

## EB draft minutes

June 14th 2023, 8:00 pm CEST

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

Excused:

Minutes: Knut (review Flavia, Christelle)

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of draft minutes ([31/05](#), [2-4/06](#))
3. Secretariat update
4. Advocacy update
5. To do list check
6. EUkraine
7. EurHope
8. Possible partnerships
9. EYE 2023 feedback
10. IO meeting
11. AOB
  - a. EB meeting Berlin video
  - b. Ventotene International Seminar
  - c. Generation Climate Europe General Assembly
  - d. World forum for democracy

<b>1. Adoption of draft agenda</b>	<b>Decision:</b> The agenda is adopted.
<b>2. Adoption of draft minutes (31/05, 2-4/06)</b>	<b>Decision:</b> Minutes from 31/05 adopted. Minutes 2-4/06 to be adopted at the next EB meeting.
<b>3. Secretariat update</b> Not many developments since last time. A final date has been set for the new project officer to start (3rd July). Will take over COYV and MEET. Her name is Amy.  Zita started last week. She will work in JEF for the next six months on different projects.  Pool of trainers: List of names has been sent to EB members.	<b>Decisions:</b>  -

<p>Activity report: Deadline in the middle of July. Andrew is working on this.</p> <p>Feedback online congress: Andrew sent it already. Deadline set in the middle of July.</p> <p>FC minutes: From Malta has been finished. Judit will check with Andrew about Prague FC.</p> <p>EB travel budget: the table will help keep track of total costs and which travels are planned. No need for finalisation of everyone to send requests.</p>	
<p><b>4. Advocacy update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Antonio: CUNCR (Centre for UN Constitutional Research). There was a training a couple of days ago about comparative governance. Further cooperation to be discussed with them.</li> <li>- A working group is following up the outcome of the future of the European convention. Many of our political priorities were taken care of. Enlargement was added.</li> <li>- The board is now aware of what has happened and Judit will follow it up within the Secretariat.</li> <li>- Next week: The General Assembly of Civil Society Europe will probably not be competitive as there are more spots than candidates.</li> <li>- Antonio has had a few meetings with other organisations who want to take part in the Eurhope campaign.</li> <li>- Christelle met with the European capital of Democracy to work on EurHope together, on the first phase of the campaign in particular and dissemination of the results of the consultation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decisions: -</b></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To be discussed: The agreement on new migration and asylum rules in the Council. On migration it would make sense to have the update in a Google document, not on the Slack channel. We should have a stance on this topic, but it's too late for a statement. The position should be used for advocacy purposes.</li> <li>- When the trilogues start it will be a good opportunity to relaunch the discussion. The basic values that JEF has are good to relaunch. If we want a press time for it, this would be the time to do it.</li> <li>- CSE<sup>1</sup> reopened the call for the board and it was open for five days. Piotr from Volunteer Europe applied. Now all positions are filled.</li> <li>- On CSE: There are now eight people for eight positions. The CSE wants to reform itself. There is now a tabled amendment of having Vice Presidents.</li> <li>- Based on the previous discussion on the topic it is nice to keep investing in CSE, and if they become more ambitious as an organisation this is good. If they become more political this is nice if it's connected to what we as JEF are doing it is good.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. To do list check</b></p> <p>On the What If video: Good if we can fasten the work. Erica is working on finishing the logo for the campaign. If we have the material we can think about how to put it forward. JEF Albania has already started the activities. So, priority asap. Graphically it will be something close to Eurhope.</p> <p>On Eurhope Robin to make the infokit presentable to sections on 24th/25th.</p>	<p><b><i>Decisions:</i></b>  <b><i>Hard deadline to fill in the travel sheet 25th June.</i></b></p>

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<sup>1</sup> Civil Society Europe

<p><b>6. EUkraine</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 year anniversary since Ukraine candidate status</li> </ul> <p>Christelle wrote a press statement to support our VESNA Russian friends now imprisoned. She'll draft the one for Ukraine. Event on the update on enlargement when the Commission has given a statement of what it thinks. Ukraine has made a lot of progress, but not enough to open negotiations just now. Antonio has suggested to have the update on Thursday and not Friday. Christelle will send invites to the National Youth Council of Ukraine and the contact gathered during the first mission to Ukraine..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mission to Ukraine:</li> </ul> <p>We have been called last week by one of the organisations that organised the convoy Antonio took part in last year. The delegation will mainly be Italians, but also some internationals will attend. This time it will not be a convoy. Everything is happening by train. They asked us to join. The mission will start from Krakow on 1st July and end on 7th July. No person who goes can be covered. Still planning the agenda. Antonio would like to go. The main goal is to meet, connect with and support Ukrainian civil society. To develop dialogue based on the principles of peace and democracy - building Ukraine after the war (more than just facing the war itself). Therefore not humanitarian aid dealing with emergencies, but also helping to build Ukraine for the future. No list of the organisations to be met yet.</p>	<p><b>Decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Antonio to join the new delegation to Ukraine</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>7. EurHope</b></p> <p>Next week there is a meeting in Brussels. Knut will be there. Also, we have to keep pushing for the platform to be used. During the next few days and weeks we should invest more in voting and ask our sections to do so. We need to keep looking for</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p>

support among other organisations and new partnerships with municipalities, foundations, etc.

**8. Possible partnerships**

a. Antonio met a person working in a hedge fund who was really impressed by what we do, and wants to work with us. He is an entrepreneur and an investor who likes federalist solutions and is willing to help. He is part of three organisations: United Europe (organisation gathering high-level entrepreneurs on the European level). Covalis capital (investment fund). Think-tank called Scentinaris Policy Institute. Differently to most organisations this guy has money and is willing to use them. JEF to ask for support for Eurhope for the digital acquisition. The more ambitious request would be not only to support the campaign, but to give the opportunity to fund one person on the ground to work full time in the Baltics (Latvia). JEF Latvia would have to hire the person as JEF Europe can't hire people outside of Belgium without legal changes. Depends on how much money they are willing to give us. Also considering events on fake news, disinformation, European defence etc. It is important that we have an overall agreement with these people. In particular, United Europe is quite fine with what we do. Important that JEF preserves it transpartisanship.  
-We should consider a grant agreement with them to clarify the objectives and what they expect in return.  
Antonio only talked with him once. The main expectation seems to be to talk with people, exchange information and contacts.

b. We are applying for a project on decolonisation and inclusion. The deadline is on the 28th June. A lot of organisations want to take part, but there are different thoughts on how to do it. We need more

**Decision:**

- **New meeting with the investor for further discussions.**

time to discuss it. The application can then be sent next Spring.

c. Partnership with Chicago votes (from EYE). Looking for foundations where we can get funding for Americans to observe the European Elections and for Europeans to observe the American election next year.

### **9. EYE 2023 feedback**

Reflections and feedback:

- It makes sense that we are there and that we have a stand there. It would be nice next time also to have an event in the Parliament. Ines did an amazing job. Good that the staff and EB were together on the stand. The EP told us not to bring any flyers, but nobody else cared about this. Next time the schedule for who is in the tent should be made sooner. Good that we had different workshops. The outcome was good, not necessarily the process. Overall, it went very well.
- The events that we had were in line with our priorities. We were showcasing the Eurhope campaign. Also very good that JEF Estonia had their own event. We had a strong presence.
- We should consider having more activities in the tent or something that the EYEers can interact with.
- The political statement on migration at the end was very good. We manage to be both political and useful.
- We could have more moments to onboard the staff and the new people.
- The EP oversold the event. Too many people signed up. The time of the picture was not the best.

**Decision:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The moment at the bench was pretty nice. A lot of people came. The symbol of Europe is getting more and more popular. A lot of people asked for more information about JEF. For the tent – what works is having nice and creative ideas. Ex. bingo, quiz, prizes, etc. It could have been nice to have one EB meeting following Ines on EYE. When we organise events they have to be more political.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10. IO meeting</b>  <a href="#">Draft agenda</a>  <b>29/06/2023 - 19h CEST</b>  Gergana presents the plan for the IO meeting.</p> <p>Comments: It can be very heavy that we start the meeting with 30-40 minutes of talking from the EB side. We should prioritise listening to sections. If we do breakout rooms, we can ask sections to propose topics in advance. We have to think through how we can have a social evening.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b>  <b>Invitation to the 29th June will be sent no later than Friday.</b></p>
<p><b>11. AOB</b></p> <p><b>a. EB meeting Berlin video</b>  Antonio has a plan and is working on it.</p> <p><b>b. Ventotene International Seminar</b>  The call should be out soon.</p> <p><b>c. GCE<sup>2</sup> General Assembly</b>  Coming up on 23rd and 24th June. Someone from JEF should be there. It cannot be Flavia, as she is not in Brussels, so she proposes we could send Marie and/or Moritz from TF Green.</p> <p><b>d. World forum for democracy</b></p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Flavia will send an email to TF Green with more information on the general assembly of GCE and ask them to register.</b></li> </ul>

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<sup>2</sup> Generation Climate Europe

<p>In the past we said we would apply for the World Forum for Democracy that happens just before the Congress. Christelle will draft the proposal tonight. Knut can, for now, be available for the meeting in Strasbourg in November if she can't.</p>	
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The EB meeting closes at 22:39 CEST.