

## EB minutes

July 12th 2023, 8:00 pm CEST

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

Excused: Robin

Minutes: Christelle, Antonio (review Helena, Christelle)

### Agenda

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of draft minutes (28/6)
3. Secretariat update
4. Advocacy update
5. To-do list check
6. *EUkraine*
7. *EurHope*
  - a. MEET debate trainings
  - b. *EurHope* Ambassadors
8. International Officer meeting follow-up
9. Congress in Madrid
10. *Europe What If*
11. JEF Activity report 2023
12. AOB
  - a. Ventotene agenda
  - b. Energy policy portfolio
  - c. JEF Germany Federal Committee meeting (14/07)

### Minutes

<b>1. Adoption of draft agenda</b>	<b>Decision:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Adopted</b></li></ul>
<b>2. Adoption of draft minutes (28/06)</b>	<b>Decision:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Gergana to communicate to the EB as soon as the review is completed. Minutes to be approved via Slack.</b></li></ul>
<b>3. Secretariat update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- WiFi issues in the office finally solved.</li><li>- A few people are or have been on holidays currently. EB to check with Judit/calendar for contact people (especially for ongoing projects).</li></ul>	<b>Decision:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>EB to tell Judit which sections would be interested in <i>Europe at School</i> for the next project proposal.</b></li></ul>

- It would be nice to have a JEF reception in the new office in September (including JEF Alumni).
  - We are applying for another grant. It hopefully will replace COYV<sup>1</sup> or MEET<sup>2</sup>, so EUR 200,000. The concept note is on youth involvement and we'll focus on bringing forward *Europe@School*. Only sections who sign up will receive money this time, given the experience we had with some grants lately. Western Balkans countries and Eastern Partnership will be eligible.
- Debates are going to be part of this grant as well.
- In the consortium OBESSU<sup>3</sup> and LLP<sup>4</sup>. YFJ<sup>5</sup> could co-apply, but only if they don't take over the grant.
- It could be interesting to have an intergenerational dialogue in it.
- Some of the activities could focus on this connection between past and future. AER<sup>6</sup> could be a nice partner on this. ALDA<sup>7</sup> is another possible partner for the consortium.

The board discussed the following points:

- Possibility to involve for example with Alumni to give content to the intergenerational debate.
- Intergenerational debate makes sense if it's connected with JEF interest.

<sup>1</sup> Cooperation in Youth Voting, one of our European elections projects

<sup>2</sup> Mobilise Europe = Engaging Together, one of our European elections projects

<sup>3</sup> Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions

<sup>4</sup> Lifelong Learning Platform

<sup>5</sup> European Youth Forum

<sup>6</sup> Assembly of European Regions

<sup>7</sup> European Association for Local Democracy

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Democracy under Pressure is a possibility and in 2025 there will be an activist exhibition about women activism in Poland connected to the campaign.</li> <li>- Fundamental rights will be anyway one of the focus of the application, as it is one of the focus points requested by the Commission.</li> <li>- Mentioning climate issues could be a plus.</li> <li>- Operational grant deliverable: alumni Interviews, next 50 years + event with alumni</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. Advocacy update</b></p> <p>Antonio joined a debate about the future of Ukraine, the role of Europe/EU also regarding NATO</p> <p>Most of Antonio's advocacy was spent in the Ukraine mission</p> <p>Political topics discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Nature Restoration Law passed</li> <li>- Turkey might lift the veto on Sweden joining NATO, agreement in exchange for antiterrorist law in Sweden that can be questioned and F16 planned from the US, visa lift for Turkish citizens in the EU, decreased trade taxes? (to be checked); Turkey linked it to EU enlargement too</li> <li>- Professor Fiona Scott Morton nominated as the chief competition economist at the Directorate-General for Competition</li> <li>- EU-US agreement on data transfer to the EU of EU citizens, questions about legality.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. To do list check</b></p> <p>Christelle recaps the ongoing EB tasks.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>EB to continue completing their tasks.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>6. EUkraine</b></p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p>

Ukraine mission that Antonio joined, this time organised by Ukrainian young people. It was the final event of a year-long project. Main goal was to give a political signal and ensure JEF presence there and establish structured cooperations with the Ukrainian youth organisations. The program of the mission was centred on giving an overview on Ukrainian history and culture and to show what is happening in the country, and to experience how Ukrainian society is living the war and reacting to it.

Among the many contacts and meetings, there is a concrete possibility to cooperate in the near future with the Ukrainian Leadership Academy (ULA) and with the Lviv Youth Center, who is working to organise the activities for the Lviv European Youth Capital 2025.

In particular they have been invited to send people to the next JEF seminars, if possible (live the REVIVE on in Bucharest).

Antonio gave them an EU, a federalist flag, and the Ventotene manifesto translated to Ukrainian to the ULA activists.

A relevant topic to discuss is the different conception of nationalism they have and are developing. In particular there is a substantial difference between “nationalism against imperialism” instead of “nationalism as a form imperialism”, like it’s more common to happen in Western Europe.

Among the highlights of the mission, there was a lecture on Independence square with Mychailo Wynnyckyj, the newly appointed deputy minister for education in Ukraine, and sociologist and historian specialised on the “Revolution of Dignity”. Among the topics discussed with him, the future of Ukraine and its European Integration. He confirmed the government is completely in favour of it, but it’s going to be a very hard process. When it comes to the war, 2024 will be a key year because the Western

- **JEF to further collaborate with contacts gathered during both missions for future projects and building the enlarged federal Europe.**

countries' support for Ukraine is expected to be less consistent because of the elections happening in the US and in the EU. In that year, Ukrainian parliamentary elections are expected to happen as well.

### 7. EurHope

- Partnership with Centenary Policy Institute, discussion of the draft proposal of EurHope on tour, a cycle of debates across Europe.

Possibility of coupling it with the MEET debates.

Discussion of possible locations, might try a couple of cities first and deepen the partnership.

- MEET online debate trainings could be embedded in the summer camps (to offer an extra learning opportunity while finding a compromise to achieve the attendance KPIs).

This could mean about 200 people overall.

Trainings should take place by October, could be used as a pre-Congress activity to debate about the future of JEF.

Some debate participants will take part in a final debate.

We need further funding for the final debate with c. 100 people.

- EurHope ambassadors receive a certificate, discussion about what more to offer to them:

Involve them in some of our deliverables like the podcasts planned for autumn, can they organise an event for the university debates, invited to the final event etc., send them the infokit and maybe do online meetings.

Christelle and Gergana prepared a first draft of the infokit for EurHope and Antonio prepared a step by step PowerPoint about the platform, both to be finalised with the help of the Policy Officer

- EurHope INFOKIT:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d>

### *Decision:*

- **EB to add further input and locations to the funding proposal**
- **Judit and Antonio to discuss the budget proposal**
- **EB to ask summer camp sections if they can organise this online MEET training.**

<p><a href="https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1OzWhjYNDxxFz27d9GIznDJR2ByIBzkr7Pt7fziC7rH8/edit?pli=1">/1OzWhjYNDxxFz27d9GIznDJR2ByIBzkr7Pt7fziC7rH8/edit?pli=1</a></p> <p>- <a href="https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1LO9HflxstR-GjMBI_XJLBPFxdIKr0gAipmjO9kgvGi/edit#slide=id.p1">https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1LO9HflxstR-GjMBI_XJLBPFxdIKr0gAipmjO9kgvGi/edit#slide=id.p1</a></p>	
<p><b>8. International Officer (IO) meeting follow up</b></p> <p>The IO meeting went well. 13 IOs were present. Overall, the main goal was to gather sections' feedback and have space to discuss the strategic growth of the organisation. Gergana and Andrew had a debrief on the meeting. Both enjoyed it, glad the time managed well so the meeting finished in a little over 1h, both liked and agreed the social part after the meeting was nice and should be kept for the future. It's good that EB and Secretariat are working together on it. Both think it should remain like that.</p> <p>Next IO meetings already have dates. (They can be changed of course, but for now-Sept 21st and Nov 2nd) the IO evening will start at 19:30 CEST, but maybe it will start at 19:15 with an introduction on JEF, so newer people can have a better understanding of the organisation.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p>
<p><b>9. European Congress in Madrid</b></p> <p>Discussion on Congress list of partner organisations to be invited: link shared on Congress Slack channel.</p> <p>List of proposed MEPs and any other guest speakers (by JEF Spain)</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p><b>Postponed to meeting next Tuesday</b></p>
<p><b>10. Europe What If</b></p> <p>Juuso presents a possibility for an event about Iceland online to be done in October.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Knut &amp; Juuso to follow up about organising an (online) event about Iceland in early October, in cooperation with JEF Denmark and JEF Norway if they're interested</b></li> </ul>

<p><b>11. Activity report</b></p> <p>Andrew started a skeleton for the activity report. It now needs to be adapted to feature projects under the main campaign pillars-</p> <p>Draft available:</p> <p>Andrew will reach out to sections. EB to be in touch with sections to contribute.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>EB to fill in their parts by 30/08</b></li> <li>- <b>EB to contact their sections to provide their an highlight</b></li> <li>- <b>Christelle to check the skeleton with Andrew</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>12. AOB</b></p> <p><b>a. Ventotene</b></p> <p>The agenda remains the same</p> <p>External speakers to be checked upon informally, then possibly formally</p> <p>MEET in Italy weekend before</p> <p>EB to check on this to book travels.</p> <p><b>b. Energy</b></p> <p>We voted on an energy resolution at the last FC, which created an energy portfolio.</p> <p><b>c. JEF Germany FC</b></p> <p>This Friday from 6 to 9pm, someone from JEF Europe should attend to present EurHope and other JEF Europe updates.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Flavia to check with JEF Italy about the MEET training happening before the start of the Ventotene seminar</b></li> </ul> <p><b>B. Energy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Flavia is in charge of the energy portfolio</b></li> </ul> <p><b>C. JEF Germany</b></p> <p><b>Invitation will be shared with Antonio and Christelle. Helena will prepare the presentation tomorrow for whoever is presenting on behalf of JEF Europe and communicate it to the section.</b></p>

The EB meeting closes at 22:45 CEST.