

# EB minutes

**2-4 June 2023, Berlin**

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

Excused: none

Minutes: Robin, Helena and Gergana (review Helena, Antonio and Christelle)

Friday 2nd June 2023	
Venue: JEF Germany Secretariat (Chausseestraße 84, 10115 Berlin)	
15:30 - 16:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opening</li> <li>2. Code of Conduct (contact persons Christelle and Knut)</li> <li>3. Adoption of agenda</li> <li>4. Adoption of minutes (16/05)</li> </ol>
16:00 - 18:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Union of European Federalists strategy</li> <li>6. Database (update from responsible EB people and needed actions)</li> </ol>
18:00 - 18:30	IBS: Break going to the venue
18:30 - 20:15	IBS: Panel discussion on the election results in Turkey and Greece and potential implications for Europe
20:30	Dinner with JEF Germany's Board
Saturday, 3rd June 2023	
Venue: JEF Germany Secretariat (Chausseestraße 84, 10115 Berlin)	
09:00 - 11:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Code of Conduct (contact persons (Christelle &amp; Knut)</li> <li>8. Financial Update</li> <li>9. Upcoming activities and project deliverables 2023</li> </ol> <p>IBS: European Elections 2024 Workshop (Antonio) - 9:00h-10h.</p>
11:30 - 11:40	Break
11:40 - 13:15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. <i>EUKraine</i></li> <li>11. <i>Europe What If</i></li> </ol>
13:15-14:30	Lunch & Round of personal updates
14:30-15:30	12. EurHope
15:30-17:00	Rally for our European Future and what youth demand (Platz des 18. März - Brandenburger Tor, 10117 Berlin)
17:00 - 17:30	Commuting back to the EB meeting venue.
17:30 - 20:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. JEF Growth and development</li> <li>14. A look into the future</li> </ol>

20:00 -	Dinner
<b>Sunday, 4th June 2023</b> Venue: JEF Germany Secretariat (Chausseestraße 84, 10115 Berlin)	
09:00 - 10:00	15. Federalist inspirations (Helena) 16. JEF Congress Madrid 17. Handovers
10:00-11:20	18. Buffer
11:20 - 11:30	Break
11:30-13:00	19. Action Plan 2023 20. EB feedback round 21. AoB and Conclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Agreement with Umbrella on JEF Georgia</li> <li>b. Ventotene Seminar</li> <li>c. Next EB meeting</li> <li>d. EB Video</li> <li>e. Federalist inspirations next time (Gergana)</li> </ul>
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. UEF<sup>1</sup> strategy:  UEF's situation is not the best both financially (debt) and within their Board (no leadership possible at the moment given strong internal disagreements).  Calendar: Online Federal Committee in June and Congress in October (possibly 6-8/10) upcoming, yet dates to be confirmed. Changes will happen at the European level of</li> </ol>	<b>Decision:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>JEF to engage with UEF in order to renew it (4 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention)</b></li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Union of European Federalists

UEF: where does JEF stand?

Important discussion when it comes to the future role of JEF within the federalist movement, also towards the upcoming 2024 elections. Some discussion points include:

- What are the implications if current JEFers decide or are encouraged to engage in UEF and substantially support it? What if the organisation is not at its best moment structurally?
- How does the future of UEF relate and intersect with the future interests and strategies of JEF?
- What are the possibilities for current JEFers for future engagement with federalism after JEF?
- Problem seems to be that there is a difficult situation at the UEF level (bigger picture), also problems in certain countries (national UEFs), but some others are working/supportive with the JEF national section...how can we move forward
- Possibility to address this bilaterally with our sections who have UEF & EMI<sup>2</sup> national structures.

Difficulties persist in motivation and potential impact. Lack of a “we” who are actively investing their time and effort in making it work.

EMI is possibly getting closer to federalist positionings, so it is important to evaluate the future political impact of this shift.

A stronger connection between the JEF Alumni network & UEF is needed to renew UEF and have more people taking responsibilities.

Questions regarding the influence that JEF could take on this:

- Continuous engagement on the topic: should we continue? - Continuous historical federalist history
- Presidency: Is it good to continue with MEPs? If yes, who are going to be the candidates?

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<sup>2</sup> European Movement International

- Should JEF actively work to get representatives in the UEF leadership?

## 6. Database

Internal auditors were sceptical about the Database, as it is, but there is willingness, in the Board, to start investing time and energy on it again.

To get sections on board is important to clean some bugs and to provide clear communication about how it works.

To-do's on the database progress:

- JEF's GDPR policy -guidelines to be clearly communicated. Prepare a one-pager visual with key points to disseminate to sections + one-pager: Why joining the database?
- Agreement template for section joining the database (available on Drive)
- Improving the current mailing system (Internal Communications, and outreach campaigns, are not getting through)
- JEF Alumni database to be updated. How do they join the database, how to inform them, in which mailing/info channel. How to move past JEFers into the alumni comms (do they sign out of the newsletter and join another link?)
- Concrete results by August so that we can present a solid update on the database at the Congress.

Resources: A reflection about having some consultant advice about how to use the database at the best could be needed.. Next meetup with sections (IO evening at the end of September?) should be an occasion to discuss how to improve internal communication. - This discussion should be introduced by the database overview prepared by the EB during the summer.

Priority of onboarding to euro section as setting up new currency is more difficult, check potential list for onboarding by August.

## Decision:

- **Robin and Helena will work on the presentation of a database overview by the Summer EB meeting.**

It has to be adaptable for a presentation for sections. The EB contact persons will update sections on the database situation as well.

Topics of the overview:

- GDPR compliance: yes. How.
- How to onboard members? How does it work? Procedure for sections
- Alumni: how to add them to the existing list in the database.
- How can it work for the internal comms and for campaigns? (EP Elections)

The document will be needed to ensure a swift handover to the next board as well.

Judit to check with other youth/CSOs using CRM/database systems, how it works for them, learn how it could work for us.	
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### 7. Code of Conduct

Christelle and Knut presented the Code of Conduct.

### 8. Financial Update

#### a. Membership statements

Robin presents the membership fees sheet. We need the membership fees because we need exact numbers of delegates for the statutory events, starting from Madrid.

There will be a new credentials committee in the summer.

The treasurer and the Auditors committee wants to discuss the possibility of raising the membership fees for the stability of JEF Europe. We're talking about potentially 1-2 Euros. The Auditors Committee has acknowledged the growth of the organisation and the need for change in the amount of the fees.

According to the statutes this has to be voted on at a Congress, so if we don't vote on this this year, we'd have to wait for two more years.

The question now is-Should we open the debate about raising the membership fees. The general question is-is the fee still relevant to current times.

We can look into different concepts of raising the fee. We should take into account the microgranting. This is a conversation about the course of JEF as a whole.

#### WHY:

- Transparency → clearly outline the funding scheme of JEF Europe and present where does membership money go to and how this results into sections
- Discuss with sections: diversification of their own funding schemes (funding sources beyond membership fees?) -best practices (e.g. grants - what does this imply?)

To be discussed with the sections

- Potential tier systems? Non-EU/EU, income level of the country, membership numbers,...

#### Decision:

- **EB to actively reach out to the remaining sections for providing proof of payment of membership fees. It will be clearly communicated to them that they will not have voting rights otherwise.**
- **Debate on the membership fee to be opened at the Congress 2023 for the next EB mandate.**
- **The EB to prepare reasoned arguments by the next long EB meeting, to be collectively revised and discussed before a final position is taken as EB to present to the Federal Committee and network.**

<p>Break</p>	
<p><b>10. EUKkraine</b></p> <p>Discussion based on the planning document prepared by Christelle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 23 June 23 actions</li> <li>- Press statement and delegate debate preparation.</li> <li>- “Friendship requests” communication idea to be implemented by Erica and the campaigners</li> <li>- Sunflower storm on social media - with positive messages to share (repost videos of Ukrainians on where they stand now)</li> </ul> <p><b>11. Europe What If?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First workshop discussion was held in Malta within the framework of the Spring FC in March 2023. Various sections participated.</li> <li>- Juuso sent out an info mail, encouraging sections to publish videos on social media;</li> <li>- Non-EU sections invited to send videos</li> <li>- More coordination is to be developed with Erica.</li> <li>- connection with the EurHope campaign is crucial here, the two campaigns are interlinked and equally important</li> <li>- Diaspora - voting rights etc</li> <li>- Comms idea for video post on 23 June: What if (my country)...? (person to finish the sentence). Compiling phrases (3 seconds videos), closing with Europe What if logo + slogan if any</li> <li>- Consult with JEF UK if they want to do something Brexit related.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion on the calendar for coordination of social media posts (sheets link was shared with the EB).</p> <p>Reminder to the EB that there is a dedicated section in the Policy overview prepared by Thibaut (sent every Friday) with the</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Press release draft and online debate to be followed-up.</b></li> <li>- <b>Communication drafts and timeline to be followed-up by Erica.</b></li> <li>- <b>EB to provide names and contacts for “Voices of Ukraine” video and coordinate for the video.</b></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>EB members on the campaign to prepare a document reviewing what has happened and what is planned for the campaign;</b></li> <li>- <b>EB to remind their non-EU sections to send the videos; JEF should produce content till the 19 June, but the EB needs to brainstorm beforehand in order to create clear and comprehensive content; Sections are invited to join; Guideline/infokit to be created from EB for sections by the end of June.</b></li> <li>- <b>Brainstorming to be finalised and proposal ready for comms activity on the “23 June EUKkraine-themed” posts.</b></li> <li>- <b>EB to comment on the social media EurHope Calendar document + tagging</b></li> </ul>

<p>commemorations, anniversaries, and any other marked dates. EB invited to actively contribute to that document and coordinating with Erica / Comms calendar document for social media posts when relevant.</p> <p>The European Political Community (EPC) meeting was held in Moldova on the 1st June. Not transparent as usual. The only general way to obtain information is through any published media.</p> <p>Possibility of EB writing an article reflecting on the EPC dynamics, intergovernmentalism,</p>	
<p>Lunch + Round of personal updates</p>	
<p><b>12. EurHope</b></p> <p>Pressing tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sections to <b>communicate their contact people for EP elections 2024 to the EB</b> (contact person) &amp; <b>Erica</b> (for communications).</li> <li>- <b>Digital acquisition</b>, i.e. reaching out to a more diverse audience (age, geography, etc.) → the registration must be done immediately! Sections to onboard to a business Meta account. For this, there is the training below, and sections should contact Erica Beccarello (erica.beccarello@jef.eu). The campaign will start on the 15 June, which is why sections should be onboard by then.</li> <li>- <b>Online meeting on June 6, 6.30-7.30 pm CEST</b>, providing a training regarding Make.org &amp; onboarding into digital acquisition. One representative per section should attend.</li> <li>- <b>TF European Elections Coordination meeting on June 24-25 in Brussels</b> (Italy, Bulgaria, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Latvia are unconditionally needed). One person per section should attend. Travel reimbursement available. Sections should contact Erica, Thibault or Andrew (Antonio and Judit also</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decision:</b>  <b>The EB is proactively reaching out to all the sections until the end of this meeting in order to get them onboard for the pressing tasks.</b></p> <p><b>Judit will look for contact in DG Comm of the EP.</b></p> <p><b>Christelle will try to get an answer from the European Youth Forum and push EurHope through their channels.</b></p> <p><b>Helena will upload the events on together.eu.</b></p> <p><b>If anyone knows about EurHope events- immediately to reach out to Helena.</b></p> <p><b>Robin is drafting the infokit.</b>  <b>To be included in the infokit:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Narrative description</b></li> <li>- <b>Campaign phases (listen, engage, call to vote)</b></li> <li>- <b>Platform explanations</b></li> <li>- <b>All different steps to take (What can I do individually? What can my section do? Why are we doing this?)</b></li> <li>- <b>The partners to reach out to</b></li> </ul>

<p>available) for logistics or questions if needed.</p> <p>Communication materials and “How to” guidelines will be prepared in 23 different languages (all official EU languages - except for Maltese and Gaelic - and Ukrainian). The platform is only accessible in EU countries.</p> <p>The target partners list has been considerably expanded by make.org. JEF Europe needs to assess this new list.</p> <p>Discussion about the involvement of member organisations of the YFJ<sup>4</sup>. How to approach National Youth Councils? By approaching people we know.</p> <p>Together.eu and EurHope to be linked so as to present EurHope events on the together.eu platform.</p> <p>Pressing task: Uploading EurHope / JEF events to the platform BEFORE the 8th of June:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Log into the platform</li> <li>- Upload JEF events</li> <li>- Ensure they review and upload ours asap</li> </ul> <p>Populate the “Calendar of national events” document as soon as we know about events, to be added on the together.eu platform (Helena) &amp; on the shared calendar (website, Christelle?). Ask sections to actively contribute/communicate their planned events.</p>	<p><b>Deadline to check list of potential partner organisations until next week (9-11 June).</b></p> <p><b>Juuso and Antonio to prepare input to PES, Greens, ALDE manifestos.</b></p>
<p>Rally for our European Future and what youth demand (Platz des 18. März - Brandenburger Tor, 10117 Berlin)</p>	
<p><b>13. JEF Growth and development</b> According to the EB online meeting discussion on this matter, the EB held a long in-person discussion, to be continued in the next in-person meeting.</p> <p><b>14. A look into the future</b></p>	

<sup>4</sup> European Youth Forum

<p>EB members share their plans for the next mandate (not minuted).</p>	
<p>Sunday, 4th June 2023</p>	
<p><b>15. Federalist inspirations</b></p> <p>Helena discussed the ideas of Barbara Spinelli, daughter of Altiero Spinelli. We observe trends of discrimination against minorities and xenophobia. What is the relationship between antifascism and European federalism today?</p> <p><b>16. JEF Congress Madrid</b></p> <p>- <b>Logistics:</b> Preparations are well under way with bi-weekly meetings, venues booked (including the Spanish Senate), venues are mostly for free, co-funding, agenda needs to be set soon, question of the pre-programme organised by JEF Spain, question of the observers - also Spanish observers should go through the same process of application.</p> <p>EB is to be there for the Outgoing Federal Committee (FC) from Thursday evening (accommodation covered). The Outgoing FC starts on Friday morning.</p> <p>Questions about participants (important coordination with pre-programme) &amp; logistics. Would be good to have pre-programme people at the Congress?</p> <p>Presidium is to be chosen.</p> <p>Invitation to partner organisations to send observers and give greetings.</p> <p><b>Strategical preparations:</b></p> <p>Political event: to present the result of the EurHope consultation as well as the EB's proposals for the EP elections campaign.</p> <p>Institutional greetings (proposals on the table, for discussion), EB presentation (EurHope) and roundtable with young MEPs</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Flavia, Gergana and Juuso are preparing a draft Congress agenda for the next EB meeting</b></li> <li>- <b>Christelle to recover the list of people who had expressed their interest for the Presidium/Returning Officer positions.</b></li> <li>- <b>Juuso to prepare a list of partner organisations to be invited, to be discussed and decided in the upcoming EB meetings.</b></li> <li>- <b>Gergana to provide the list of proposed MEPs and any other guest speakers (by JEF Spain), to be discussed, confirmed (online EB meetings) and contacted asap.</b></li> </ul>

(one per group, young people, gender balance, representation of).

Shortlist of youth organisations to be invited, the accommodation is offered to them.

### 17. Handovers

EB massively thanks Christelle for the recognised effort in onboarding this EB. How to prepare the handovers for the next mandate?

EB member: role, structures, responsibilities, allocations, best practices,  
EB political/policy role: Campaigns (Democracy under Pressure, EurHope, Federalist Academy, Europe What If), political role, continuing ones that should remain in the next mandate, at least.  
Activity report (Maybe to be structured around the main campaigns?)

EB-Secretariat (deliverables work, projects - ongoing, applications...).

Group documents together in a folder:

- Country profiles, info, track of activities. Ensure that this document is updated with all most recent contacts and information by the handover.

Press/Comms stuff/info

- [JEF Europe PRESS GUIDE](#)
- [\[ADVOCACY\] Master presentation on Advocacy 2.01.pptx](#)
- [JEF Advocacy - discussion note v3 \(work in progress\)](#)
- Past board report/ advocacy report

Section work

- [Guidelines 1st section meeting+ toolkit new/weak sections](#)
- [Email to new IO or new interest group](#)
- [Rights and Duties - sections - candidates - interest](#)
- [to be updated] [Not Yet JEF - stones to search under](#)
- [Map of all JEF Local sections - Google My Maps](#)
- "If I had known that...I would have done..." -personal takes and

- **Andrew to prepare a draft for the Activity report 2022/23 based on the current report, following the four main campaigns, with projects (ongoing and planned).**

<p>recommendations</p> <p>Very important to be proactive towards finding the time to meet, discuss, share experiences, especially during the beginning of the next mandate.</p> <p>The EB supports the possibility of a hybrid meeting, taking the occasion of an in-person newly elected EB meeting, besides 1-1 meetings.</p> <p>Deliverables by handover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Activity Report 22-23</li> </ul> <p>Online EB meeting on the 12th of July will include an agenda point to decide on the homework for the summer holidays</p>	
<p>Break</p>	
<p><b>18. Action Plan 2023</b> Points to be tackled by the end of the mandate have been added to the to-do list</p> <p><b>19. EB feedback round</b></p> <p><b>20. AoB and Conclusions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Agreement with Umbrella on JEF Georgia Juuso presents the draft Memorandum of Understanding between JEF and Umbrella.</li> <li>b. Ventotene Seminar The EB goes through the first draft of the Ventotene International Seminar programme for 2023.</li> <li>c. Next EB meeting September 15-17, 2023, in Cluj-Napoca</li> <li>d. EB video <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. (Helena/Juuso)</li> </ul> </li> <li>e. Who is doing the federalist inspiration next time Gergana is making the federalist inspiration next time.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Agreement with Umbrella on JEF Georgia <b>EB agrees to signing the Memorandum of Understanding. Juuso to follow up with Umbrella.</b></li> <li>b. Ventotene Seminar <b>Antonio will propose the changes to the seminar programme based on the edits made by the EB.</b></li> <li>c. Next EB meeting <b>The next in-person meeting will be in Cluj (Romania) on 15 - 17 September (Friday to Sunday).</b></li> </ul>
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