

EB minutes

December 14th 2023, 8pm CET

Present: Flavia, Gergana, Christelle, Robin, Antonio, Helena

Excused: Knut, Juuso (Tanzania), Judit

Minutes: Helena

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of draft minutes (30/11)
3. Secretariat update
4. Advocacy update
5. Democracy under Pressure (DuP)
6. Friends of JEF
7. Portfolios reallocation
8. International Officer Meeting
9. Networks update (recent)
10. AOB
 - a. 50 year booklet update
 - b. Christmas EB online meeting break & next online meeting date

1. Adoption of draft agenda	Decision: Agenda adopted.
2. Adoption of draft minutes (30/11)	Decision: Draft minutes adopted
3. Secretariat update - Office move Waiting for the final proposal from the new landlord including the final figures for cost/budget matters. - Onboarding of the new Secretariat member: Ínes Will start by working on Words of Europe and MEET ¹ . From 05/01, she will be in Brussels. - Feedback on the final Work Plan 2022 event in Brussels The EB shared feedback on the weekend.	Decision: -

¹ Mobilise Europe = Engaging Together

<p>4. Advocacy update</p> <p>Political consultations with Commissioners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting with Josep Borrell. - The event was a good occasion for networking with representatives of other youth organisations. <p>Most meetings (e.g. Chair of the AFCO Committee of the European Parliament) to be scheduled from January.</p>	<p>Decision: -</p>
<p>5. Democracy under Pressure (DuP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brainstorming about the possible partners (ones we already collaborate with and new ones). - Prepare an op-ed to collect signatures and give visibility to the campaign (to be published at the beginning of the campaign) - Idea to launch the campaign with a debate at the Malta Federal Committee. <p>Key JEF Europe envisioned actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Twitter chat with EurActiv. - Twitter space for debating with relevant guests. - Twitch space (debate). - Encourage partners to share communication materials, newsletter, etc. - Supporting sections' actions. 	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB to suggest potential partners and further ideas for the 2023 campaign during the planning phase. - DuP team to prepare a standard list of requests to be sent to possible partners. - DuP team to continue working on DuP and hold first meetings with partners in January. - Christelle to send an email to sections soon about brainstorming meeting of 17/01 7pm CET. - DuP team to prepare a draft timeline for the rest of the EB to follow the list of actions
<p>6. Friends of JEF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small receptions to be organised, probably in the summer and winter (June and December, for instance). 	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB agrees to set up a merged system formed by people from Friends of JEF and the JEF EB.

<p>7. Portfolios reallocation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB members share their concerns regarding their respective portfolios. - Antonio's website update from CoFoE to European Elections & Treaty change (CoFoE follow-up). - New communications portfolio split: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internal (newsletter and website) - External (social media) - Database <p>Campaigns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DuP: Christelle (Flavia, Knut) - European Elections: Antonio (Robin, Gergana, Juuso) - Europe What If: Knut (Antonio, Robin, Helena) - #BeAFederalistAlly in connection to IMPACT (Christelle & Helena with TF E&D), end of January - #DontTouchMySchengen revival (to be considered in 2023) 	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - December and January as a reflection moment to prioritise portfolio actions. - Communications portfolio: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internal: Juuso (Christelle, mainly for the website) - External: Flavia (Gergana) - Database: Robin (Helena) - Antonio, Robin, Helena join the Europe What If team led by Knut. - Knut to hand over the Enlargement portfolio to Christelle. - Work Plan 2023 is assigned to Christelle. - Switch of portfolios to happen in January. - Coloured week meeting calendar : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 02-08/01: DuP - 09-15/01: Europe What If
<p>8. International Officer evening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback from EB-FC meeting - Proposed date & draft programme (topics) to be further discussed. 	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gergana to start the thread on Slack and EB to further discuss. - Focus on DuP, European elections & use the chance for an exercise of the #BeAFederalistAlly campaign (e.g. breakout rooms could be used to tackle different topics/subtopics). - Date to be decided over Slack.
<p>9. Networks update</p> <p>YFJ (European Youth Forum)</p> <p>Christelle and Judit attended the General Assembly of the European Youth Forum, which elected María Rodríguez Alcázar as President, as well as a new board. New statutes were adopted. The National Youth Council of Albania became an observer while the ones of Russia and Armenia were expelled.</p>	<p>Decision: -</p>

We continued strengthening our network with other INGOs (International NGOs) and NYCs (National Youth Councils), including by hosting a workshop together with OBESSU on cooperation for the 2024 elections.

EMI (European Movement International)

Flavia and Antonio attended the Federal Assembly happening at the same time. Discussion of how to follow up on the Conference on the Future of Europe: all in favour of a Convention but no active advocacy planned on this. No plan for the anniversary of the Hague Congress.

UEF (Union of European Federalists)

The difficult situation in the Secretariat goes on. There is an ongoing audit by the Commission and there will be economic consequences.

Antonio and Christelle took part in the FC on December 10th and 11th. JEF delegation as a whole is playing a big role in influencing the political strategy to be decided by the UEF. A resolution was voted that includes action on the Hague Congress anniversary. Abdul (JEF Austria) was elected internal auditor.

GCE (Generation Climate Europe)

Discussed the workplan for 2023 on Monday, Flavia and Marie from TF Green attended and participated in the brainstorming. 2024 elections are seen as a big priority by all member organisations.

10. AOB

a. 50y booklet update

Split of work:

- DuP (Christelle)
- Conference on the future of Europe (report from Michal, Juuso)
- Marches for Europe (Antonio)

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Decision:

- **Deliverables deadline: 29/12 (better before).**

- 50 Years JEF (Gergana and Knut)
- Federalist Academy (Juuso/Helena)
- I Choose Europe (Antonio)
- Don't Touch My Schengen (website + Flavia and Robin)

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**Decision: No online EB meeting on 28/12.
Next online EB meeting on 11/01.**

The EB meeting closes at 22:27 pm CET.