

EB minutes

September 25th 2023, 8:00 pm CEST

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

Excused: Helena

Minutes: Gergana (Review: Antonio)

Agenda

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (13/09)
3. Secretariat Update
4. Advocacy Update
5. Joint open letter on civil dialogue
6. To do list
7. Madrid check-in
8. EB report Madrid
9. Procedural questions to the Arbitration Board
10. AOB
 - a. European Civic Education

Minutes

1. Adoption of draft agenda	Decision: The agenda is adopted.
2. Adoption of the draft minutes	Decision: Minutes adopted for the 13 September meeting.
3. Secretariat Update Not much has changed since the last Secretariat update in Cluj. Judit is still working to solve the issues with the office, related to contesting unjust rent and costs for the previous cleaning company. EYF has accepted our application for the Work Plan 2024 on ethnic and linguistic minorities.	-

<p>We did not get the Erasmus+ grant which, as a follow up of Y-FED, had a focus on Western Balkans and Eastern Partnership, and that we developed with several national youth councils from those regions. On a positive note, we can use what we wrote for other applications in December.</p>	
<p>4. Advocacy Update</p> <p>Antonio attended the State of the Union plenary of the European Parliament, in Strasbourg.</p> <p>In that occasion, the AFCO¹ report on treaty change has been officially presented during a press conference. The day after the first discussion on the Report took place in the Committee. Antonio, together with Ines, joined the meeting and had the opportunity to engage with MEPs and assistants. In particular, he approached MEPs from Finland and Portugal, to talk about their doubts on the matter and had the opportunity to have brief chats with the rapporteurs as well. After the meeting, Antonio had a working lunch with the assistant of Sven Simon, the EPP rapporteur for the report.</p> <p>Back in Brussels, Antonio met people from the board of the EMI as well. They shared EurHope in their newsletter.</p> <p>During the weekend, on the occasion of the Rejoin march in the UK, Antonio travelled to London to support JEF UK during a demonstration that gathered over 20 000 people. Guy Verhofstadt and Terry Reintke were present for the European Parliament. JEF UK had the opportunity to address the crowd from the stage and to promote the</p>	<p>-</p>

¹ Constitutional Affairs Committee in the European Parliament.

<p>Rejoin Erasmus campaign they are about to launch.</p> <p>Back to Treaty change, Antonio and Ines are working on a strategy to have an impact on the AFCO report.</p> <p>In the meantime a French-German expert paper suggests different treaty changes possibilities, beyond the convention: an intergovernmental conference or put the changes into the accession treaties. Proposals about the multilevel governance of the EU have been advanced there as well.</p> <p>ALDA and UEF invited us to organise an event about Treaty Change within the framework of the EESC civil society week.</p> <p>Knut shares stories from the 50th anniversary of JEF Norway and tells some #JEFspirit history moments.</p>	
<p>5. Joint open letter on civil dialogue</p> <p>Judit shares some concerns about the Civil Society Europe & European Economic and Social Committee joint open letter on civil dialogue. Judit will give us an update after the CSE board meeting next week.</p>	
<p>6. To do list</p> <p>Recap of the to-do's of board members.</p>	
<p>7. Madrid check-in</p> <p>Austria update: Robin got in touch with Kati, but she didn't give him an answer regarding the registrations of National Delegates. She needs to discuss this with Daniel, which means that JEF Austria might not have any votes. If this is the case, the 5 National Delegates will be accepted as Observers.</p> <p>EBs to ask sections for preference regarding their Observers, rank them and then share</p>	<p>The EB reviewed the current state of registrations for the JEF Congress.</p>

<p>with the Secretariat members working on the selection process.</p>	
<p>8. EB report Madrid</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB members to prepare the slides by the EB meeting of 24/10 - EB members to rehearse the presentation on 8/11
<p>9. Procedural questions to the Arbitration Board</p> <p>The EB has received a request to start a procedure on the dismissal of an officer of JEF Europe due to serious misconduct, in line with Article 22(b)(viii) of the Statutes. The EB discussed the procedure, and agreed on questions to be presented to the Arbitration Board regarding the process.</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <p>Judit and Juuso will follow the question on behalf of the EB, in close consultation with EB members.</p>
<p>10. AOB</p> <p>a. Juuso presented a document communicating input by JEF Europe for an interparliamentary Committee Meeting on European Citizenship Education, requested by the European Parliament.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Document to be adopted by tomorrow evening.

The EB meeting closes at 22:13 CEST.