

## EB minutes

January 11th 2023, 8pm CEST

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

Excused:

Minutes: Juuso

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of draft minutes ([Brussels EB meeting](#) + 14/12)
3. Secretariat update
4. Advocacy update
5. Projects brainstorming - 2023
6. EurActiv grant activities
7. Donors for the election campaign
8. Discussion and approval of the new Solidarity Fund Guidelines
9. Date for the next in-person EB Meetings
10. International Officer evening
11. AOB
  - a. Membership statements

<b>1. Adoption of draft agenda</b>	<b>Decision: Adopted</b>
<b>2. Adoption of draft minutes</b>	<b>Decision: Adopted</b>
<b>3. Secretariat update</b>  Ines and Pierre, who have joined the Secretariat. The move to the new office is not yet clear; furniture has been moved away from the Rue d'Arlon office, which has now been vacated.	<b>Decision:</b>  - <b>Promotion of the open Programme Manager and Communication Officer positions (open until 15/1)</b>
<b>4. Advocacy update</b>  The 2022 Advocacy Report for the operating grant reporting was prepared by Antonio and Christelle at the end of December. The report can double as a useful communication resource for the sections.	<b>Decision:</b>  - <b>EB members to review the Advocacy Report</b> - <b>EB members to conduct a final check of the booklet.</b> - <b>Knut to contact JEF Switzerland to share the idea of the resolution/manifesto</b>

<p>50th anniversary booklet was updated by Antonio, with contributions by EB members. Antonio encouraged EB members to check the Policy Overview actively, and use it as a resource in advocacy work. The Policy Overview now looks ahead to the next month, and is updated on a weekly basis.</p> <p>Antonio highlighted the re-appointment of Paschal Donohoe as the Eurogroup President, despite no longer being a minister in Ireland. The Eurogroup meeting of 16 January provides an opportunity for advocacy on institutional reform on Eurogroup.</p> <p>Christelle proposed for PC3 to reflect further on non-EU Council of Europe countries' relationship to the EU through a new resolution, starting with Switzerland. PC3 and EB could help JEF Switzerland write a manifesto to support Operation Libero which launched a citizen initiative to hold a referendum about relaunching talks with the EU.</p> <p>PC2 prepares a resolution on energy.</p>	
<p><b>5. Projects brainstorming - 2023</b></p> <p>Judit animated a brainstorming for EB members to discuss what priorities to tackle in our project grant applications. For many calls, the application deadlines are in March. Many of the projects we're applying for now will be for 2024, which means that the next EB will inherit some projects from this year.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Secretariat to consider the results of the brainstorming while preparing the applications.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>6. EurActiv grant activities</b></p> <p>EurActiv would like to apply for a project on EP2024 elections and media communication together with JEF. We would be interested in applying together.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> </ul>

<p>Possible ideas of activities that JEF could do (receiving ca. €10,000 with activities peaking in 2024): producing videos explaining key concepts around the European elections in clear language, with first-time voters as target audience.</p>	
<p><b>7. Donors for the election campaign</b></p> <p>Make.org, with whom we work for the European Parliament 2024 campaign, has given us a list of possible donors for the campaign. The EB examined the list, and gave its views on the ethical aspects of receiving money from various types of donors.</p>	<p><b>Decision: -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Judit to take into account the EB's views when meeting with Make.org to discuss the funding.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>8. Discussion and approval of the new Solidarity Fund Guidelines</b></p> <p>Robin presented the new Solidarity Fund Guidelines.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Solidarity Fund Guidelines are approved with the possibility for participants to request additional assistance besides the standard format of the Solidarity Fund</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>9. Date for the next in-person EB Meetings</b></p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - 12 March in Western Balkans (potentially Podgorica)</li> <li>- 12 - 14 May in Brussels</li> </ul>
<p><b>10. International Officer evening</b></p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>IO evening to be held on 1 February</b></li> <li>- <b>By Sunday, EB to determine the agenda</b></li> <li>- <b>Gergana to send the invitation</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>11. AOB</b></p> <p>a. <u>Membership statements</u></p> <p>Robin will disseminate information about the membership statement at the beginning of February, so that sections have two full months to respond.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> </ul>

The EB meeting closes at 22:58 pm CEST.