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Minutes



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1. Official opening

1.1. Welcome address by JEF Europe

FC session opened at 17:21 by **Christelle Savall** (Vice-President) and **Juuso Järvinemi** (Vice-President):

- **Christelle:** Three events happening in parallel: the FC, IMPACT Training, Federalist Academy.
- **Juuso:** It's important to continue our federalist advocacy after the COVID-19 pandemic and following the Conference on the Future of Europe.
- **Christelle:** Russia's invasion of Ukraine has brought war back to Europe and we have been active in opposing it.
- **Juuso:** In Luxembourg, JEF Ukraine became a candidate section and we have three candidate sections - expanding the federalist family is great news for us. We also organised our first Online Congress.
- **Christelle:** During the Strasbourg Summit, hundreds of young people demanded a follow up on the Conference on the Future of Europe. We also celebrated our 50th anniversary.
- **Juuso:** At JEF Europe, we also started the Federalist Academy with a physical seminar taking place now in Prague and a series of webinars. We are looking forward to repeating it in the future.
- **Christelle:** The political commissions will have debates on resolutions, which is the foundation base of democracy at JEF. Task Force "European Elections" is to be created.
- **Juuso:** Before discussing FC Malta, we will discuss the location of the Congress 2023 in Autumn. Also, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary once more - the time capsule will be here tomorrow and you will have the last chance to give your inputs. Also, there will be a party.

1.2. Welcome address by JEF Czechia

Pavel Liška (President, JEF Czechia):

- I'm so glad to welcome all of you to Prague, in the heart of Europe.
- We are also hosting the Federalist Academy and impact seminar. We've had so many empowering discussions and I hope they continue during the FC.
- 600 years ago, a 4 year old boy was taken to war and shaken by its monstrosities. Then he thought about how to overcome conflicts that shook his era. Jiří z Poděbrad, the Czech King commonly called a friend of peace. One of the most eminent political leaders, his ambition was to create sustainable peace based on common European institutions. Unfortunately, the idea didn't fall onto a fertile ground.
- Now, Czechia, with the Presidency of the Council, has become the heart of Europe.
- The very fact that Western European leaders like Chancellor Scholz gave lectures here means Prague is considered as important as Brussels. There is a change in the mindsets of European leaders - Central and Eastern Europe is seen as important as the rest, including the 6 founding members. Czechia is part of the European family.
- While you are sitting here in the centre of knowledge - Russia is bombing Ukraine and destroying lives. People live without electricity and in constant fear.
- Like Jiří z Poděbrad, we take lessons that European solidarity and federalism are guarantees for peace. We have to take concrete actions to achieve peaceful solutions.

- 2024 will be a crucial year for the whole continent - the EU elections will shape European democracy.
- The Parliament proposed transnational lists with 28 transnational seats. Unfortunately, the Council has been blocking it. However, the EP is the first EU institution to embrace one of the most important steps for more democracy.
- I'm looking forward to discussions leading to the EP elections campaign.

Judit Lantai (Secretary-General) explained the organisational aspects and next points on the agenda.

1.3. Updates on the Federal Committee

Christelle Savall (Vice-President): Since the last FC, the Presidium has had a lot of follow-up with Task Force and Political Commission co-chairs to make sure the FC thrives, including a FC hangout.

1.4. Welcome address by Mater Nostra

Jakub Elliot Míl (student association "Mater Nostra"): I would like to welcome you on behalf of the student association "Mater Nostra". We are the youngest association at the Faculty of Laws - we have 50 members who want to create an open, inclusive and safe space at Charles University. We fight for human rights and animal rights. Our primary focus is on the environment, LGBTQ+, and gender. I hope you enjoy your stay here.

1.5. Code of conduct and Gender watch

Christelle Savall (Vice-President) **Xesc Mainzer Cardell** (TF Empowerment & Diversity Co-Chair) presented the Code of Conduct and indicated the contact persons, as well as the Gender Watch.

1.5. Activity report by the EB and the Secretariat

Antonio Argenziano (President): Thanks to JEF Czechia and all of you for coming. The city of Prague plays an important cultural role. Václav Havel used to say one should fight for something because it's the right thing, not because it has a chance to succeed. Our political priorities include:

- Treaty Change Convention and a Constituent Assembly. These Treaties are not enough to face the global challenges we are facing. It's been quite difficult for now, it's the core request of federalists since the 1950s.
- Europe is more than the EU: Enlargement to be relaunched. We cannot disappoint our brothers and sisters in other parts of Europe.
- Towards EP elections... not only in the EU. it's very close, we must build a big and ambitious campaign.
- The new Frontier for Europe: Ukraine. What happens in Ukraine will define who we are as Europeans.
- 50th Anniversary, Federalist Academy... and beyond.
- Democracy under Pressure (DuP). Democracy is still under pressure- if it's threatened in one country, it's threatened everywhere.

Antonio Argenziano - toward Treaty change:

- Completing our work in the Conference on the Future of Europe (JEF ideas very present in the final 49 proposals)

- Advocacy towards Treaty change: Paris declaration with CSO; Common declaration with Citizens ambassadors; lobbying towards MEPs; letters to French presidency, to Czech presidency, to the European Council; articles on Euractiv; European call to actions.
- Strasbourg Summit: 70+ NGOs involved; 46 events; march for Europe with 1000+ people. Thank you JEF France and JEF Strasbourg!

Antonio Argenziano - policy and advocacy:

- Kept following the Electoral law proposals.
- Hearing in the EP with ECON and FISC.
- Presence in the Parliament i.e. for SOTEU
- Increase EU Budget, More European Borrowing and investments.
- 14 Letters and press releases.

Christelle Savall - Ukraine:

- One of our focus areas has been Ukraine. Antonio went there, meeting with young people and civil society, asking how we can be helpful for the future of the country. The partnerships are starting now. We have done fundraising events, including for a water treatment plant in Mykolaiv. We launched a petition demanding a European future and a candidate status to be given to Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova, while not forgetting the Western Balkans,
- Work Plan 2022 on human rights is linked with DuP and Ukraine. We organised a street action with a cardboard tank in Budapest to protest against Orban's veto on oil sanctions on Russia.
- We organised a solidarity event with JEF Ukraine in response to the new bombing of the country by Russia.
- We dedicated a webpage to see what JEFers do for Ukraine,
- Soon, we will launch a pen pal scheme to connect JEFers with young Ukrainians.

Juuso Järvinemi (Vice-President) - Federalist Academy:

- It's the first time we did something like this. We had 11 online sessions with academics talking about federalism. It's at the core of the social mission of what JEF is about - it's important to do this pedagogical work of talking about what federalism means.
- We had more than 200 sign ups for the webinars, which were recorded. Many people joined the Prague seminar.
- I invite you to fill out the follow-up survey.

Knut Andre Sande (EB Member): We are going to celebrate 50 years of JEF. For some of you it may be the first celebration.

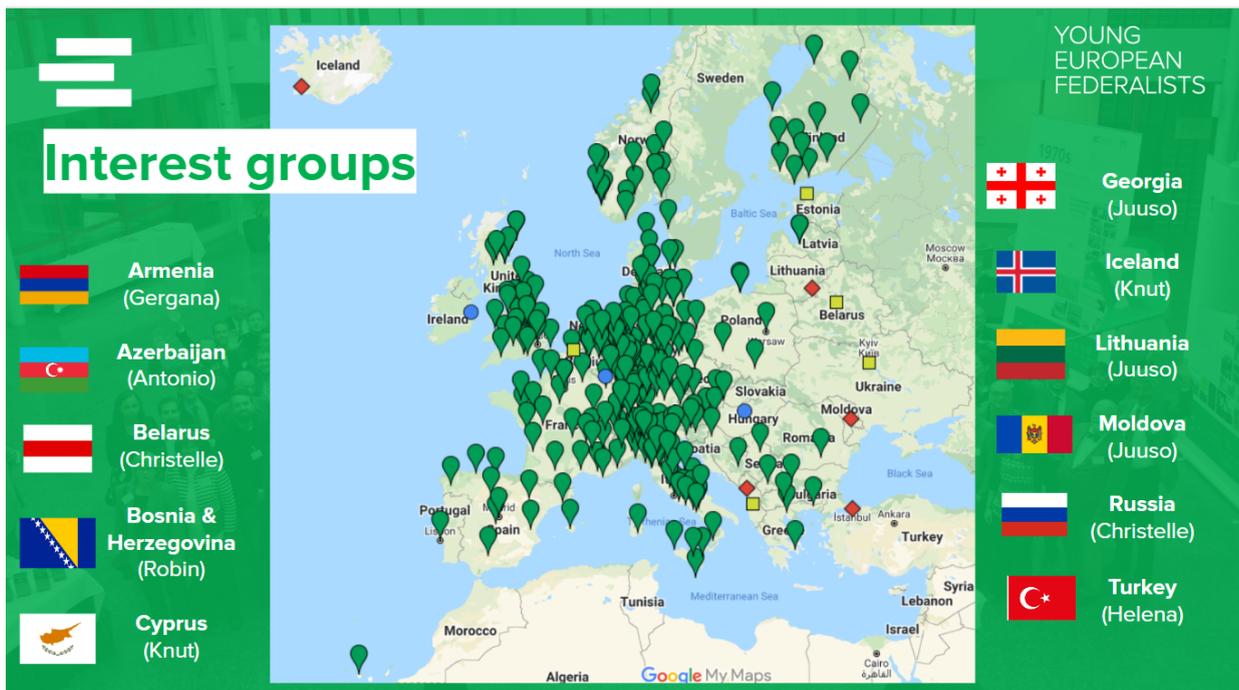
Gergana Blazheva (EB Member): We had an incredible reception - former Presidents, SGs of JEF and others.

Knut Andre Sande: You will all hear from us tomorrow.

Gergana Blazheva: The time capsule will be shared tomorrow so make sure you give your input.

Knut Andre Sande (EB Member): "Europe what if?" is a new campaign in early stages of planning. Not all European countries are EU members, and not all EU members are in Schengen and fully integrated. It's an opportunity to think how my country would look if it was part of the EU. We will be showing how the EU vote is not available for you, e.g. in Norway. More information will be coming next week.

Christelle Savall - sections:



- We have 4 candidate sections and some interest groups. We want to enlarge as JEF in and outside the EU.
- **Juuso Järviemi:** There is a new JEF Moldova, new JEF Georgia, and new interest groups in the Western Balkans. If you have any contacts in countries where JEF is not present yet, let us know. It's an appropriate time to take the idea of expanding beyond Western Europe. We encourage you to be on this journey to make JEF a really pan-European organisation.

Flavia Sandu (EB Member) - communications in Q2-3 of 2022:

- Instagram:
 - Accounts Reached: 133,500 (Q2:+83.3% + Q3: +106%)

- Unique Content Interaction Growth: 3,929
- Total Follower Growth: +18,9%
- Content uploaded:
 - Posts: 57
 - Stories 484
 - Reels: 23
 - Video: 1
- Twitter:
 - Total Impressions: 271,700 impressions
 - Total Tweets: 142
 - Total Profile Visits: 94.4k
 - New Followers: 489
- Facebook only available for the last 30 days (as of June and September):
 - Post reach: 7,274
 - Posts: Stories: 67
- LinkedIn:
 - Page views: 2,420
 - Unique visitors: 974
 - Custom button clicks: 74
- Giphy stickers views: 5+ Million views

Flavia Sandu - JEF initiatives:

- Painting European benches all across Europe.
- Check out the new Sections Initiatives page on the website. Want yours to be in there? Let us know!

Flavia Sandu - representation and meetings:

- EB meetings: EB meetings in person and online.
- Partner meetings, external meetings, partner events, section events.
- Since the Spring FC, we had 235 representation engagements and 16 online meetings held 2 weeks on Wednesdays.
- In person meetings:
 - Strasbourg, May 2022: Strasbourg Summit and March for Europe
 - Sofia, August 2022: in-person EB meeting; National Students' Council Meeting and tour with JEF Bulgaria; mandate recap, TF EP elections reflections & upcoming projects
 - September, 2022: FC Hangout
 - Brussels, December 2022: in-person EB-FC meeting (upcoming!)

Robin Mudry (Treasurer): As you can see, the EB is on the move. Let's play a game: you choose a picture, choose an EB member and then approach them to talk about what happened in the picture.

Juuso Järvinemi (Vice-President) - world federalism:

- JEF works with the World Federalist Movement and Young World Federalists.
- Transnational Working Group on Africa-Europe relations → representation at YouLead Africa Summit.
- Working with Young World Federalists → Week for World Parliament.

Christelle Savall - European Youth Forum (YFJ):

- Ukraine and other policy coordination

- Committee of members/Comem (13-14/05)
- Consultations (youth index, EU NGOs), good practices (diversity)
- LevelUP!:
 - Sort of EYE in Brussels: activism workshops
 - JEF Europe delegation of 26 people
 - One networking event: European Bench in Brussels
 - JEFers everywhere: “I spotted a JEFer” initiative on social media (Instagram stories), great engagement!
- General Assembly (24-26/11):
 - Board (1 president, 2 vice-presidents, 8 board members)
 - Financial Control Commission (4 elected members)
 - Consultative Body on Membership Applications (4)

Judit Lantai (Secretary-General) - Secretariat report:

- JEF has applied for 10 major projects and won 5 of them. This means in the upcoming year, JEF is going to pass the threshold of 1 million of operating costs.
- Currently we are looking for a Project Officer as well as Financial and Administration Officer. This means we also have some goodbyes - Alex and Theo.
- Office update:
 - Moving by end of December.
 - Staying in Brussels, lease for 2 years.
 - Significant increase in costs but still way below market price.
 - Goodbye and 50 years celebration in Brussels - 8 December.

Theo Lecarpentier (Secretariat): Thank you. I grew hair over these 3 years. I've been meeting incredible people helping me to learn about the EU and Brussels. Once a JEFer forever a JEFer!

1.6. Full time President

Antonio Argenziano (President):

- It's amazing to work full-time after so many years of being a volunteer. I'm lucky to be a volunteer who gets paid. I've been working to repay your trust. I've been to 140 meetings, including 50+ advocacy meetings with decision makers, WhatsApp exchanges and calls.
- Having time for JEF also means I can travel. In 7 months I visited 13 different cities in 8 different countries, including the mission in Ukraine. I want to be close to sections.
- I work with EB and Secretariat. This includes follow-up on CoFoE, preparing for the European Elections 2024.
- I'm a Board member of the UEF and EMI - Board member.
- There is strong collaboration with the SG. She's doing an amazing job, working day and night. There is a clear distinction between SG and President. I'm always available 24/7 for JEFers.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Thank you for the report. I encourage you to ask questions.

Guillaume Kayser (PC2 Co-Chair): I wanted to comment on the situation in Europe right now. It's auspicious to be in Prague while Russian tanks are in Ukraine. In 1938, we had German tanks in Prague, in 1968 Russian tanks in Prague, now in 2022 we have Russian tanks in Ukraine and finally we are doing something. It's important to stand with Ukraine and stand with it until all of Ukraine is free.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): A question to Antonio. Full-time president is important. I noted that you visited quite a few countries (8) in the last six months. Is it the case that some sections haven't come out of the pandemic mode? Can we reflect on that?

Antonio Argenziano: Of course there is always room for improvement. You can always invite us to come to more places.

Eryk Lasek (FC): Did you travel by plane?

Antonio Argenziano: By plane, by train, by car.

Clara Föllner: With all work done, it's visible it's been a lot: now after COVID in Germany we see people are hesitating to take over responsibility - have you seen it at the European level and how to address that? How to keep motivating people to spend a lot of time when we have to deal with so many crises?

Antonio Argenziano: It's an issue for JEF and other organisations. People want to be part of a successful story. We have to work together as JEF to achieve new successes to motivate other people to join. Being a JEFer is a good thing to do.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): We changed offices quite recently. Until when are we planning to stay at the new address?

Judit Lantai: We are moving offices now not because it makes sense strategically. JEF is currently residing in offices shared with several NGOs. They are renting a massive space they are sub-renting. We are moving for at least 2 years with a potential for more. We went around checking out 10 other offices and they are very expensive. We will have new 150 sqm space for events and section visits.

Emma Farrugia: Is UEF moving with JEF and how is the discussion going?

Judit Lantai: Currently JEF Europe is renting quite a big space and we are subletting it to UEF. When the process started we stuck together also with Garage Erasmus and HateAid. In the meantime HateAid decided to withdraw. We were looking for spaces for JEF, UEF and Garagerasmus.... until we learnt 3 weeks ago at the EB meeting of UEF that they were moving to Square de Meeus. As a result, UEF is not moving with JEF.

Christelle Savall presented the amendment plugin.

FC session adjourned at 19:07.

Saturday, 12 November

3. Start of the FC and Formalities

FC session resumed at 9:44.

3.1 Code of conduct and Gender watch

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (TF Empowerment & Diversity Co-Chair) presented the Code of Conduct.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium) presented the Gender Watch - the measurement of the speaking time of different gender groups. The results from yesterday: male 48%, female 52%, non-binary 0.01%.

3.2 Declaration of votes present (roll call)

40/52 votes present - quorum reached.

3.3 Election of tellers

Candidates:

- Clara Föller (Observer)
- Alice Vigne (Observer)
- Tommy [Tamás Róbert Seffer] (Observer)

Election of tellers: +unanimous -0 =0 all candidates elected

Juuso Järviemi (Vice-President): I propose adding agenda point 3.12 "Co-optation of an FC member", because we have candidacies for Task Force European Elections which are not from the FC.

+unanimously adopted

3.4 Adoption of the agenda and timetable

Vote: +unanimous

3.5 Adoption of the minutes of the Spring FC in Luxembourg

+unanimously adopted

3.6 Appointment of the Resolutions Committee

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium) These are people going through resolutions when people have fun tonight after PC meetings. Candidates:

- Juuso Järviemi (for PC1)
- Camilla Brizzi (PC2 Co-Chair)
- Guillaume Kayser (PC2 Co-Chair)
- Aleksandra Aleksejeva (PC 3 Co-Chair)
- Helena Robert i Campos (EB)

- Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium)
- Emma Farrugia (Presidium)

Vote: +unanimously elected

3.7 Reminder on voting system and deadlines

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): The deadline for submitting amendments to resolutions is tonight at 20:00. They have to be submitted via the amendment platform.

3.8 Presentation of the agenda for the day

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium) presented the agenda.

3.9 Presentation of proposal to establish TF Elections 2024

Juuso Järvinemi (Vice-President):

- The European Elections are coming in 1.5 years and we want to prepare early on. The 2023 Autumn Congress will be a bit late for this. We want to have a pan-European approach, ensure good cooperation and coordination early on. That's why we want to propose creating the dedicated Task Force here in Prague.
- The main functions of the proposed TF: create structured exchange of information on EP elections activities within the network; collecting information what sections are doing and ensuring things are coordinated at the international level; developing common ideas and activities; supporting sections in preparing materials - if there is a section that wants to do campaigning they may get the information; exchanging information within the network about political developments.
- The TF will link the activities of the Secretariat, Board, FC, and the network. We believe it's the right time to start this TF and I hope you all support it.

3.10 Vote on establishment of TF Elections 2024

+unanimously adopted - TF established

3.11 Vote on (co)-chairs of TF Elections 2024

Juuso Järvinemi (Vice-President): On behalf of the EB, Antonio expressed interest in being co-chair. Also Melanie Thut from JEF Germany.

Antonio Argenziano (President): This is going to be an important moment to start a common campaign. The reason why EB decided to have me as co-chair is to ensure constant coordination and keeping everyone up to date. We want to ensure this coordination is there. It's a signal of political investment - coordination at all levels of the network is crucial if we want to have a successful Task Force.

Melanie Thut (video): I'm from JEF Germany and can't be here today. I want to become the TF co-chair. I have time and resources and would like to be involved. I might be a good person as I have experience with JEF at different levels. The European Elections are very important for me.

Vote on candidates: +unanimously elected

3.12 Co-optation of FC member

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Vote on co-opting Melanie Thut to the FC to serve as the TF European Elections Co-Chair.

+unanimously elected

3.13 Introduction of Task Force workshops

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (TF Empowerment & Diversity Co-Chair): At our Task Force, we are working on a report on accessibility and openness, including a language accessibility guide. The workshop today will be a brainstorming session on the needs for making documents and social media more understandable.

Marie Pouliquen (TF Green Transition Co-Chair): Our first mission is to make JEF more sustainable. We are also working on a Green Award for JEFers.

Moritz Schleicher (TF Green Transition Co-Chair): We also want to have an external effect. We want to contribute to the Conference of the Parties (COP) taking place.

Victor Lepine and **Max Nordin** (TF Capacity Building Co-Chairs): We mentioned the crisis of volunteering but now the pandemic is over. We want to brainstorm on how to coordinate the work in the network on a horizontal level. We want to exchange the best practices on how to keep JEFers motivated.

Antonio Argenziano (President, TF European Election Co-Chair): There will be a session in the afternoon about what we have been preparing for the EP elections campaign. The TF workshop will be the start of the EE24 coordination, also to see who is interested to follow everything. There will be meetings every month - coordination, information sharing and doing something big together is the main task.

3.14 Introduction of PCs resolutions

Political Commission 1: Institutions and Governance - submitted resolutions (presented by Juuso)

- On the institutional design and governance of the Eurozone (re-adoption)
- Strengthening the economic and political union within the Lisbon Treaty (revision)
- Calling for a European Constituent Assembly (revision)

Political Commission 2: Internal European Affairs - submitted resolutions:

- Better integrated and more sustainable mobility infrastructure for an Ever Closer Union (revision)
- Calling for a fully fledged health union for the European Union (new)
- Towards a real Federal Budget (new)

Political Commission 3: External Affairs and Global Governance - submitted resolutions:

- Towards the accession of the Western Balkan countries (re-adoption)
- Towards a strong future-oriented relationship with Africa (revision)
- The EU response to the Russian Federation's aggression of Ukraine (new)

- For a common European Response to the invasion of Ukraine and the future of Ukraine (new)

4. Finances and internal audit report

Robin Mudry (Treasurer) - membership update:

- We have 29 sections, including also those facing the monitoring process. The total membership is 10,151, which means we have gained 114 new members and the negative COVID trend has been reversed. We also have 3 candidate sections, which will be mentioned in more detail later.
- Not all sections are doing the same but most are stable and some had quite an increase.
- 27 sections reported ahead of the Online Congress in June 2022. Please respect the reporting and membership fee deadlines. The deadline really is the end of March, otherwise we can't guarantee your vote in the Online Congress.
- JEF France is in first place in absolute terms, with over 100 new members. In relative terms, JEF Greece is number one and has increased its membership count by +133% (while having gained some 40 members in absolute terms). JEF Spain is in second place in both rankings, JEF Belgium is in third place. JEF Norway has gained over 300 members.

Robin Mudry (Treasurer) - first Online Congress in June 2022:

- We closed the financial year 2021 to prepare for an external and internal audit.
- The timeline has to be all very well planned. We cannot have the Online Congress later, we are obliged by Belgian law to close the financial year by the end of the first semester.
- The evaluation of the first Online Congress is going on until tomorrow.

Robin Mudry (Treasurer) - presenting spreadsheets for JEF's budget 2022 and 2023:

- The vote on the budget will be tomorrow.
- Budget 2022:
 - The 2022 budget is evolving. There was a decrease in membership fees, but there should be an increase again. The operational grants from the European Commission and the Council of Europe have been increased. There is a growth of income by €120,000. The increase of expenses related to FC is mainly due to inflation soaring in Europe.
 - Subletting is down because one of the organisations has left the office.
 - The increased staff costs are due to many people changing in the Secretariat, including the change of the Secretary-General.
 - The office rent was higher and the increased costs of in-person events like FCs are due to inflation.
- Budget 2023:
 - There are numerous grants, thanks to the intense grant-writing of the Secretariat
 - Micro-granting: there will be €70,000 for projects and actions in 2023. We will be flexible: we should be able to accommodate different needs of sections.
 - We might also get a new UN grant.
 - For the first time we may pass the €1 million threshold.

- We have a master sheet to improve transparency and accessibility. For every grant we have the budget and the ongoing spending along with forecasts. This is to respond to auditors to ease the monitoring procedure.
- Cashflow: today we have more than €36,000 on our account which may seem low but this means we have used most of our grant money. We should have some €200,000 at the end of the year which will help us avoid liquidity problems.
- Feedback and my objectives for the second half of my mandate:
 - We are planning a bank change - the current bank has been unable to process the Board change.
 - Thanks to the Internal Auditors and the Secretary-General for the constructive cooperation.
 - We want to establish clear guidelines for co-funding, we want rewrite JEF's funding strategy to aim for more uncommitted funding which is more flexible.

Feedback from the Auditors Committee:

Emilia Chehtova (Auditors Committee): We will try to complement Robin's comprehensive report. We are glad to work with the Treasurer (Robin), who goes beyond the requirements of his mandate. I started my auditor journey back in 2017 and I now have triple the workload. Instead of 2 grants we have over 10. We can also see a good balance between decrease and increase of membership in sections. Congratulations to JEF Spain, and also to JEF Malta, who have consistently increased their membership.

Patrick Løvenskjold von Wildenrad (Auditors Committee): Following up on the projects has improved. We've had a really hard time to monitor all the projects and we have taken several measures taken now to improve it. There has also been an improvement with regards to membership fee payment. If you read our report, our most important takeaway is that the management of grants has improved. We also mentioned the liquidity problem that potentially could have had major consequences but we hope it will not become a problem again. We also had some minor details and remarks in the report, but what I mentioned is the main takeaway.

Emilia Chehtova (Auditors Committee): Dear EB members, it would be great if you could be more interested in the execution of the budget. One of our proposals which we repeated was the recommendation for a proper budget execution, such as on a quarterly or semi annual basis so that you are better informed on the budget. We would be happy to give some steer as well, as finances and policy work better together. We have been brainstorming about how we can improve the monitoring of co-financing. As the saying goes, with great power comes great responsibility and it's the same with grants. If anyone has any ideas, or you know of any foundations that would be willing to contribute to JEF, please approach us or the Secretariat. This would really improve cash flow, as we would sometimes need to co-finance grants and.

Patrick Løvenskjold von Wildenrad (Auditors Committee): What we also mentioned in the report is the membership fee that JEF Europe charges, which has constantly remained at €2 since 2009. Maybe it's time to increase it, but maybe it's also not a discussion for right now.

Emilia Chehtova (Auditors Committee): Indeed, as we said, we really need to do something about this problem.

5. Q&A on Finances

Joaquim Candel Fabregat (International Officer of JEF Spain): Thank you for the overview and numbers provided. What is the budget allocated to the Congress? Can we use some of the micro grant money for the Congress?

Guillaume Kayser (PC2 Co-Chair): I have one concern which is about the liquidity of the organisation - what steps is the EB planning to take to tackle this problem? I also have another idea about the micro grants. They should be easy to apply for and should not be an administrative burden on sections, but we should also keep sections accountable by having them submit a detailed report to the FC on how they spent the money.

Robin Mudry (Treasurer): There is money in the operating grant allocated for the Congress. I believe it's around €10,000 in the past, but it will be slightly more to take into account inflation. I do not think that it is a good idea for microgrants to be used for the Congress as microgrants have different objectives, but I'm sure JEF Spain, as they have mentioned before, has a number of cooperating partners which would help with funding.

Joaquim Candel Fabregat (International Officer of JEF Spain): I was more thinking if we can do some activities before the Congress, like a seminar, for which we can use the microgrants.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): I would suggest that you follow up on this up bilaterally with the Treasurer if it is Congress related.

Robin Mudry (Treasurer): To also answer the second question, we want to make microgranting easier to access for sections. When it comes to liquidity, this has a lot to do with the fundraising strategy and the diversification of resources. When we increase the monitoring this would help to avoid problems with liquidity. In the past, we didn't always have a clear overview of the cash flow. We can avoid the situation from last year and we are working on that.

Judit Lantai (Secretary General): The previous Secretary General also worked a lot on this, it's not like nothing was done, but we are now taking it to the next level.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): We are running late, so please make sure that the rooms for the PCs are indicated. PC1 will be staying in this main room. PC2 and PC3 will be staying in adjacent rooms.

6. Political Commission meeting - no minutes taken

PC1: Institutions & Governance

PC2: Internal European Policies

PC3: External European Policies

7. Monitoring committees updates

Christelle Savall (Vice-President):

- There are currently two monitoring procedures open. One monitoring procedure is covering three countries: Moldova, Montenegro and Hungary, which I will present, and another monitoring procedure is covering Poland, which Antonio will present.
- JEF Moldova, JEF Montenegro and JEF Hungary have not paid membership fees for many years and have been inactive. When I talk about JEF Hungary and these other sections, I'm referring to the associations that hold voting power and are full members

of JEF, and not the interest groups that have been set up in the meantime and are currently active.

- To implement a monitoring procedure, you need to have a resolution submitted to the Federal Committee, which was done. Then, a letter is formally sent to sections informing them, and they are given the opportunity to contest this monitoring procedure. We did not receive an answer from them. We therefore pursued the monitoring procedure.
- The monitoring committee is made up of four people: myself, Chris Powers - the former Treasurer of JEF Europe, Tosha - JEF Poland and Alexandra Aleksjeva - FC member. For now, the recommendation is to expel these three sections at the upcoming Congress so then, the newly established interest groups or candidate sections can eventually become full members.
- **Hungary:** They have not had activities nor paid membership fees, so it should be expelled as a recommendation. We tried to get in touch with the old JEF Hungary, or to also transfer the legal registration transferred to the new JEF Hungary. We need to expel the “old JEF Hungary first for the new group to be a full member in JEF Europe. This might be contested in front of the tribunal by the old group. They are not cooperating to transfer the legal registration, so we need a perfectly legal procedure to do this.
- **Montenegro:** There is no sign of life and no payment of membership fees in this section either. The idea is to expel them during the next Congress. If you know of people and contacts from this country who would be interested in setting up a new section, please let us know.
- **Moldova:** The old section of JEF Moldova did not hold any activities and did not pay membership fees either. There is a new group now in Moldova. It’s easier to start a new registration process instead of taking over an inactive one with the administrative burden of the old entity. The idea is that the current JEF Moldova is closed and reopened and we accept them as a full member when they’re ready in the future.

Antonio Argenziano (President):

- **Poland:** JEF Poland is responsive and there is constant communication, but there have been Code of Conduct issues. That is why Laura (Presidium), Anna (NL) and Antonio have been in touch as a monitoring committee, trying to reboot the section and build its democratic structure. Very briefly: they paid the membership fees so they’re compliant from that end. Paolo Tinti, who is representing JEF Poland, is present here and has tried to organise events, such as a joint demonstration with JEF Hungary. Some initiatives didn’t work, but there is an action plan organised for the future. The main thing to develop is membership and a new internal democratic structure within the section. It is therefore important to continue with this monitoring process, so that hopefully the situation is improved before the next Congress.

Paolo Tinti (National Delegate of JEF Poland):

- I would like to state that the last few years have been very hard on all of us because of the Pandemic, and some members have left because we only had online activities at the time.
- I see changes to this situation now though, and I can see people who are more interested locally. We will also have our General Assembly in two weeks. We have been having meetings in cities where we are trying to engage with potential new members.
- I’m sure everything will be improved before the upcoming Congress. We appreciate your help and support by all groups.

Antonio Argenziano (President): I would like to thank the local sections who organised initiatives in Poland like JEF Berlin, JEF Paris and others. It is important to actually organise activities on the ground and include new people. We also have other Polish people at this FC, so it could be a good moment to organise together. The challenge for the Monitoring Committee here is to relaunch the section in Poland.

8. Full time president EB reasoned recommendation

Christelle Savall (Vice-President):

- We have had a full-time president for a few mandates now (Chris Gluck & Leonie Martin), since October 2019. The Congress voted on an internal resolution, and we will now have an assessment on that and the potential of keeping a full-time President. At this FC meeting in Prague, the EB will present recommendations and their assessment. There will be no voting today.
- In Malta, an internal resolution on the continuation of the full time president will be presented. The contact persons for this initiative are the VPs; Juuso & Christelle. I will do the reasoned recommendation now, and Juuso will present the internal resolution during the upcoming FC in Malta.
- EB met with and without Antonio to discuss the current state of play. The whole process was assessed by the EB who brainstormed on how it can be improved in the future. The full text is available on the internal area of the website.
- The current recommendation as of now is positive.
- The reasons why, are as follows:
 - It has improved the flow of information between EB & SC
 - Also because SG is joining EB meetings
 - Strengthened an exchange between JEF sections and EB
 - Travelling to sections, but also contact people as back-up in EB. But it is not the main reason why we need a full-time president.
 - Increased JEF Europe's representation and advocacy work. This is the main reason, together with the upcoming EP elections, are why we have a positive recommendation and also because of the EP elections.
- Now I will give some information about feasibility and also some challenges and downsides to having a full time president.
- **Costs and Financial Sustainability:**
 - With the Operating Grant and election grants, it is financially possible. It is always a trade off though, as the money could always go to a manager or a policy person, but we think that having a full time President is worth it.
- **Personal challenge of change from volunteer role to full-time role:**
 - This has increased compared to the last mandate as last time, we had a President who was Brussels based. Becoming President means a change in your personal and professional life situation.
 - Antonio had to move to Brussels, many personal adjustments needed to be done, to change his life. Becoming a full time President means learning how to be a manager of a team, and a different daily schedule as a volunteer.
- **Candidates' profiles might change:**
 - The paid nature of the role might attract a different type of candidate for President.
 - But we believe that we can trust the network and JEF to elect a President that believes in values and JEF, and who will not apply because of money.

- The type of role allows people to make a lot of things happen, but also means that the number of candidates is restricted, as personal commitments need to be made. People might not apply because they would have to stop e.g. studies, job. It can be tricky to find good candidates.
- **Role of President vs Secretary General:**
 - It is also important to distinguish between the roles of SG and President in the SC. The President manages Policy & Comms staff, and the SG manages the rest of the staff and has an overview of the entire office. There is the risk the president can become more part of the SC than EB, but EB has trust that this will not happen. Nevertheless, the EB will carefully monitor this.
- At the Spring FC 2023 in Malta, the recommendation will be reconsidered and a vote will be taken. The EB will meet again and discuss if they are still in favour of a full-time president.
- We think that the political focus should be on political representation and on coordinating the board.
- A full-time president will also improve the flow of information, especially on projects.
- The president also will give updates, not only to SC on what the EB does, but also to the EB on what the President is doing on a day to day basis so as to see what has been achieved thanks to the full-time position.
- *There were no questions asked about by participants on this.*

9. European elections 2024 - kick off / Democracy under Pressure brainstorm

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Now the room will split into two groups. It is the last time of day where the meeting is in a plenary setting. Any logistical points to be made before we split into groups?

Judit Lantai (Secretary General): A reminder about the 50 years of JEF celebration tonight. It is not possible to have emotional moments at the party venue, so the official celebration moment will take place in the plenary room before dinner. Dinner will then be served downstairs. Afterwards, we will have the party at the venue at 22:00. Dinner will therefore be later than envisaged in the agenda. We close the sessions at 19:00, but between 19:00 and 19:30 we will have the celebration here first. Between dinner and the party, you will have time to go back to the hotel and prepare.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President): We will take a group picture during the coffee break at 16:30. Ana (Communications Assistant), will give instructions to do so. Please be on time so everyone will be in the picture.

Gergana Blazheva (EB Member): On the topic of pictures, for the 50 years, please send the photos that you all take, to Knut or me or else put the photos in the folder. You can also record videos in your own language if you like.

Antonio Argenziano (President): It was thought that it would be nicer that we're divided into two groups, one on the EP elections and another on DuP.

10. Task Forces (2 group sessions of 60 minutes)

No minutes here.

Sunday, 13 November

Roll Call

26/52 voters present - quorum reached - just barely, so do not exit the room during voting.

11. Code of Conduct and Gender Watch

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Reminder that the Code of Conduct applies all the time. Overview of the agenda. Gender Watch will be calculated later.

12. Presentation by the candidates for hosting the Congress 2023

Laura Gaißmaier invites JEF Spain to come give their presentation.

Jesus Corderon (JEF Spain):

- Next year in 2023, Spain will hold the EU Council Presidency and as a national section they are celebrating 40 years as a section.
- It is the first time they are hosting a JEF Europe Congress.
- JEF Spain has grown greatly the past year and they have hosted a number of high profile events in Spain, the last one was the first EYE outside of Strasbourg in Santander.

Laura Serrano Folguera (JEF Madrid, JEF Spain):

- This is a national project so the two sections of JEF Madrid and JEF Spain will work together.
- We have a team of experienced volunteers, including Beatriz who worked at Secretariat.
- They have a number of prestigious main partners.
- A pre-program which starts a week before the Congress can be organised, visiting a number of cultural sites and cities, which will be more feasible due to a 20 percent discount on high speed train travel between cities. The main locations for this will be Toledo and Barcelona, with a 60 euro fee for every night, covering everything, including accommodation and rooms for sessions. This is so you can learn about the history and institutions of the country.

Jesus Cordero (JEF Spain):

- Madrid Congress: Accommodating 2 scenarios - Scenario 1: 160 pax Scenario 2: 200 pax.
- They want to avoid the dates when elections will be held. 10 to 12 November.
- They propose automatised registration with direct payment.
- 2nd day: sessions in City Council of Madrid. They are proposing a gala dinner.
- They want to make it bigger and invited other organisations externally
- Option 1 Accomodation Pre Booking: Generator Madrid 37 per night per person.
- Option 2 Accomodation Mola Hostel: 27,500 EUR
- Organic budget including contributions by JEF Spain, JEF Madrid and JEF Europe 26,200 EUR. JEF Europe would be expected to contribute 8,000 EUR.

Antonio Argenziano (President): How flexible is your program, as we would need to compromise on the agenda?

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Have you thought of all the logistical details?

Answers from JEF Spain: All the venues that were shown have a large capacity. In the case of Toledo, it is a day trip. The ones who want to stay a night would pay themselves and stay in the castle. If they would rather stay in Barcelona, it's better since the connection is cheaper there on average from Europe, rather than to Madrid. If the total cost is considered, on average, they have a discount already for the Barcelona option.

The pre-Congress would be fully independent from the Congress financially, it is just an option they will give to participants as an extra.

When it comes to the agenda, this is just a tentative agenda and we need to work together from now with JEF Europe and sections too. If possible, don't touch the social events, as it is something we are very excited about, but of course, we are flexible.

Judit Lantai (Secretary General): I wanted to ask about the social events specifically. How can you make sure that there's a big enough team, in terms of volunteering, to sustain all these events, especially the social events?

Juuso Jarvinemi (Vice President): Thanks for the extensive presentation. I have a question on the timeline and on the pre-Congress. Of course, during statutory events, participation is usually confirmed a few months in advance. Do you foresee any issues with this?

Answers from JEF Spain: It is not a problem as there will be trains available for sure. Each pre-program will be covered by a different section, so JEF Barcelona and JEF Toledo. JEF Catalunya is experienced in organising events and has already hosted an FC (partially) so this will be peanuts for them. We have twenty more people from JEF Madrid, which will make sure that we have enough volunteers.

Paolo Tinti (National Delegate of JEF Poland): Will the Congress be in Toledo and Barcelona? *He did not understand the pre-Congress idea as he arrived late.*

13. Announcement of dates for FC Spring 2023

The date of Spring FC in Malta will be 17 to 19 March 2023.

15. Presentation of interest groups applications to become candidate sections

Christelle Savall (Vice-President): We have Serbia, Albania and Estonia.

- **JEF Albania**

Brunilda Brati (JEF Albania): In 2019, I was at a Capacity Building training for the Western Balkans in Novi Sad by JEF Europe and became interested in JEF and the possibility to get involved and reestablish JEF Albania. The previous JEF Albania was closed. It was Mortiz who initiated the newly created group and with Christelle as well. It was only me before from Albania in that group, and then I got in contact with other Albanians abroad (living in Spain, Germany and Kosovo). We had some bad luck with the pandemic, as this made things hard, because we had no chance to have physical meetings, so we held a series of online discussions with MEPs online on Western Balkans. The first one was with Doris Pack (about EU and EU integration) which was successful. Rainer Wieland, Adrian Vazquez Lazara, This was the 2020 edition of meeting an MEP. Youth became highly interested. This November 2022, a new round of online series of discussions will start. The first one will be with Lukas Mandl. I invite you to follow us on Social Media. The group was established in July 2021 during online and on-site training on Internet Governance in Albania (WP2021). We had good participation, with more than 20 youths from different Albanian regions. In December 2021,

some members joined the Final Conference of the 2021 Work Plan in Brussels. So we submitted our policy recommendation there as part of the project. We also did street actions in Tirana in February, for a free Ukraine and against the aggression from Russia. We also took part in the DuP campaign and did the classical 'gagging a statue'. We might think of something more original next year. We also had a meeting with JEF Strasbourg as part of their trip to Albania.

Audience claps.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Thank you very much for this presentation. We will go to JEF Serbia now if all technical problems are solved.

August Felumb (JEF Denmark): Can we ask questions now, if they are very specific for Albania?

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): No, please do it after all the presentations.

August Felumb (JEF Denmark): But the question is very specific and only for Albania.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): No, we do all the questions after the presentations. We move on to JEF Estonia.

Christelle Savall (Vice- President): No, JEF Estonia is not here yet.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): And we can't move on to the next part. So August, since we have connection issues with the interest group sections on Zoom, you can ask your question now anyways.

August Felumb (JEF Denmark): Do you have any plans to expand beyond the capital region?

Brunilda Brati (JEF Albania): For now, we focus on the capital city because we are only 8 members and not registered as an NGO yet. So first we would need to establish a group formally and then reach out to new members. It would be nice to have regional sections too.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): So we have the technical problems fixed and can move on to JEF Serbia. Maria, go ahead.

- **JEF Serbia**

- *Connection + sound very bad, so recording not useable -*

Maria Babic (JEF Serbia): Talking about different languages and cultures. I have been president for the last 6 months. Today I am happy to present activities from the previous year. Please ask all questions after the power point if you have some. I want to present the Youth Forum European Movement in Serbia with a powerpoint.

We did street actions, saving the parks, and a workshop for Europe Day in a small town to promote on a regional level. Also, we did an online campaign Mitovi O EU to present values of the EU and break fake news/myths. Every year, Europe Day is organised, and this year dedicated to stopping the war in Ukraine.

Christelle Savall (Vice- President): Maria, if can you come to a conclusion? Because we are running out of time.

Maria Babic (JEF Serbia): We also did International Youth Day. Our next activities will be humanitarian action, a workshop, a week of the European Movement in Serbia and podcasts.

Audience claps.

Christelle Savall (Vice- President): Let's go to the presentation of JEF Estonia and then a round of questions.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): It has come to my attention that JEF Estonia arrived now, 30 minutes late to their slot for presentation. But luckily we are late in schedule, so please do your presentation. Note for the Code of Conduct: Every time if a person is speaking in front or online, please listen and do not do other things and do not talk to your neighbour. Thank you.

- **JEF Estonia**

Benedetta Veneruso (JEF Estonia): Sorry for the delay. The hardest part is always to start something, JEF Estonia has a very similar story. Our first meeting was in September 2021. The venue is my kitchen, the promotion was on Facebook and everyone was welcome.

JEF Estonia. It has been a long journey, here you have Benedetta, Mathilde and Eryk presenting us but we are many more. No-one of them had JEF experience before, so credit to those who learned so much about JEF in such a short time. We have been an interest group since July 2021, we are officially registered in Estonia from August 2022. Our first GA had 40 people attending. We now have 25 paying members. We had 2 international seminars with other JEF sections, our members also went to other sections, co-founding a project. Bilateral seminar with JEF Latvia on Internet Governance, unfortunately the trip to Latvia is still outstanding because of Covid. We also did screenings of movies and were able to raise money to donate to Ukraine. We also have Ukrainian members in our group. Collected policy ideas and sent it to Estonian policy makers. For DuP, we did a human library and received the best newcomer award. The second edition will be about Iran soon. Reach out if you need any advice. We also did an EU Parliament simulation and workshops on Human Rights (WP2022). On Europe Day we went outside and engaged with people, promoting awareness about Ukraine and Iran. We also have sauna parties and other social events. You can go through the slides yourself if you want to have a closer look.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): The EB also has a few words to say.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President): It has been my privilege to be the contact person for all 3 sections and we received every document needed, all statutes have been read and checked. Comments and suggestions have been made. I recommend giving candidate status to all three of them.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Thank you and everyone can sit. PC chairs please come to the front and present outcomes as briefly as possible as we are late on time.

14. Presentation of results by PC Chairs

Guillaume Kayser and Camilla Brizz (chairs of PC2): Thank you for the great discussions, we can improve on the resolutions but it was very good. Biggest discussion was on health care resolutions. All the points were interesting and we learned a lot. Not much to say on the amendments, many were approved during discussion, only very few to be voted on now. It shows we are working really well.

Juuso Jarviniemi (Vice President - PC1): First resolution on the Eurozone was very intense and was already voted upon. Secondly on the Lisbon Treaty EU, no big issues, a couple of points to be worked out now - e.g. European Assembly, as it is part of the CoFoE. Interesting discussions, there will be a couple of amendments but in general we went through it in detail, no need to spend much time on it.

Aleksandra Aleksejeva (PC 3 Co-Chair): Thank you everyone for joining our calls the last 6 months. We have 19 amendments submitted after the PC meeting so thank you for it and we hope you will quickly vote on it.

16.2 Voting on candidate sections

Role Call

- 41 voters present - quorum reached. We can vote.

Vote: JEF Albania Candidacy		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

Vote: JEF Serbia Candidacy		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

Vote: JEF Estonia Candidacy		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Congratulations to all the new candidate sections!

16.3 Voting on the location of 2023 Congress

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Only one application by JEF Spain for Madrid.

Vote: JEF Spain hosting Congress		
In favour	Against	Abstentions

All votes in favour	0	0
JEF Spain will host next Congress		

16.4 Voting on the proposed budget changes

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Budget changes presented yesterday, we will vote as block unless there are questions. Judit is here, let's save the clapping for later.

Vote: All budget changes presented 12/11		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

16.5 Voting on budget 2023

Vote: Budget 2023		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

16.6 Voting on resolutions

PC2: Better Integrated and More Sustainable Mobility Infrastructure for an ever closer Union

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Resolutions from PC2 first, as they have to leave very shortly. Flavia is setting up the amendment platform. We are in session, please focus again. The 1st resolution has two amendments. The first one has been submitted by JEF Austria. Is there someone from JEF Austria in the room to be able to speak in favour of this?

Leo Doden (JEF Austria) - in favour of AM6-018: In the introduction of the resolution, the climate policy is mentioned, and the resolution is from 2022, and the climate policy has been amended Wednesday last week. This amendment takes note of this new climate policy that was submitted.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Please be clear and concise like Leo for the next amendments. Would anyone like to speak against this amendment? No.

Vote: Amendment 6-018

In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

Helena Robert i Campos (EB Member) - in favour of AM181: It is just a quick addition, it is not changing the content, but this amendment also includes rural areas and doesn't just mention cities.

Vote: Amendment 181		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

Vote: Resolution		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

PC2: Calling for a fully fledged Health Union for the European Union

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): For the 2nd resolution, we have 6 amendments.

August Felumb (JEF Denmark): We sent the same amendment and had already amended it. But can I see it because I don't see what this one is.

Nikos Chircop (JEF Malta) - in favour of AM139-2: we had much going on so this amendment is not only about cross-border treatment, but introducing a more united system all over STEM.

Camilla Brizzi (FC): I ask for reformulation. It is not just high level surgical procedures but all the treatments.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): We can go for language washing.

Vote: Amendment 139-2		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0

Adopted

Nikos Chircop (JEF Malta)- in favour of AM139-3: We want to reformat the amendment.

Camilla Brizzi (FC) - against AM139-3: I'm speaking against, because this point is presenting 2 issues that are already spoken of in different points as well.

Vote: Amendment 139-3		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
7	17	12
Not adopted		

Mathilde Pottier (JEF Estonia) - in favour of AM9-140: I have written an essay on this problem and it is very complicated to understand different health systems, so I propose a common platform to integrate everything, for all doctors and healthcare professionals. There is something which already exists, but only for politicians. An EU Health Platform that would give ownership also to patients.

Camilla Brizzi (FC): I'm not speaking really against, the content is okay, just reformulations but too much for normal language washing, so we are okay with the topic. The way it is reformulated is too long too us but we can have it improved.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): The amendment cannot be amended or split up.

Vote: Amendment 9-140		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
9	8	20
Adopted		

Vote: Resolution		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

PC2: Towards a New Federal Budget

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): There were no amendments since the PC meeting yesterday to the Federal Budget resolution so we will vote on it in its entirety.

Vote: Resolution		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Clear majority	0	1
Adopted		

PC1: On the institutional design and governance of the Eurozone

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): This resolution had no amendments submitted since yesterday so we will vote on it in its entirety already.

Vote: Resolution		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

PC1: Strengthening the economic and political union within the Lisbon Treaty

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Since yesterday, three amendments were submitted and will be discussed here. The first amendment is by Diletta from JEF Italy. Would you like to come speak in favour of this amendment. Gianluca, will you come up to speak?

Gianluca Bonato (JEF Italy) - in favour of AM5-060: We just wanted to make it clear how the European fiscal capacity would be funded, that's all.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Excellent, anyone who would like to speak against this amendment? No, then let's go to a vote.

Vote: Amendment 5-060		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): The second amendment was also submitted by JEF Italy. Would Diletta or Gianluca want to speak in favour of this amendment? Would anyone like to speak out against this amendment? If not then let's move on to a vote.

Vote: Amendment 4-087		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Clear majority	0	1
Adopted		

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): The final amendment was also submitted by JEF Italy. I see that the reason here is that the Parliament

Diletta Alese (JEF Italy) - in favour of AM4-098: This paragraph was about how to politicise the European Parliament and we wanted to make it clear that it must continue to be at the forefront of the EU reform process.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Would anyone like to speak against this? If not, then let's move to a vote.

Vote: Amendment 4-098		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): We will now vote on the entire resolution as amended now. Thank you, it has been unanimously approved.

Vote: Resolution		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

PC1: Calling for a European Constituent Assembly

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): We have two amendments submitted since yesterday's PC meetings. The first one was submitted by Diletta by JEF Italy and asked for a removal.

Diletta Alese (JEF Italy) - in favour of AM2-038: In the resolution we wanted to make sure that we don't contradict ourselves because in the resolution it was clear enough that we support a Constituent Assembly but since we also support the Convention we did not want to go against this. Like this, the point therefore remains.

Vote: Amendment 2-038		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): The second amendment was also submitted by Diletta by JEF Italy and has exactly the same reasoning.

Diletta Alese (JEF Italy) - in favour of AM2-062: Yes, same reasoning as the previous amendment.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Would anyone like to speak against this? Let's go on to a vote.

Vote: Amendment 2-062		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): We will now vote on the entire resolution as amended now. Thank you, it has been unanimously approved.

Vote: Resolution		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

PC3: Towards the accession of the Western Balkan countries

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): We will now move on to the final PC, PC3, where we will start on the resolution on the Western Balkans. Four amendments were submitted in total for this resolution. As mentioned, there is one amendment, A8-025, by Theo from JEF Belgium which has no content. Can you explain this? Is it a technical issue?

Theo Prestavione (JEF Belgium): We discussed it during the PC and the amendment was carried, so it was already tackled at the PC.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Ok, so since it was already tackled, we will disregard it.

Vote: Amendment 8-025		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Ok, so we have three other amendments to tackle. Theo, would you like to speak in favour?

Theo Prestavione (JEF Belgium) - in favour of AM8-028: It's quite straightforward and just a question of wording. You put the EU as a tool, and here it goes beyond as a tool. It also brings the EU plus the Balkans.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Would anyone like to speak against this amendment. No, then let's go to a vote.

Vote: Amendment 8-028		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Clear majority	0	2
Adopted		

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Theo, would you like to speak in favour of this amendment again since you submitted it?

Theo Prestavione (JEF Belgium) - in favour of AM8-099: Again it just expects the EP to take initiative, but the EP doesn't have that many legal initiatives to take such action. If there are some treaty changes the EP should be given more power to carry out such initiatives. Again, I think it's quite straightforward.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Would anyone like to speak against this amendment. No, then let's go to a vote.

Vote: Amendment 8-099		
In favour	Against	Abstentions

Clear majority	0	2
Adopted		

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Let's move on to a vote on the amended resolution.

Vote: Resolution		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

PC3: Towards a strong future-oriented relationship with Africa

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): We have 6 amendments in total for this resolution. We'll go through them systematically.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President) - point of order: When we cleaned the AMs during the day, one was done on the wrong resolution. (AM56) It's talking about Western Balkans.

Manuel Quaring (JEF Luxembourg): I did this AM for the Western Balkans PC2 resolution and noticed it was in the wrong. I'm not sure if this is a technical issue or a human error.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Human error in cleaning the resolutions. No ability to re-open the vote on this.

Manuel Quaring (JEF Luxembourg): Okay, I withdraw this AM.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President) - in favour of AM4-083: This is a point we discussed in PC3. The PC requested to be included in the text but we didn't have time to write it. Update the text with the MFF 2021-2027. It is meant to consolidate all development funds of the EU.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Would anyone like to speak against this amendment. No, then let's go to a vote.

Vote: Amendment 4-083		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): The next amendment was submitted by Theo. I see some language changes. Would you like to speak in favour, Theo?

Theo Prestavione (JEF Belgium) - in favour of AM9-120: There's this rhetoric about how the EU gives advice to. We should avoid this because we can also learn from them and not only teach them.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Would anyone like to speak against this amendment. No, then let's go to a vote.

Vote: Amendment 9-120		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): The next amendment was submitted by Christelle on behalf of the EB. It asks for the deletion of a paragraph. Christelle, would you like to explain your reasoning?

Christelle Savall (Vice-President) - in favour of AM4-172: The European Development Fund was included in the multiannual financial framework. We therefore don't need to ask this.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Would anyone like to speak against this amendment. No, then let's go to a vote.

Vote: Amendment 4-172		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): The next amendment was submitted by Theo. Would you like to speak in favour?

Theo Prestavione (JEF Belgium) - in favour of AM9-171: Why would we support the creation of a bank if we already have two banks that are working well. So why create an additional burden for nothing. Better to strengthen the current institutions because they are working.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President) - against AM9-171: I have extensive personal knowledge on the topic of European Development and the European Investment Bank which I will not get into. The goal of the idea is on the EIB report and the development angle is something that the EIB wants to develop. There has been a wise person group, which wrote a report in an effort to pull resources from the EU and member states together. The idea is to have 1 bank rather than 2 banks.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Would anyone else like to speak against this amendment. No, then let's go to a vote.

Vote: Amendment 9-171		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
1	24	8
Not adopted		

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): The final amendment was submitted by Tobias from JEF Germany. Would you like to speak in favour?

Tobias von Gostomski (JEF Germany) - in favour of AM4-206: One could have the impression that this is a paternalistic approach. We would rather change the wording and adapt the last paragraph to have coherent wording. We would prefer that EU supports the African Union and bring them to a position where they can defend human rights by themselves in Africa.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Would anyone like to speak against this amendment. No, then let's go to a vote.

Vote: Amendment 4-206		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): There are no more amendments to this resolution so let's move on to a vote on the amended resolution.

Vote: Resolution		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

PC3: The EU response to the Russian Federation's aggression of Ukraine

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): We will be moving on to the third resolution that PC3 discussed with five amendments to this resolution. We have an issue with Guillaume’s amendment with the content not showing. Maybe you explain the technical issue and then comment on the amendment itself Guillaume.

Guillaume Kayser (PC2 Co-Chair) - in favour of A7-001: Let’s talk about the elephant or rather the bear in the room with the resolution and this clause. Basically, the first submitted AM was to make the following change to take an existing clause and move it up. I was unable to make the change in the software and that’s why I wrote it out. The reason is that the first clause in the resolution currently says there are tensions between the EU and Russia. That’s a little bit of an understatement when you have a war in Europe. Tension is what you get when VDL¹ sits on a sofa not a chair. We should move to the core of the problem first, which is the war of aggression, started by Russia.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President) - point of order: There are actually other amendments saying exactly the same thing. There are 3 amendments that deal with the same subject matter and issues: AM7-006 which aims to delete first clause that Guillaume rightly pointed out and the one we’re talking about, AM7-012 which proposes to feature a clause earlier in the resolution and AM7-094 which proposes to move another two clauses.

Guillaume Kayser (PC2 Co-Chair): In this case I will withdraw my amendment (A7-001).

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Since Guillaume withdrew his amendment, we will move on to Christelle’s amendment. Christelle doesn’t need to speak in favour, it’s quite self explanatory. Would anyone like to speak against the deletion of this paragraph? If not, then let’s move to a vote.

Vote: Amendment 7-006		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Let’s move on to the third amendment, also by Christelle. We were also discussing it. The proposal is to move a clause from line 22 and bumping it up to line 12. Christelle doesn’t have to speak in favour of it as it’s very self explanatory. Let’s move on to a vote.

Vote: Amendment 7-012		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0

¹ von der Leyen

Adopted

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Let's move on to the fourth amendment to this resolution by Guillaume. Guillaume would you like to argue in favour of it?

Guillaume Kayser (PC2 Co-Chair) - in favour of AM7-0074: This amendment was about the clause that currently says very specific organisations should hold the cooperation with Russia. We believe it would make more sense to make the clause more general - not only about specific organisations but also other countries which collaborate with Russia and perpetuate war crimes and human rights violations such as Iran with its drones and missiles with North Korea. Since it is not possible to kick Russia out of the UN then it makes more sense to target states which collaborate in this way with Russia, and of course not those which collaborate on humanitarian grounds.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President): Can we have a few minutes pause please to reflect?

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Okay, I'm allowing a few minutes.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President) - point of order: During the PC meeting the same clause that Guillaume mentioned was deleted and moved to the second part.

Guillaume Kayser (PC2 Co-Chair): So, to clarify it's currently in the resolution? In this case, I withdraw AM7-0074.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): In this case, let's move on to the final amendment by Christelle.

Alberto Gasparato (JEF Italy): Sorry, I have a comment to make on the previous amendment. I was in the PC3 discussion yesterday. About the previous amendment, if I remember correctly, the wording was changed but I think it was substituted, and we didn't keep both wordings.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President): Yes exactly. Now it still shows in the text which I'm still trying to fix. The initial text which Guillaume removed has to be removed from the resolution, because it was removed during the PC.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): So, from what I understand, what is in the text does not reflect what was agreed in the PC then. I suggest we don't move on to the next amendment until Christelle amends the resolution so it's clear for everyone. Guillaume withdrew his amendment because it reflects what was agreed in the PCs.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Let's move on. I see there's just moving of clauses and no new content in the next amendment. Would you like to speak in favour of it, Christelle?

Christelle Savall (Vice-President) - in favour of AM7-094: Usually we rank the points in order by importance. Basically the first point was calling for the EU to have a common strategy towards Russia. But what we want first is to restore Ukraine. First we want Russia out of Ukraine, that's the most important thing, and then we want the EU to be strong and united.

Vote: Amendment 7-094

In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): There are no more amendments to this resolution. Let's go on to a vote on the amended resolution.

Vote: Resolution		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

PC3: For a common European Response to the invasion of Ukraine and the future of Ukraine

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): We will move on to the final resolution discussed in PC3. Since yesterday's PC discussion, we have 4 amendments. Guillaume, would you like to speak in favour of the first amendment, which you submitted?

Guillaume Kayser (PC2 Co-Chair) - in favour of AM8-0038: So, this clause is basically about being concerned about the fragility of Ukrainian reforms and reform efforts. Is it right, at the moment when Ukrainians are suffering to ensure that their country survives, to criticise them as much as the present clause does? Everyone in Ukraine already knows that corruption is a problem, we don't need to remind them. The best guarantee of positive change is to, first of all, help Ukrainians with weapons to win the war, and second, and with help of JEF and other civil society organisations, to ensure change is not reversed and progress continues. The idea was to tone down this clause a bit, but keep the point that we are concerned about reform efforts but at the same time not giving the Kremlin new arguments by mentioning corruption.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President) -against AM8-0038: The reason I'm speaking against is exactly the reason why he speaks in favour. For me, it's not about fragility, but about durability and to comment about something that happened before the war, especially in the context of future accession. So for me, it's just to explain that there was fragility before.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Understood. Let's move on to a vote.

Vote: Amendment 8-038		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
1	25	9

Not adopted

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): The second amendment received was also by Guillaume. Would you like to speak in favour?

Guillaume Kayser (PC2 Co-Chair) - in favour of AM8-0051: This one is fundamental. I know we are late and it's one of the last amendments we are discussing, but please bear with me. Of course, we want real peace in Ukraine but the problem here is mentioning negotiations and discussing conditions for these negotiations to happen. How can there be negotiations when one side, Russia, believes the other side, Ukraine, does not have a right to exist? A country cannot half exist and half not exist. So we don't see that there is the space to compromise here.

Showing that we talk about negotiations in JEF resolutions will have several disastrous impacts, because our resolutions are public so the world can see them. One of the impacts will be that:

- Russians will be encouraged to continue the war, because they will think we are not all in.
- Ukrainians will doubt our resolve to help them and worry more than they already do fighting Russia.
- Europeans and Americans will get the unrealistic expectation that this war all be over soon, when this is only the beginning. When the Allies landed and freed Normandie, they did not talk about negotiating with Hitler. They freed Paris, they freed France and they freed Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Ukraine so far has only freed Kharkiv oblast and Kherson but there's a lot more to go.

But there is also a third and a more fundamental, moral reason to oppose talking about negotiations: It is Ukraine that was attacked and it is Ukrainians who die every day under Putin's bombs and bullets. It should be up to Ukrainians to decide when and under what pre-conditions to negotiate with the country that aggressed them. I strongly believe that for these three reasons, we should just demand that Russia withdraws.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Thank you. Does anyone want to speak against Guillaume's amendment?

Christelle Savall (Vice-President) - against AM8-0051: I agree with your sentiment but we had this discussion in PC3 yesterday. It was not carried during PC3 because the position that all Russian forces withdraw from Ukraine is currently the position of the Ukrainian government which also wants to start negotiations for peace. The war has to end by negotiations. We want Ukraine to win but even when Ukraine wins, there will need to be negotiations because you need a treaty to stop a war. This idea, in the text, is that JEF supports the current stance of the Ukrainian government.

Guillaume Kayser (PC2 Co-Chair) - in favour of AM8-0051: Thanks I understand Christelle, but maybe we should have rephrased it in a way that shows that we support the Ukrainian government and this does not say that. The Ukrainian government said that they do not want to negotiate with Putin's Russia but they want a regime change before that. They want war tribunals for war criminals before and a lot of other things which are not reflected here. For me, I would like to see that it says that it supports the Ukrainian government's positions. The way it's written now is too reductionist, based on the wording from Zelensky and the

authorities in Ukraine. In my opinion, they don't say that it's enough for the Russians to withdraw from their territory. It's not enough, especially when the Ukrainians are talking about justice, war criminals, reparations and so on. Therefore I encourage you to support this amendment.

Antonio Argenziano (President) - against AM8-0051: The point here is very important. I think that it's important to mention the role of international organisations in mediating the situation between two countries. We have a responsibility. As Europeans, we have experienced many bad peace treaties that created other occasions of conflict. This has to end. The precondition for any negotiations is for the Russian army to withdraw from Ukraine, there is no misunderstanding on this. We need to talk about the role that the EU and international institutions will have as soon as the dialogue is possible. The dialogue will be possible when the Russian army withdraws from Ukraine and this is why I'm against the amendment.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): We cannot keep going in replying. The statutes say that one can speak only once and I allowed you to speak twice.

Vote: Amendment 8-051		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
9	25	1
Not adopted		

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): This amendment was submitted by Christelle. Would you like to explain your amendment?

Christelle Savall (Vice-President) - in favour of AM8-062: In the resolution on empowerment and diversity, we said that we want to be gender neutral so therefore I propose changing countrymen to compatriots to reflect this.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Does anyone want to speak against this? If not, let's move to a vote.

Vote: Amendment 8-062		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): This amendment was also submitted by Christelle. Would you like to explain further?

Christelle Savall (Vice-President) - in favour of AM8-084: There was a new point that was added during the PC but we couldn't change the order. It's just that the commitment JEF takes upon itself is usually the last point of a resolution, so we wanted to be consistent on this.

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): That was very clear. Does anyone want to speak against it? Let's move to a vote.

Vote: Amendment 8-084		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): There are no more amendments to this resolution. Let's go on to a vote on the amended resolution.

Vote: Resolution		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

Emma Farrugia (Presidium): Thank you everybody very much for all your work in the PC meetings. Let's move on to the next point on the agenda.

Sections updates

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Sections, please give your updates if you feel like it. Since we're late, please give the most important updates.

Nikos Chircop (JEF Malta): We are preparing the programme, number of activities, social and academic activities, a discussion - identity politics. Russia and Ukraine. Elephant in the room - FC Malta - we are very excited about having you all, especially newcomers to JEF.

Daniel Tamas Homlok (JEF Hungary): It's a pleasure to be here. Our legal status is still a procedure. We started with 7 members, now we have 40. Also trying to expand to rural regions. Home parliament - 20 meetings like this, we issued recommendations.

Tobias von Gostomski (JEF Germany): We recently elected a new federal Board. I want to introduce you to the new Board. Next week we will have our first meeting. First focus EYY (European Year of Youth), second EU enlargement to Western Balkans- travelling to Albania, talking to NGOs, local authorities.

Foivos Voulgaris (JEF Greece): It has been a long year for us, after lots of signatures we managed to register. We increased membership a lot. We are really engaged with the work plan on human rights.

Sofie Schlüter Knauer (JEF Denmark): End of September General Assembly. We recently had a campaign to get rid of the Danish opt out. Denmark is one step closer to be a fully integrated EU member.

August Felumb (JEF Denmark): Internationally we've been really active. We really wanted to meet JEF Hungary but they didn't want to meet us (laugh). We want to make the north more federalist. We also had a project trip to Georgia this summer. Here will be another summer camp in Denmark - beginning of August, Norway or Denmark.

Model EU Copenhagen, you are all invited to come. A simulation where you act as MEPs. February 2023.

Gergana Blazheva (EB Member): Thank you JEF Denmark for the amazing work on the opt-out. We should still get rid of the others. The summer camp was an amazing experience. It was a great example of twinning.

Sami Mikael Matikainen (JEF Finland). This year in JEF Finland has been full of projects. We have received funding from the Foreign Ministry. We also had a social media influencer campaign as well as a dictionary for schools given out during events. We also had a seminar in Lapland, which was a huge success and it will be something that will be repeated next year. We are working on more projects with the Nordic Council, in fact, we are visiting JEF Estonia next week. We have our Congress next week, where we will elect a new President. There are also national elections next year where we will be campaigning and talking about the EU ahead of the elections. We need a parliament in Finland that supports EU reform.

Jakub Slejska (JEF Czechia): Thank you for coming to Prague. We were really happy to have you, which was the capital of Europe for this half a year due to the EU Council presidency. About our section, we are rather a smaller section but trying to be active. We are running a project with JEF Passau which has been quite successful. Regularly we are going to the EU youth event in Strasbourg. This weekend has been the biggest event we ever organised so we were very happy to make this happen. After the FC, we want to invite you to the city tour.

Julius Lajtha (JEF UK): The situation in the UK remains tricky in terms of funding for us. We don't have the funds to visit you but feel free to visit us. Secondly, people are realising slowly that Erasmus is needed. It's needed for the next pro European generation growing up in the UK.

Alexiane Terrochaire-Barbançon (JEF UK): I handle YEM UK (JEF UK)'s soft power. We launched 'Let's be Active-ist', a series of podcasts. We want to make it more international. We also have the second season of our Brexit Reality Portraits.

Madalin Blidaru (JEF Romania): We had homework from Congress Liege. I can confirm that the full registration is done. We have established groups of active people and started coming up with ideas for projects. We're looking forward to working with you on these.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): We are trying to revive JEF Vienna, so please contact Leo or myself.

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Flavia-Gabriela Sandu (EB Member): Some people have been involved in JEF for 10 years: Antonio and Christelle. See you at 100!

Antonio Argenziano (President): Thanks to JEF Czechia for organising and the Secretariat for carrying out the seminars.

FC closed at 12:56.