEF Spain): Following these GPR questions. We have to consider that every section has legal responsibility. We have to be careful with how we share this data. We have to know that everyone has the same level of knowledge. Maybe the SC or EB could organise a quick GDPR training, how to make it work for sections?

**Robin Mudry**: We had a questionnaire disseminated before. We could see that not all sections were prepared at the same level. So we as JEF can probably help you with this. I think it definitely makes sense to address it, so my proposal is to discuss it at the next FC.

## **10. Overview of the Political Commissions**

- **PC1: Institutions and Governance:**
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- **PC3:** not presented this time.

## 11. Presentation, Q&A and vote on the designated Secretary-General

**Laura Gaißmaier** (Presidium): Milosh Ristovski is leaving us, Judit Lantai will present herself as a new candidate. Afterwards, there will be time to ask questions.

**Antonio Argenziano** (President): It's an important moment. First of all, how did this process happen? When Milosh said he was not running again, we opened an application in December for 2 months. Then, with Christelle and Juuso we screened them and shared the info with the EB. Milosh asked not to be involved in the process at all, he just sent email to candidates, and everything else was handled in the EB. We also asked Valentin Dupouey (former Secretary-General) and Leonie Martin (former President) for support. To the short list of candidates, we gave a task to write a short project for JEF. We did 4 interviews in February. Afterwards, after a long detailed discussion, we decided unanimously to propose it to Judit.

**Judit Lantai** (Candidate for Secretary-General):

- I stand before you today to present myself as a nominee for the Secretary-General position.
- I got to know JEF while being a trainer, I didn't know a lot about federalism at that time. Little did I know that I would end up agreeing with almost everyone's opinion. I found myself in the ideological community I belong to and it was not an easy thing as a Hungarian.
- I really cherish working with JEF. JEF is not just sharing this vision but is politically active.
- I knew becoming a JEFer was a fitting choice for me. Now I want to take it to the next level.
- There are major processes: CoFoE, transnational lists, the European Parliament's right of initiative, federalism in Germany - these are opportunities. There are major challenges that require federalist solutions, including the war in Ukraine and the COVID-19 recovery. As a JEFer, European, Hungarian and a woman, I find federalism the good solution to these.
- I'm ready to help with this. I come from an activist and policy background, having worked for multiple organisations across Europe. I know how it is to volunteer all your time and to talk to people in positions of power. Also I know when we move mountains and magic appears. I hope we will experience those positive moments a lot .
- I also know how to generate funds.
- I have numerous civil society and institutional contacts and I'm happy to bring them to the federalist cause.
- I am more than happy to lead a team of motivated and highly skilled people. It would be a pleasure to serve as your SG and contribute to the growth of the organisation.
- I have been involved in different JEF campaigns, trainings and seminars. I think I have a good grasp of the culture of the organisation but I can learn more.
- I will be working with the Secretariat, EB, and with you, JEFers.
- JEF has been on an incredible journey, largely thanks to SGs like Val, Milosh and others before, also Presidents like Chris and Leonie and those before, and the EB members. These are big shoes to fill.
- I will intend to do nothing less than keep JEF on this path. I will aim to keep it growing even further and diversify the funding schemes of JEF. I will continue taking good care of the organisation and maintaining its good reputation.
- I want to help strengthen the membership, also in Eastern Europe.
- I'm here to support the strategic objectives as influential, committed, inclusive and loud JEF.

- I'm the first non-male SG nominated for the last 20 years.
- Quoting Margaret Mead "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world". This is what we should believe in as JEFers. It takes a group of committed people to promote federalism in challenging times. I will do my best to support this.

**Julius Lajtha** (JEF UK): I had the pleasure to work with you before. You said you would do nothing more and nothing less to keep JEF on this track. What will be your role in bringing about something new, what will you do to make JEF a service for smaller sections?

**Judit Lantai:** I highlighted around three of such changes. I want to diversify funding streams, so there is more money coming beyond projects. The other one would be to bring countries in Eastern Europe closer to JEF, using my connections. I also want to make JEF to be seen in the Brussels Bubble as a great place to work in. As for small sections: I know that we try to involve sections in projects; I will try to provide more support to national sections to act.

**Kati Systä** (FC): Any ideas about how to facilitate the inclusion of people from different backgrounds? We tend to be university educated, how to diversify this?

**Judit Lantai:** I know JEF has been working on this quite actively. I come from a youth background, so I worked with people from disadvantaged backgrounds. I know how to create a space where everyone feels heard.

**Alexandros Apostolidis** (JEF Greece): Could you mention examples of networks of organisations to develop our partnerships with?

**Judit Lantai:** I'm not a person for name dropping but in terms of a network, I worked for the YFJ<sup>1</sup> for 7 years. There are some YFJ members that you don't work with or countries where you don't have sections. I worked with Amnesty International in Hungary in the past. Also, I worked with the Council of Europe Youth Department, the European Commission's DG EAC, DG JUST, I also have contacts with political groups and people in the EU Council working with youth.

**Moritz Schleicher** (FC): First, in terms of managing a team, what experience in conflict management do you have? How would you like to train Secretariat members? Second, do you have an ambition to boost the political role of the SG?

**Judit Lantai:** During student union times, we were responsible for granting schemes at faculties and faced tight deadlines, it helped working on it as a team. In stressful situations you need your time to calm down. Conflict is not always bad, we shouldn't be afraid of it, the important thing is how you deal with it and how you transform it. About experienced members in the team: it's good to have a lot of expertise in the Secretariat. It's important to keep members happy to stay in the organisation.

As for my political ambitions: I worked on advocacy. I have no specific expectations, something we will have to discuss. I'm not there to use JEF as a platform but where it makes sense, I can take political roles indeed.

**Sebastiano Putoto** (Arbitration Board): We have new Statutes, congratulations to Milosh Ristovski and Lorène Weber for the hard work. If help is needed in interpreting it, we are here to help as the Arbitration Board.

**Laura Gaißmaier** (Presidium): We proceed with the voting process.

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<sup>1</sup>European Youth Forum

**Antonio Argenziano** (President): We are happy as EB that a person like Judit applied. It took us just 30 second after the interview to realise she would be an excellent profile. Great experience, including youth NGOs, very good network, worked on project management, she led a team - a whole package. Not a lot to add. Positive attitude, how much she cares for people she has around and how much she listens to people. We really support her candidacy. Judit has been nominated by the new EB because she is good, because she convinced us. She also has 2 more interesting identity clusters: she is a woman, the first SG woman in the last 18 years. Second, we always say we are a generation ahead: when Orbán pushes into the past, we as JEF say what the future of JEF and Hungary should look like.

**Nikolas Kockelmann** (JEF Belgium): Question about the procedure: could you tell us something more about the candidates, why were others not selected?

**Antonio Argenziano:** We cannot give out names and information but we can just say that we opted for Judit even though there were other good profiles. We opted for her also because of her soft skills. Her skillset and her attitude were exactly what we need at JEF now.

**Moritz Schleicher** (FC): How many applications did we get?

**Antonio Argenziano:** We received more than 80, we shortlisted 40. Why is only one candidate being presented? Because this selection should not be political. As always in the past, we just propose the best candidate.

**Emma Farrugia** (Presidium): It's also in the new Statutes that one candidate is presented.

**Moritz Schleicher:** Is there going to be a transition period?

**Milosh Ristovski** (Secretary-General): We changed the procedure a bit. May will be the handover period. From the 1st June legally I will stop being SG. Judit's mandate will be for 2 years until June 2024.

## 12. Roll call

44 voters present - quorum reached.

<b>Vote: Election of Judit Lantai for Secretary-General</b>		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
unanimity	0	0
<b>Elected</b>		

## 13. Farewell speech of the outgoing Secretary-General

**Milosh Ristovski** (outgoing Secretary-General):

- It's a hard task to say goodbye. It's the end of my current role, but I'm 30 so I can stick around at JEF.
- Becoming SG was not my first experience with JEF - I joined an event as an expert in 2013. JEF was always a puzzle to me at that time. The more and more I participated, I realised this organisation should be a model of how European organisations should work. It should show how we do the actions based on our policies.
- I applied for this position 4.5 years ago. I've gone to JEF activities in 22 countries. I met 4 previous SGs, most of them were dudes with beards.

- I met those EB Members, intellectuals knowing everything about the EU, knowing all the MEP names. It was scary. But JEF gave me exactly what I needed at that time, a sense of EU belonging, showing that there are people caring about everyone. I never felt more welcome being from a country that is not an EU member.
- Main highlights of my mandates included:
  - The European elections campaign “I Choose Europe”, it was one of the most visible campaigns - it was highlighted by the EP on election night.
  - A Board meeting on the days of Brexit.
  - FC on a boat
  - Trying to involve the EB in all activities of the organisation. It also meant capacity building. And we managed to succeed so that people know who the Board members are and what they do.
- COVID-19 times - we always tried to show that activism doesn't stop.
- My second mandate is linked with CoFoE. We showed how much we are respected externally.
- Sadly, my mandate ended in the times of war. We are safe, privileged. I'm sad that this is part of my speech. If we don't talk about it, people will forget. This is going to change Europe, this is a test of democracy. But I'm not afraid - knowing the people, we are going to continue the great work we have been doing.
- As an SG you sometimes also feel alone.
- Thanks to Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Treasurers, Board members, Secretariat. Tips and words of encouragement for the current leadership.
- I would like to close with a very personal thing. Even though we are always seen as the future, this group of people is the present of federalism. You will be what the federalism movement develops into the future. Be vocal, raise the voice and show we are the ones who take the lead!

**Antonio Argenziano** (President): You deserve more than a long speech from me. What you deserve is stories from people who worked with you.

**Valentin Dupouey** (former Secretary-General, video): To thank you for your work, it would be most appropriate to use a metaphor of a toilet: leaving it as clean or even cleaner than before for the next user. And you managed to achieve exactly this, sitting on this toilet even through really shitty years, and managed to leave it better than it was for the next generations.

**Secretariat members** - round of brief testimonies.

**Chris Glück** (former President): When you are hiring an SG, it's a different job than any other recruitment. We ask questions about implemented projects but you have in mind if you would trust that person with the credit card etc. I can confirm he's extremely reliable and serious. He succeeded in taking the resources and multiplying them. Milosh is also an extremely fun person who brings a good atmosphere. I learnt a lot about pop culture from you!

**Leonie Martin** (former President): Let's start with facts: Milosh has been the first SG in history to have 2 mandates and be still alive. In your time, the office grew from 2 people to 11. We have work regulations. I don't have a number of projects. You have put competent people in the Secretariat. You co-chaired the Civil Society Convention on the Future of Europe and also managed to graduate from a university in the meantime. You were a facilitator in the Youth Dialogue. You are fun and ambitious, You know how to follow and unfollow the rules. I can't thank you enough for being our SG for the last 4 years - you showed us how to be resilient.

**Antonio Argenziano**: It's been a long mandate with big events, big projects, and big successes. I learnt a lot from and about you. But your legacy is probably in the small things. The growth of the secretariat has been impressive. The efforts to keep the JEF spirit alive, this is your main legacy. This is what you need to persevere and defend our values, and you did exactly this. Milosh, it was fun.

## **14. Solidarity with Ukraine**

**Antonio Argenziano** (President): We will ask two JEFers to take the floor. First one will be Anastasia who was in Kyiv during the war.

**Anstasia Devos-Chernova:**

- Before the current war, we were already in conflict with Russia. The attention in Europe has been waning and we can see the terrible consequences of this decreased attention.
- Now Ukraine is fully attacked by Russia, it's a full-scale war. Plenty of innocent people are dead because of this aggression. Two students of my university have been killed due to Russian aggression.
- We need real sanctions: oil and gas embargo, and fully isolate Russia and Russian people. More than 70% of Russian people support the war in Ukraine.
- What you could see in Bucha, it really looks like a genocide of Ukrainian people
- I want to thank you for your continued support. We need your support to rebuild Ukraine. We believe in Ukraine and we hope we will be able to join. Slava Ukraini!

**Annemarie Hertner** (FC):

- I'm sad to stand here but I thank you for this opportunity. I'm half Ukrainian and half German. Today, I wanted to share my feelings and emotions about what has happened.
- I would like to first start with a personal story. When I was 10, I was asked where I was from. They didn't know and when I told them I spoke Russian, they were confused. At that time it was easier to tell them I was Russian, and it was easier to say that to avoid explanations. A lot has changed.
- The war is really terrifying to see. I can also see the amazing resistance at the same time. Part of my family is still in Kyiv. My uncle and cousin are fighting to defend democracy and freedom, for their sovereignty.
- It started in 2014 already when Ukrainians came to Maydan to demonstrate for the EU. At that time we were not anti-Russian but Putin made us make a choice. They had to choose and they chose Europe - Poroshenko was elected President and Yanukovich fled to Russia. Today what we see is that Ukrainians are more united than ever. They want to go towards Europe.
- We have to open our doors to Ukrainian refugees.
- I started fundraising after the war started. We managed to collect €23,000. Out of these, €16,000 have already reached Ukraine.
- The last weeks have been tough. I left my old life behind and focused on this only.
- Our main target group are volunteers on the spot, people who have the capacity to redistribute food, medication, and first aid kits. We are asking them for proof but avoid bureaucracy.
- Ukrainians never wanted to choose between Russia or the EU, they wanted to be friends with both. But they had to choose and they chose Europe. Ukrainians are fighting with all their means to become part of the EU. Let's hope we can make this victory happen as soon as possible.

Presentation of JEFer's activities and views:

- **Diletta Alese** (JEF Italy): Following up on what Annemarie has just said. Last week, we were involved with JEF Italy in a solidarity convoy. More than 150 organisations were involved, and JEF Italy helped. We supported the transfer of 300 refugees to Italy.

Let's be very careful of what happens next: people have fled the country but then there's the reality of the reception and related vulnerabilities. The situation must be monitored.

- **Robin Mudry** (Treasurer): One thing I want to draw attention to. Apart from the physical war, there is also a war of information. Right from the beginning, we were pointing out the discrimination at the borders. Russian propaganda using these cases immediately and portray Ukraine as a Nazi country. We took part in a demonstration in Prague to support Ukraine, and our image was used by tabloids in a footage allegedly portraying pro-Russian protesters.
- **Sonja Afanasjeva** (former FC): I am ethnically Russian. I thought the war would never happen and my family and I are devastated. Ukraine is fighting a war for all of us to keep their rights and freedoms, ones we take for granted. Europe is more united than ever but I never thought this would be the price we would ever have to pay. We need to keep talking about it and support the European path of Ukraine. We should support those fighting against the Putin regime in Russia.
- **Guillaume Kayser** (FC): I was shocked seeing the war, it reminded me of the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia, it reminded me of Chamberlain who said it was a faraway country.
- **Laura Serrano Folguera** (JEF Madrid): Just after 24 February, our members mobilised and protested. We had a lot of institutional support. It was good to see the Spanish youth mobilising. Along these lines, we decided to create youth dialogue. On 22 March, we organised a youth dialogue, bringing together representatives of the UN Security Council. We will keep organising as youth.
- **Samuel Tammekann** (JEF Finland) I'm a grandson of an Estonian refugee. Russia is doing the same thing it did to Estonia but Ukraine is still standing and will be standing. We inspired Russians in Finland to take up the protest. We have seen the worst of humanity. But at the same time I saw the best of humanity. I have a lot of solidarity. We will be there for you Ukrainians and Russians when Putin falls.

**Milosh Ristovski** (outgoing Secretary-General): As a network, we worked with partners to ensure common youth response. We invited some of them to tell us what they have done. Marius from the National Council of Germany and Natalia from the Ukrainian Youth Council will tell us about it.

**Marius Schlageter** (Vice-President, German Youth Council): I'm a JEFer myself. I'm here today to talk about the Budapest network - when the invasion started, we understood Ukraine was affected by the humanitarian consequences of the war. We brought different youth organisations together in Budapest. We agreed we want to continue working as an informal network. There is a threat of losing public attention to the issue. We don't have sufficient funding schemes for Ukraine. Many organisations are trying to help but lack structure. We need a European Marshall Plan for Ukraine. Is it only about infrastructure or also about civil society? We have to bring people together and foster the understanding of things.

**Milosh Ristovski**: When we speak about the war in Ukraine we speak about a war in Europe, rather than some country that is somewhere away.

**Natalia Shevchuk** (Chairwoman, Ukrainian Youth Council):

- There are horrible crimes happening in Ukraine. The future of Europe is Ukraine and we should all keep this in mind.
- Youth organisations have had quite a good capacity to provide humanitarian support to many regions, including the countryside. From our experience, they can be more

effective than the UN or the Red Cross at times because they are flexible about what they can do and how quickly they can do it.

- Many people became internally displaced. Basic needs are priority but also mental health and support for civil society. Youth exchanges can be one of the solutions.
- We need to find understandable tools to help the situation, including in case of gender based violence.
- We had meetings with MEPs discussing the support for Ukrainian youth. Youth of Ukraine and the government are a bit different. Our ministry continues saying we need to rebuild infrastructure and build new youth centres and support youth workers. The role of civil society will be to rebuild the country.
- There are already discussions about the Marshall Plan for Ukraine. We should discuss how this plan should look.
- We must consider the needs of youth organisations. There are people volunteering in Ukraine, they don't receive any support or salaries.
- We need matchmaking between EU and Ukrainian CSOs.

**Alexandros Apostolidis** (JEF Greece): I want to address our narrative when we raise the awareness of the war in Ukraine. First, we have to make sure it's not a third country against another third country. This is a war that involves us directly. EU countries are not doing enough to reduce their dependence on Russia and haven't done enough to create common defence. Not enough is done to counter Kremlin disinformation and cyber attacks. We reacted very mildly after the Russian invasion of Crimea, Donbas and Syria. We have to reach a whole spectrum of the society in Ukraine.

**Juuso Järviemi** (Vice-President): As you know, JEF Ukraine has submitted its candidacy application. We have received the necessary documents from JEF Ukraine. We should show that we welcome them as part of the network.

**Anna Dovha** (JEF Ukraine): I'm impressed with everything you've done for Ukraine. Young Ukrainians are fighting their way. JEF Ukraine is trying to contribute to the information war. We try to inform as many people as possible about what's happening in Ukraine. I'm from Chernihiv, the city has been 70% destroyed. All of us have learnt that we shouldn't take freedom for granted. We have a saying in Ukraine: the eye is far and the mind even further. For that reason, we try to raise awareness of human rights and social work. We should increase international dialogue between nations. I hope you all visit Kyiv once we win and everything will be peaceful again. I hope we will join the European family and JEF Europe as a section. Slava Ukraini!

Questions:

**Julius Lajtha** (JEF UK): I wanted to ask to what extent the Russian invasion has united the country and solidified its pro-EU stance? Could people from the Donetsk and Luhansk 'republics' become pro-EU and do you think there could still be Russia supporters among them?

**Anna Dovha**: The biggest part of Luhansk and Donetsk supported Ukraine and many had to leave those regions. Now we can see that the whole civil society is really united. In one day we created one huge network of volunteers. I hope it will be like this after our victory and now you can see how united we can be.

**Guillaume Kayser** (FC): Is there anything JEF Europe could do for you?

**Anna Dovha**: We would like to increase our cooperation and dialogue, and facilitate youth exchanges. Maybe we can discuss it afterwards.

## 15. Vote on the candidate status for the interest group in Ukraine

Quorum reached - 44 voters present

<b>Vote: Candidate section status for the interest group in Ukraine</b>		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
unanimity	0	0
<b>Approved</b>		

**Anna Dovha:** Thank you very much, I'm looking forward to our great cooperation. Freedom and democracy will win!

## 16. Task Forces

### ***TF Civic Education***

**Annemarie Hertner** (TF Co-Chair): We want to introduce new resources and materials, and apply the lessons learnt from Europe@Home. We want to create space to exchange ideas.

### ***TF Green Transition***

**Marie Pouliquen** (TF Co-Chair): : Same story, we want to hear your ideas for green advocacy. How to reduce the environmental footprint of JEF.

### ***TF Empowerment and Diversity***

**Kati Systä** (TF Co-Chair): We want to discuss the initiative and ideas planned with TF to make JEF more inclusive and develop tools that can help you be more inclusive.

**Xesc Mainzer** (TF Co-Chair): We've had 3 calls already, we set the priorities. You are invited to join our FB group.

### ***TF Capacity Building***

**Victor Lépine** (TF Co-Chair): We would like to focus the session on twinings. All the means sections may need to develop and empower themselves.

# Sunday, 10 April

## 1. Roll call

41 voters present - quorum reached

## 2. Code of Conduct and Gender Watch

**Laura Gaißmaier** (Presidium): Reminder that the Code of Conduct applies all the time. Overview of the agenda. Gender Watch will be calculated later.

## 3. Presentation by the candidates for hosting the Spring FC 2023

**Andrea Pavia** (JEF Malta):

- We want to bring Europe to Malta. I can't think of a better way than hosting FC there.
- Overview of travel options.
- Venue option 1: Europe House - good relationship, we can get it for free
- Venue option 2: University of Malta.
- Venue option 3: Valletta design cluster.
- Accommodation option 1: St Bayview hotel & spa.
- Accommodation option 2: Topaz hotel.
- Accommodation option 3: NSTS hostel .
- Overview of meal options.
- Budget - total €1,050 after deducting participation fees.

**Julius Lajtha** and **Martin Penov** (JEF UK):

- We want to organise an FC to show how European the UK still is. JEF UK is affected negatively by Brexit and COVID-19 but we are trying to get more members and engage them. Hosting a statutory event would be the next level. We also want to show our partners in the UK what JEF is.
- We have managed to recruit 2 staff members in just 2 months. We have a very active and professional Board. We have an active section in London.
- Travelling - Eurostar, sustainable option.
- London is affected by Brexit but is largely a 'remain' city.
- The UK section has grown considerably recently.
- Venue option 1: Europe house.
- Venue option 2: King's College London, Bush House.
- Venue option 3: Westminster Parliament. There is a possibility to get access to the House of Commons through a friendly member of the House of Lords.
- Co-funding options: European Movement UK. Possibly Mayor of London.
- Cost of accommodation and food - overview.

**Xesc Mainzer** (FC): Question to both - do you count the experience of the 2017 Malta Congress and 2019 London FC into the expertise as organisers?

**Andrea Pavia**: We have a handover of good practices. The team is very capable, I see no real problem with the team.

**Martin Penov**: We have members with experience organising JEF events. Also those involved in organising the FC in London in 2019.

**Robin Mudry** (Treasurer): I have a question to JEF UK on co-funding. In the presentation you calculated around 30 people, which is about a half of the people you might expect. How are you planning to increase this number?

**Julius Lajtha**: Food costs can be scaled down. I apologise for underestimating the number, we can provide the details later on. Brexit has had an impact on the economy, the UK is a bit cheaper now from the EU perspective.

#### **4. Announcement of dates for FC Autumn 2022**

**Robin Mudry** (Treasurer): The dates are 11-13 November 2022. We start on Friday afternoon, work the whole Saturday and Sunday morning. The Federalist Academy will take place before that, so people will be able to attend both. The Academy will start on 9/11 and will end on 13/11. Please communicate these dates to your members.

#### **5. Presentation of results by PC Chairs**

**Kalojan Hoffmeister** and **Filippo Pasquali** (PC1 Co-Chairs): We had a very fruitful debate. We had four resolutions. Banking Union is not problematic. Spitzenkandidaten is submitted for re-adoption. Federal Parliament - interesting discussion about where it should be located but another amendment came in which proposes we don't specify the city. Then the Brexit resolution - also interesting, with three last minute amendments from JEF UK.

**Guillaume Kayser** and **Camilla Brizzi** (PC2 Co-Chairs): We had an interesting discussion. We talked about Digital Europe (e-elections), environment - huge topic, discussed for a long time, resulting in a really comprehensive resolution. No major issues, we agreed on almost everything. The AI resolution is important due to the AI Act being adopted.

**Riccardo Moschetti** (PC3 Co-Chair): Yesterday we discussed 3 resolutions: security and defence, US-EU partnership, and the new PC3 resolution on the EU space policy - really interesting discussion.

#### **6. Voting**

##### **6.1. Roll call**

43 voters present - quorum reached.

##### **6.2. Voting on resolutions**

###### ***PC1: The Structure of a Federal European Parliament***

**Elise Magne** (JEF France) - in favour of AM43: We submitted the amendment to keep it open, not to mention any specific city.

**Jorge Romanillos de la Flor** (JEF Spain): Having both legislative chambers in one city is not something new in any federation. It's a matter of economy and an easier legislative process. Members of both chambers have to talk to each other. It's not about centralising. That's why we think it makes sense to have both chambers in Brussels.

<b>Vote: Amendment 43</b>		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
15	0	27
<b>Adopted</b>		

<b>Vote: Resolution as amended</b>		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
unanimity	0	0
<b>Adopted</b>		

**PC1: Towards genuine completion of the Banking Union**  
**Emma Farrugia** (Presidium): No amendments.

<b>Vote: Resolution</b>		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
clear majority	0	1
<b>Re-adopted</b>		

**PC1: On the future UK-EU Relations**

**Flavia Sandu** (EB): Some amendments were counted as submitted after the deadline but it's because the Platform put the wrong time. An amendment submitted by Christelle was done on time but there was an issue and had to be resubmitted after the deadline.

**Julius Lajtha** (JEF UK) - in favour of AM127, AM131, AM133:

- We wanted to change this paragraph of the resolution because it was inching towards inviting separatism in the country and we believe this is not something we should have in our resolution.
- With regards to the devolved administrations, we wanted to be more holistic and acknowledge the fact that the UK has a devolved system of governance, with Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales having certain powers. We have changed the language to make it less explicit about cutting Northern Ireland from the UK and admitting it to the EU. We would change that to focus on respecting the results of any potential referenda because this is more realistic and doesn't lean towards supporting such referenda as such, even if they are not planned.
- We shouldn't be insinuating that there are referenda planned because this would be too much of an involvement in the UK's internal affairs in our belief.

**Robin Mudry** (Treasurer): I have a question regarding AM133, how would it be possible, without a referendum, for the devolved administration to push forward its pro-EU aspirations?

**Julius Lajtha:** Without significant legal changes it's impossible to have a referendum that would completely dissolve the UK. There are EU aspirations in Scotland and a pro-EU government in Wales, so these aspirations are there but not strong enough to make a change. But it's important to acknowledge these in the resolution.

**Emma Farrugia** (Presidium): We vote on the amendments separately.

<b>Vote: Amendment 127</b>		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
clear majority	0	1
<b>Adopted</b>		

<b>Vote: Amendment 131</b>		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
clear majority	0	3
<b>Adopted</b>		

<b>Vote: Amendment 133</b>		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
clear majority	0	5
<b>Adopted</b>		

**Emma Farrugia** (Presidium): We have amendment 205 submitted by the EB.

**Antonio Argenziano** (President) - in favour of AM205: We submitted it to be fair towards other sections. Sections are registered with different names but they are recognised as "JEF-country", which is a unified and more understandable code for everyone.

**Julius Lajtha** (JEF UK) - against AM205: I don't think that what we are doing here makes sense. The correct way in my mind would be to always include the actual name of the organisation and then in brackets (JEF country). In the case of many sections, we never operate with the "JEF-country".

**Alexandros Apostolidis** (JEF Greece): Do we know of any examples where we don't use the name JEF country?

**Christelle Savall** (Vice-President): The practice is to use "JEF-country" internally and externally.

**August Lund Felumb** (JEF Denmark): In the Nordic countries we also have different names but at JEF we use "JEF-country".

Vote: Amendment 205		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
clear majority	not indicated	7
<b>Adopted</b>		

Vote: Resolution as amended		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
clear majority	0	0
<b>Adopted</b>		

***PC1: From the lead candidate system to renewed European democracy***

**Juuso Järviemi** (Vice-President): Point of information - not a comment on the resolution as such, it's a follow-up to the discussions made during the PC. We discussed the possibility of reopening the resolution according to JEF Statutes art. 38d which says that should significant policy change appear, the EB may request a revision of policy. Potential cause for constitutional convention.

**Filippo Pasquali** (PC1 Co-Chair) - in favour of the resolution: We don't see any conflict for approving this resolution. It was already approved by the Congress.

**Sofie Knauer** (JEF Denmark) - against the resolution: Parts of the resolution can be dangerous for democratic participation. It's a struggle to get people interested if they know little about European politics. If we confuse them with something they don't know at all, then it's dangerous for democratic participation. We have no problem with the Spitzenkandidaten system at all. But we are against just re-adopting it without amendments - there are some things that should be changed, e.g. nobody knows European parties. Using European names would completely confuse people.

**Kalojan Hoffmeister** (PC1 Co-Chair): Firstly, if we take a look at the Political Platform Art. 2.3.4., it says "Such European political parties should run in European elections, presenting their visions and proposals on European issues and putting forward their candidates for the Presidency of the future European Government.". There are also more mentions in the Political Platform. We have this perception and in other resolutions and the Political Platform. We profoundly disagree, we believe European Political parties will make things easier.

**Andrea Pavia** (JEF Malta): The language could be changed - we could maybe put it forward during the next FC?

**Emma Farrugia** (Presidium): In such a case the resolution would lapse.

**Kati Systä** (FC) - against the resolution: I speak against the resolution even though I don't disagree with it. All the points can be found in the Political Platform and other resolutions, so I don't see the added value. So that's why I propose to let it lapse and encourage the FC to take up this topic again and write a new resolution.

Vote: Resolution		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
16	8	21
<b>Re-adopted</b>		

**PC2: For a United Digital Europe**

**Flavia Sandu** (EB): Sean Ellul submitted several amendments during the PC. Amendments cannot be submitted by someone without a vote but they are supported by Helena.

**Helena Robert i Campos** (EB) - in favour of AMs 45, 45-2, 67, 83-2, 84: We submitted several amendments with Sean. Most of them are relatively big. We noticed that in this important resolution there was a gap mentioning blockchain technologies and we decided to include the provisions. We are trying to partner with the digital world organisations and they have advocacy on these matters, so it's worth to specify this. I am explaining all these amendments altogether.

**Point of order** (audience): We should debate them separately because they are not exactly the same.

**Guillaume Kayser** (PC2 Co-Chair): As you mentioned, they are all linked with blockchain and DYOS. We support the first one. But the general aim of the resolution was not to mention a specific technology, because there are so many technologies to mention and we don't want to go into details of that.

Vote: Amendment 45		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
clear majority	2	9
<b>Adopted</b>		

**Helena Robert i Campos** (EB) - in favour of AM 45-2: We are not mentioning every technology and we are trying to partner up with organisations working on specific campaigns, so it's important to mention it but not imply any implementation.

**Camilla Brizzi** (PC2 Co-Chair) - against AM 45-2: I'm not an expert but it's not reliable and transparent and it's hard to fix and brings easy holes in the system. I wouldn't refer to such an organisation with such positive adjectives. I'm mostly against it.

Vote: Amendment 45-2		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
3	15	24
<b>Rejected</b>		

**Helena Robert i Campos** (EB) - in favour of AM 67: It mentioned Digital Europe as part of the resolution. It's to have it there to see if people would want to have it there. It was worth

mentioning. To contextualise it: there is part of the resolution on labour markets, this would also very much go in line with that resolution.

**Guillaume Kayser** (PC2 Co-Chair) - in favour of AM 67: We support this amendment. We talk a lot about Southern Europe but we tend to overlook the fact that digital euros don't exist. The only money is the coins and banknotes.

**Moritz Schleicher** (FC): It's not fair to mention it on the last day and not have any discussion on it. We are not pressed to have it last minute here with this last minute amendment.

Vote: Amendment 67		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
18	2	23
<b>Adopted</b>		

**Samuel Tammekann** (JEF Finland) - against AM84: The problem is not related to cybersecurity. The problem with e-elections is at home, we can't be sure that the person doing the voting is not pressured. It's a problem for democracy especially when it's under pressure.

**Moritz Schleicher** (FC) - in favour of AM84: There are already a couple of countries voting online. The idea of e-elections is to give access to people who have difficulties accessing polling stations. For me and others the most important thing in elections is to give people easy access.

Vote: Amendment 84		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
24	2	13
<b>Adopted</b>		

**Robert Scholz** (JEF Germany) - against AM83-2: I sometimes feel blockchain may be over-praised in the transparency area. Transparency can be also achieved also by other algorithms. Data doesn't have to be stored and accessed everywhere. I feel like blockchain is seen as too promising sometimes and we should explore the real alternatives to e-governance structures.

Vote: Amendment 83-2		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
10	15	15
<b>Rejected</b>		

**Alexandros Apostolidis** (JEF Greece) - in favour of AM100: There have been many cases when the younger countries in the EU were the most advanced. All the countries are gaining from their know-how so we should acknowledge it

Vote: Amendment 100		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
clear majority	0	13
<b>Adopted</b>		

**Helena Robert i Campos** (EB) - in favour of AM106: The idea with this is to propose to encourage research and exploration as potential means within the labour market. Encouraging does not mean supporting.

Vote: Amendment 106		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
19	2	18
<b>Adopted</b>		

Vote: Resolution as amended		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
unanimous	0	0
<b>Adopted</b>		

**PC2: Environment does not stop at borders: Towards a Sustainable Europe and a Sustainable Global Climate Policy**

**Théo Prestavoine** (JEF Belgium) - in favour of AM006: It's quite basic. Sustainability is a broad term, so I'd add this for clarity.

Vote: Amendment 006		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
unanimous	0	0
<b>Adopted</b>		

**Moritz Schleicher** (FC) - in favour of AM 156: It was added to an amendment that passed already. Just and fair transition is possible only if we consider these issues.

Vote: Amendment 156		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
unanimous	0	0
<b>Adopted</b>		

Vote: Resolution as amended		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
unanimous	0	0
<b>Adopted</b>		

**PC2: Calling for an ethical and efficient EU policy framework on Artificial Intelligence**

**Flavia Sandu** (EB) - point of information AM34 and AM34-2: An amendment was adopted during the PC discussion but there was a new amendment made to the original text after the PC discussion. Because we already changed it, the original phrasing no longer exists and this new amendment cannot be done to the original phrasing. Therefore we can vote on either replacing the new formulation with the one proposed by Théo, or Théo and JEF Belgium are free to withdraw it.

**Guillaume Kayser** (PC2 Co-Chair): There is this amendment submitted by Théo which refers to text that doesn't exist anymore.

**Emma Farrugia** (Presidium): If the amendment is on the text that doesn't exist anymore, then we can't vote on it, it's blocked.

**Emma Farrugia** (Presidium): Théo is **withdrawing** the first two amendments: **AM34** and **AM034-2**.

**Helena Robert i Campos** (EB) - in favour of AM 76: It's also quite self-explanatory but I can answer any potential questions.

Vote: Amendment 76		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
clear majority	0	2
<b>Adopted</b>		

**Moritz Schleicher** (FC) - against AM76-2: I was wondering if you have any evidence for this. There are a lot of things going on around AI also in Europe and I'm a bit sceptical about putting such a negative observation, I think we should be more supportive of the ongoing processes.

**Sean Ellul** (Observer) - in favour of AM76-2: This is based on the evidence that the EU scores 23 points the 44, China 33 if I'm not mistaken. This is based on a metric from 0 to 100 and it's very easy to find.

**Moritz Schleicher**: Then we need a source for this.

**Emma Farrugia**: But we have to vote now.

Vote: Amendment 76-2		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
16	0	22
<b>Adopted</b>		

**Nikolas Kockelmann** (JEF Belgium) - in favour of AM159: The purpose of the amendment is not to be discriminatory, legislation is required to balance out bias and discrimination. There has to be a mechanism that already balances it out the input in artificial intelligence.

Vote: Amendment 159		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
clear majority	0	7
<b>Adopted</b>		

Vote: Resolution as amended		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
unanimity	0	0
<b>Adopted</b>		

**PC3: Establishing a European Security and Defence Union**

**Gianluca Bonato** (JEF Italy) - in favour of AM90: As we are talking about a European Security and Defence Union, we think someone has to be in charge of this competence. We think it should be governed by the EU institutions.

Vote: Amendment 90		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
clear majority	0	2
<b>Adopted</b>		

**Gianluca Bonato** (JEF Italy) - in favour of AM154: We propose it because as this is European, there should be European resources funding it. So we also propose introducing EU own resources.

Vote: Amendment 154		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
clear majority	0	6
<b>Adopted</b>		

Vote: Resolution as amended		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
unanimity	0	0
<b>Adopted</b>		

**PC3: For a European Space Common Policy**

**Robin Mudry** (Treasurer) - in favour of AM51: It's a clarification, It says the EU should increase funding of both, and the EU is not a member of ESA, so not the entire Union can contribute.

Vote: Amendment 51		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
unanimity	0	0
<b>Adopted</b>		

**Oskar Grzanka** (JEF UK) - in favour of AM53: We think as the EU we have no capacity to compete with the US and China. We have to look for friendly states like Israel to give us the possibilities for technological development and secure our future in terms of cyber security.

Vote: Amendment 53		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
18	0	20
<b>Adopted</b>		

**Christelle Savall** (Vice-President) - in favour of AM48-3: We had a discussion in PC 3 meeting. We don't want an arms race. The idea is we stand for peace. We added a point on values.

Vote: Amendment 48-3		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
unanimity	0	0
<b>Adopted</b>		

Vote: Resolution as amended		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
unanimity	0	0
<b>Adopted</b>		

***PC3: Protecting the value-based partnership with the US (revision)***

**Robin Mudry** (Treasurer) - against AM49: It's a pity to replace it. We've been discussing it for years and the extrajudicial settlement was one of the reasons for failure. This critical point should be included.

**Théo Prestavoine** (JEF Belgium): Now that I read it it doesn't make any sense. This should have been added rather than replaced.

**Emma Farrugia** (Presidium): But we have to stick to it to replace the text rather than add because we can't change it now.

**Amendment 49** **withdrawn** by the author.

Vote: Resolution as amended		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
unanimity	0	0
<b>Adopted</b>		

## **7. Voting on the proposed budget changes**

**Milosh Ristovski** (outgoing Secretary-General): There are no proposed budget changes - we withdrew it.

## **8. Voting on the location of Spring FC 2023**

**Emma Farrugia** (Presidium): We have a secret vote.

43 voters present - quorum reached.

Vote: Location of Spring FC 2023		
London	Malta	Abstentions
5	37	1
<b>Malta selected</b>		

## 9. Section updates

**Jorge Romanillos de la Flor** and **Jesús Cordero González** (JEF Spain): We won a grant to organise a digital rights event in Santander in October 2022. In Prague, we will present a bid to host the next Congress - it will be the Spanish Council Presidency at that time.

**Simon Paetzold** (JEF Germany): I wanted to highlight one project we've been working on recently, including a survey in the context of the European Year of Youth. We want to gather the voices of our members in this survey to amplify demands of the young European youth in Germany. We will also develop them during the Berlin seminar. In Germany we run this survey every year or every other year.

**Diletta Alese** (JEF Italy):

- Lately our focus was CoFoE and the European Year of Youth. JEF Italy managed to influence the Italian Youth Council and develop a common stance toward the end of CoFoE.
- We did the same with the government, we managed to at least make sure our activities are supported by the government. It was half success, we were the first organisation they referred to, but also sad because the government didn't do much.
- The focus will be now on the Strasbourg Summit.
- Also, stay tuned for the Ventotene seminar.

**Elise Magne** (JEF France): We're still accepting applications for the Strasbourg Summit, you can still register your delegation. We highly encourage you to do so, some countries are missing. If you need accommodation we can provide it. In Strasbourg, there will be a celebration of JEF's birthday and a big march for Europe.

**Knut André Sande** (EB) - on behalf of JEF Bulgaria: They have a seminar you can all attend on social engagement and participation in May. It's the final call, the deadline is in 2 days. There is a rich social programme.

**Kristine Meek Stokke** (JEF Norway): We hold regular national FCs. Soon, there will be a youth event in Stavanger. Also, the annual joint JEF Norway-Denmark summer camp in Copenhagen is coming.

**Patrick L. von Wildenradt** (JEF Denmark) invited to apply for the summer camp.

**Samuel Tammekann** (JEF Finland): We are preparing a couple of publications about federalism and compiling a political playbook on federalism, on how to promote federalism in Finland. With the JEF Nordics, we have a seminar in Lapland about biodiversity late September, open for all JEFers.

**August Lund Felumb, Sofie Knauer** and **Patrick L. von Wildenradt** (JEF Denmark):

- We have a referendum about EU defence on 1 June. We are campaigning to encourage people to get rid of the defence opt-out, we have fundraised some €20,000. Let's cross our fingers to get rid of the opt-out!
- We will be organising probably the first and last CoFoE event in Denmark.

**Laura Serrano Folguera** (JEF Spain) and **Julius Lajtha** (JEF UK):

- We established a partnership.
- We are organising events on climate change. First city - Barcelona.
- An event to promote the New European Bauhaus - we are organising a flash mob in the centre of Madrid - we will make it flashy.
- JEF UK is ramping up Europe@School, we are applying for a summer school camp.

**Karlina Emīlija Melberga** and **Ance Māikalna** (JEF Latvia):

- There was the first international Erasmus event organised by JEF Latvia in Riga. Topic: participation in international activities.
- JEF Latvia is growing - for the first time in history, we have the first board separate from our umbrella organisation.

**Lisa Kaum** (JEF Steiermark): We are organising an Erasmus training 'It's a kind of magic' on wellbeing at training courses between 22-28 May.

## 10. Any other business

**Antonio Argenziano** (President) reminded about the JEF Europe petition on Ukraine, invited everyone to join the Strasbourg Summit and thanked the FC organisers.

**Gender Watch results:**

- Friday 56% man, 40% woman, 3% other
- Saturday 43% man, 41% woman, 15% other
- Sunday 68% man, 28% woman, 4% other

FC closed at 13:42 by **Emma Farrugia** (Presidium).