

## EB minutes

May 31st 2023, 8:00 pm CEST

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

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Minutes: Juuso (review Christelle)

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of draft minutes (16/05)
3. To-do list overview
4. Secretariat update
5. Advocacy update
6. Membership statement and Online Congress feedback
7. Bank guarantee for the office
8. PCs and TFs update
9. Ventotene International Seminar
10. Berlin EB meeting agenda
11. AOB
  - a. Fundamental Rights Agency platform
  - b. JEF Montenegro

<b>1. Adoption of draft agenda</b>	<b>Decision: Adopted</b>
<b>2. Adoption of draft minutes (16/05)</b>	<b>Decision: postponed to in-person meeting</b>
<b>3. To do list overview</b>  Most sections have now paid their membership fees. Robin plans to present the final figures at the weekend.  For the EurHope digital acquisition campaign (funding for social media ads on sections' channels), several sections still have to complete registration process. The cut-off date is 15 June.  For <i>Europe What If</i> , we need more people to provide video statements.	<b>Decisions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>EB members to invite sections to attend EurHope digital acquisition training on 6 June</b></li><li>- <b>EB members to invite members to make videos for Europe What If launch</b></li></ul>
<b>4. Secretariat update</b>  Judit has informed the EB about the proposed rental guarantee for the office with	<b>Decisions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● JEF Europe to enter into the rental guarantee scheme with BNP Paribas</li><li>● The EB confirmed that it supports</li></ul>

BNP Paribas. The amount of the guarantee is EUR 30,675, with a commission of 1.9% per year.

Amy is our new Project Officer. She is from Ireland, and has been active both in the youth sphere and in political activism. Judit is discussing the exact start date with her.

There is a lot of interest in hiring the JEF office for events.

The construction work has to first be completed on the floor before we do an office-warming party.

Antonio is collecting a library for the JEF office. Anyone who visits the Secretariat is invited to bring relevant books, and documents about the history of JEF.

Judit's candidacy for the Civil Society Europe Steering Committee.

**5. Advocacy update**

- Antonio joined the European School on Memories seminar at Jean Monnet House. The seminar and the facilities were of good quality.
- The Parliament would like to build a continuous partnership between Jean Monnet House (administered by the European Parliament), House of European History, JEF, the Spinelli Institute, and the European Observatory on Memories (EUROM) administered by the University of Barcelona. The cooperation would consist of an annual seminar, forming a cohesive seminar cycle together with the annual Ventotene International Seminar. Among the participants, there was in particular good potential for future JEF Georgia team members.

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The EB thanked Juuso for managing the administration of participants for the seminar.

- Antonio met with the Centre for UN Constitutional Research (CUNCR), a part of the world federalist ecosystem. They're working on initiatives like a possible simulation game on a UN constitution, to take place in San Francisco in 2025.
- Antonio also met with the Apolitical foundation, based in Berlin. Another meeting will happen in Berlin before our EB meeting.
- Christelle participated in a follow-up consultative meeting on rule of law and civil society of FRA (Fundamental Rights Agency).
- Poland's new law on 'Russian influence' presents deep issues for democracy in the country. France and Germany have met to discuss institutional reforms that would enable EU enlargement. Antonio is monitoring the files.

**6. Membership statement and Online Congress feedback**

The online Congress ran more smoothly than the 2022 one. However, some participants were confused about the NemoVote voting system. The explanatory video was comprehensive.

For the Madrid Congress, Robin will start calculating the votes per section in the late summer, thereafter submitting the calculations for verification by the Credentials Committee.

**Decision**

The two-hour time span for voting felt a bit too long. For future online Congresses, we may consider reducing the voting time to 1.5 hours.

A JEF Austria Congress is to happen in the next few weeks, and a new leadership is to be elected. JEF Steiermark is ready to re-join JEF Austria in the context of the Congress.

### **7. PCs and TFs update**

#### Political Commissions

PC1 hasn't yet started its work towards the Congress. The resolution on multi-speed Europe is due to be reviewed, and a resolution on a European police force is to be developed.

PC2 hasn't yet started its work towards the Congress. The Schengen resolution and the European industry resolution are to be reviewed.

PC3 is preparing a new resolution on Switzerland, for which work is ongoing. The resolutions lapsing in the Congress are on the migration and asylum policy, and on the Eastern Partnership.

#### Task Forces (TFs)

TF Empowerment & Diversity is active and has regular calls. During the spring, it worked on the United in Inclusion campaign. Review of the JEF-Europe Code of Conduct (CofC) is ongoing, to be voted upon in the Madrid Congress. The Congress will also vote on an updated internal resolution on empowerment and diversity. A training for the CofC Contact Persons is to be scheduled.

#### **Decision:**

- EB members to ensure that each PC has at least one meeting before the end of June.

TF Capacity Building: The 1st *Local Sections Summit* was organised online on 15 April by JEF Brussels and JEF Turku. The event was successful, and participants wanted to know when the next similar event is held. JEFers from 6 countries were present. No future meetings have been scheduled for now.

TF European Elections: The cooperation between Antonio and Melanie is working well, and meetings are organised according to schedule. The TF's WhatsApp group is active and effective. We need to ensure that the campaign is bottom-up, and the digital acquisition campaign should help with this.

TF Green Transition: last meeting was held at the FC in Malta; an award is prepared for the Congress.

TF Civic Education: on hold.

#### **8. Ventotene International Seminar**

As JEF Europe is co-financing the international seminar of Ventotene, the EB discussed the draft programme sent by the Spinelli Institute and gave inputs. Antonio will follow up by giving inputs to the Institute. Some EB members will be speakers.

#### **Decision:**

- **EB to amend the programme, including speaker and topic proposals by Friday.**

#### **9. Berlin EB meeting agenda**

Points to be clarified with JEF Germany to coordinate our agenda with the International Berlin Seminar's programme:

- Friday debate: EB to join, Christelle to give opening remarks
- Dinner with JEF Germany's Board will take place on Friday evening.
- Demonstration: EB is joining
- EurHope workshop session on Saturday morning. Antonio will present.

#### **Decision:**

- **Helena will make a proposal for the updated agenda by early tomorrow (1 June)**

<p>EB meeting's agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Friday - Judit and Juuso will arrive later in the evening.</li> <li>- Sunday morning - Flavia will join online.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10. AOB</b></p> <p><b>a. Fundamental Rights Agency platform</b></p> <p>Christelle attended a meeting with the EU Fundamental Rights Agency, who has a civil society platform. Organisations taking part in the platform engage in dialogue with the Agency, including consultations.</p> <p><b>b. JEF Montenegro</b></p> <p>JEF Montenegro sent a long update to Robin. The new team is in touch with two former JEF Montenegro team members, and is preparing to take over the old NGO's legal entity.</p> <p>If the new team manages to take on the old JEF Montenegro's legal entity, it would be possible to close the monitoring procedure on JEF Montenegro and the section would not have to be expelled at the Congress.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p>a. <u>FRA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>JEF to join the Fundamental Rights Agency's civil society platform</b></li> </ul> <p>b. <u>JEF Montenegro</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>If the new Montenegrin team takes on the JEF Montenegro section, the EB will waive the section's missed membership fees from the past years.</b></li> <li>- <b>JEF Montenegro's voting rights would be restored at the Spring FC 2024 provided they have paid their membership fees for 2023</b></li> </ul>

The EB meeting closes at 22:30 pm CEST.