

## EB minutes

January 25th 2023, 8pm CEST

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

Excused:

Minutes: Helena

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of draft minutes (11/01)
3. Secretariat update
4. Advocacy update
5. Online Congress lessons learned and next date
6. Action Plan 2023
7. 2023 Activity Calendar
8. AOB
  - a. Solidarity fund panel
  - b. Opportunity - External Action - Youth
  - c. Opportunity - Horizons
  - d. JEF Spain
  - e. European Political Community / Moldova

<b>1. Adoption of draft agenda</b>	<b>Decision:</b> <b>Agenda adopted.</b>
<b>2. Adoption of draft minutes (11/01)</b>	<b>Decision:</b> <b>Minutes adopted.</b>
<b>3. Secretariat update</b> New offices for JEF Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- New office visits. Alternative office spaces (shared with other organisations) are full.</li><li>- Possibility to consider offices outside of the EU quarter.</li><li>- Discussion of sticking to the offices selected previously despite the increase in price.</li><li>- Recruitments of programme manager and communication officer are ongoing</li></ul>	<b>Decision:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>The EB unanimously chooses to rent the office at Rue des Deux Eglises</b></li></ul>
<b>4. Advocacy update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Past week: MEP's in Strasbourg.</li></ul>	<b>Decision:-</b>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This week: event about the future of economic governance (Head of Cabinet of Gentiloni);</li> <li>- AFCO<sup>2</sup> meeting (Convention process update: stages report drafted, rapporteurs meeting in December, no consensus reached, next meeting scheduled).</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Online Congress lessons learned</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christelle shared the lessons learned based on the Evaluation of the Online Congress by sections and her analysis of statutes and workarounds when they are clashing or unclear</li> <li>- Main points from sections include: communicating better about the Congress format &amp; offering space for discussion.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Christelle to write to the Arbitration Board about the interpretation of statutes.</b></li> <li>- <b>Financial year to be closed earlier if possible.</b></li> <li>- <b>Date to be announced at the FC in Malta.</b></li> <li>- <b>EB to brainstorm names of online Congress Presidium members.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Action Plan 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reflections about the Action Plan 2022.</li> <li>- Antonio shares the draft for 2023 Action Plan.</li> <li>- Suggestion to keep the structure (4 pillars) and make it more concrete, connecting it with the priorities for the EB mandate.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>EB to contribute to the assigned sections of the Action Plan. Deadline: 22/02</b></li> <li>- <b>Action Plan points to be shared with the directly-elected FC members when relevant</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>7. 2023 Activity Calendar</b></p> <p>Discussion about future “Pimp my JEF” successor (on granting for sections), the new tentative name is Next Generation JEF.</p> <p>Coloured weeks for EB reports are :  Democracy under Pressure - 02/02  EP elections - 06/02  Europe What If - 13/02  Federalist Academy - 20-26/02</p>	<p><b>Decisions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>EB members who follow specific projects to discuss next steps with project officers</b></li> <li>- <b>Project officers to update dates in the activity calendar</b></li> <li>- <b>Updates expected by EB responsible people for each campaign during each coloured week</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>8. AOB</b></p> <p><b>a. Solidarity fund panel</b></p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Christelle to join the solidarity fund panel together with SG and</b></li> </ul>

<sup>2</sup> European Parliament's Committee on Constitutional Affairs

As per the newly adopted Guidelines the panel is composed of the Secretary General (SG), the Treasurer and a third EB member.

**b. Opportunity - External Action - Youth**

JEF was contacted by a consultancy to join an application in a framework partnership for applying for tenders with DG INTPA, over the course of 4 years.

**c. Opportunity - Horizons**

JEF was contacted by a recipient of Horizon to work together on the grant they received.

**d. Madrid Congress**

Logistics for the JEF Congress. The hosting section is in charge of fundraising. Gergana and Christelle are meeting JEF Spain to discuss plans on Barcelona European Capital of Democracy.

**e. European Political Community / Moldova**

Moldova: European Political Community (EPC) meeting on 01/06. Perfect occasion to link it with Europe What If. Discussion of the possibility to move the training of the workplan to Moldova.

Our interest group in Moldova created a survey for youth to share their views on the EPC. They are considering organising a street action.

PC3 resolution on enlargement noting the intergovernmental nature of the EPC is recalled.

**Treasurer**

The EB meeting closes at 22:40 pm CET.