

EB minutes

September 13th 2023, 8:00 pm CEST

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

Excused: Helena

Minutes: Knut (Review: Robin)

Agenda

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (30/8)
3. Secretariat Update
4. Advocacy Update
5. To do list
6. Strategic reflection meeting
7. EB meeting Cluj – agenda
8. JEF Nordics and Baltics
9. Carbon compensation partnership
10. AOB

Minutes

1. Adoption of draft agenda	Decision: The agenda is adopted.
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (30/08)	Decision: Minutes adopted.
3. Secretariat updates The secretariat has submitted the CERV application related to Europe at school. The secretariat is in the process of talking with several foundations looking for funding. Judit informs about the current status of the contracts of secretariat members who have stayed for one year, and what happens next.	-
4. Advocacy Update Almost all of us were at Ventotene. A meeting place for the enlarged federalist	-

family. Antonio had a coffee with Guy Verhofstadt. There were chats also with Brando Benifei, Domenec Ruiz Devesa and Fabio Massimo Castaldo. These are some of the closest friends we have in the Parliament.

Regarding Ventotene, Antonio gave feedback to the Spinelli institute that we were not satisfied with the organisational work. Things have to improve on a lot of points. Maybe we should have an even more hands-on approach next time.

There is a new programme by the European Parliament where they invite participants. They are very glad to work with JEF. Could be an opportunity for Ventotene participants to see the Jean Monnet House.

EESC: Antonio and Judit met with the President and recorded a short video. He can't come to Madrid but will send a recorded message. Invitations for Madrid keep coming out. We need to agree on a final list for the MEPs for Madrid. Should be concluded in Cluj.

Antonio is currently in Strasbourg with Ines. They followed the SOTEU from the Hemicycle. Nothing revolutionary or particularly bold. This is what we also stated in our press release. Have pushed for our voice being heard among the press. They also organised a meeting to create more focus on EurHope. Antonio believes that the most interesting debate will be tomorrow at the Constitutional Affairs Committee (AFCC).

Svetlana Tsikhanouskaya was also in the Parliament today. Pushed for Belarus one day becoming a member of the EU. Very touching. The only points where there was a bit of emotion during the plenary sessions

<p>were when she spoke and when von der Leyen mentioned Ukraine.</p> <p>Judit gave an update on the progress of the Civil Society State of the Union.</p> <p>The JEF UK & JEF Ireland joint launch of the JEF section in Northern Ireland was discussed. Many MPs came from both sides of the border. The event was quite well attended. They signed an agreement to cooperate on the new section.</p> <p>Christelle recorded a podcast for Civita and what Europeans think of Norway. Will be released during the next few months.</p>	
<p>5. To do list</p> <p>Recap of the to-do's of board members.</p>	<p>The EB has a look at the to-do list and what we should follow up next.</p>
<p>6. Congress Presidium</p> <p>Discussion on the Congress Presidium.</p>	<p>To be discussed later.</p>
<p>7. EB meeting Cluj – agenda</p> <p>We have a few extra spots for the dinner to invite others. Do we have any particular organisation in mind in Cluj that we can get in touch with?</p>	<p>The EB has revised the agenda for Cluj.</p>
<p>8. JEF Nordics and Baltics</p> <p>They have agreed to become an interest group of JEF Europe, and submitted an application. The EB has to approve officially that they become an interest group.</p>	<p>Decision: JEF Nordics and Baltics (YENB) becomes an interest group of JEF Europe.</p>
<p>9. Carbon compensation partnership</p> <p>For EurHope Antonio had been in contact with a start-up planting trees as carbon compensation.</p>	

<p>When partnering with an organisation they put all the trees together so there is forest named after the organisation.</p> <p>Flavia will investigate what this is and then we will discuss it further in Cluj.</p>	
<p>10. AOB</p> <p>Judit: Let's agree on a time for the overall strategy meeting with Eliza. Judit asks about 24 October. If that doesn't work, she'll send a Doodle.</p>	-

The EB meeting closes at 21:10 CEST.