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Minutes

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1. Official opening

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): Welcome to everyone here. Thank you JEF Malta for hosting us. I will pass the microphone to Christelle and Juuso for the welcome address by JEF Europe.

1.1. Welcome address by JEF Europe

FC opened by **Christelle Savall** (Vice-President) and **Juuso Järvinemi** (Vice-President):

Christelle Savall (Vice-President):

- This is a special FC for us. We will present our campaign for the 2024 EU elections, which will be launched on May 9th. Furthermore, we will launch the Democracy under Pressure (DuP) campaign today.
- This FC is special for me as well. It is the first time I am in Malta. However, I was elected during the Congress in Malta for the first time. I wasn't there in person because we didn't have the solidarity fund back then and I was a broke student in Switzerland.
- It's truly heartwarming to see how much JEF grew as an organisation in the past almost 6 years and how we keep growing all together, bringing more and more people to federalism and federalism to more and more people.
- I am proud and grateful for all of you, of the sections and for the work you do every day.
- Today, we will have a welcome speech by JEF Malta, we will do a session for the 'Words of Europe' - project and will launch the Democracy under Pressure campaign today with some of you explaining what will happen in your countries.

Juuso Järvinemi (Vice-President):

- I just want to make sure we make the most of the Mediterranean sun this weekend, but also that we recharge our JEF battery.
- We have planned some social moments this weekend to welcome all newcomers here and get to know the board and the new Secretariat members. And tomorrow, during the Secretariat update, we have another moment to welcome all the new members.
- We will be voting on the resolution of a full time president. We will also have policy discussions on interesting topics like the energy market and EU- China relations.
- During the Task Forces. We will talk about 'Be a federalist ally', as well as a session on 'Europe, what if?'
- To summarise: it will be a busy weekend and we have a busy time ahead of us. We are looking forward to seeing you and discussing all these topics together. Once again: welcome to Malta!

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Thank you Christelle and Juuso. I will now invite representatives from JEF Malta to the front.

1.2 Welcome address by JEF Malta

- **Nicole Spiteri** (JEF Malta President): We are super excited to see you all here. Thank you everyone for coming and thank you to everyone who made this happen, not just people but also partner organisations like EPLO¹.
- **Julianne Vella** (JEF Malta Vice President): It is our honour to extend our welcome to you this weekend. We have combined the venue and accommodation this time, to make it easier for all of you. Please feel very welcome to join us for some networking drinks this evening at the hotel bar. We will also be organising a disco party at Porto Lounge with tickets at 10 EUR, for which you'll also get a tote bag.
- **Nikos Chircop** (JEF Malta International Officer): Malta is at the periphery of Europe but now it has almost been a member of the EU for 20 years. We have to thank everyone involved, with a special thanks to the Executive Board and the Secretariat, especially Andrew, so let's give a round of applause. Thank you for the European Liaison Office, Agenzija Zghazagh, and the Malta Tourism Authority for sponsoring us and finally, a big thank you to the Executive Board of JEF Malta. Thank you for coming here, we are glad that you made it, since I am sure that not everyone was able to find direct flights unfortunately.
- **Francesca Giudice** (JEF Malta Financial Officer): I just want to say thank you everyone, we are very happy to have you here!

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Thank you all. We have a surprise video but we still have to download it, so we will move on to the next speech.

Welcome address by Dr. Mario Sammut, Head of the European Parliament Liaison Office in Malta

- Good afternoon and welcome to Malta. First of all I would like to congratulate the local board and the European board for organising this. This experience will be useful for you now and also later for your future. I'm hearing as part of the EPLO in Malta.
- I was involved in AEGEE² for 10 years and it gave me the opportunity to travel a lot. During this period and because of AEGEE, I made some of my best friends, who I am still in touch with to this day.. Getting to know different cultures and meeting people is so important when you're young. In the past, we spent time fighting each other in different wars. Now we are connected, life is much better when we get to know each other.
- At the moment, there is a horrible situation ongoing. I know people in Ukraine who lost everything, their house, their career: everything. The EU has not made a Europe without war possible yet. Everyone needs to respect the existence of other member states. If we look beyond Ukraine, we have had a long time without war. Of course the Balkan war in the 90s also happened. We need to protect the peace and strengthen the European project. When we see young people like you and your organisation, we feel that it is something we need to promote and support. So really, well done and keep it up!
- I just want to make 2 points:
 1. EU elections are coming soon. It's important that we elect those who make the decisions in our daily lives. The European Parliament is the only elected body, and one of the main legislators of the EU. I know this will be a key topic for you as well. The decisions will affect our daily lives. It is our main legislator, everything is affected by the EU. I emphasise the Importance of the vote, of having a representative in the EU. The MEPs do care. President Metsola, who I know personally, listens a lot. This is something I've seen with my own eyes. The Parliament makes an effort to listen to

¹ European Parliament Liaison Office

² Association des États Généraux des Étudiants de l'Europe

everyone, especially young people. We can help shape the Europe we want

2. The second point is the www.together.eu platform through which the EU keeps in touch with its citizens. You can be a volunteer, a supporter. You get to know about a lot of opportunities, partners and it can benefit you. This would perhaps be my selling pitch.
- As a final note, don't forget to have fun and enjoy Malta. Take time to discuss and debate; we might not all agree on everything but it is important that we discuss and talk. Compromise is the solution to dispute and war. Compromise is what the EU is based upon. Thank you and have a great time.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Thank you Dr. Sammut. We will now move onto our next address which will be by Ms. Miriam Theuma from the Youth Agency of Malta

Welcome address by Ms. Miriam Theuma, CEO of the National Youth Agency of Malta

- Good afternoon everyone, welcome to Malta! I came from Strasbourg and it's really cold there at the moment. Good luck for the work you will do these coming days but also don't forget to enjoy yourself here. I prepared a speech but I also wanted to have an informal conversation with you. I wanted to leave you with some points. I assume you will talk about democracy and how to revitalise it in Europe again. We are all aware of the backsliding we've been seeing. You're not just the future, you're the present. I don't want to shove the responsibility on you but I want you to know that you are part of the community so let us work together. Voting is one of things we should all be doing but unfortunately so many young people don't vote. Besides this, there are other forms of participation and taking part in a youth organisation like yours is one way of participating. Democracy is often taken for granted. Unfortunately, especially with young people, we think that democracy is a given. We have to work for it and keep working for it. In one minute, the democracy we have can vanish. We have seen this in the situation with Russia; it can be just one person who decided to take over Ukraine..Young people have spoken up during different points in time, from the opposition to the Vietnam War to the fall of the Berlin wall. They have participated and brought a new Europe. After this, the European Commission came up with the white paper on youth participation, after which all the strategies and documents came. Europe though, is not just the European Union and the Council of Europe has also worked hard for young people and for meaningful youth participation. The CoE's³ strategy for 2030 is revitalising democracy and peaceful communities. These are all policies which you have to consider while doing your work. I don't think I need to continue reiterating this point. It's nice to see you all here together and I wish you the greatest success with your work. Today, we're not in Ireland but Malta, but it's St Patrick's Day, so please enjoy it! I wish you luck and enjoy your weekend. Thank you!

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): I moved on a bit too fast unfortunately so sorry for that, but we also have the Head of Communications from EPLO to give a speech.

Welcome address by Ms. Elaine Cordina, Communications Officer at the European Parliament Liaison Office in Malta

- I wasn't told that I had time for a speech so this will be very spontaneous as I didn't prepare anything. I will again emphasise the points made by Dr. Sammut, the Head of the EPLO which is the together.eu platform. This platform exists in every EU language and you can subscribe

³ Council of Europe

to it. I don't have much else to say, but I'd like to thank JEF, with whom we have a longstanding relationship since the last EP elections. We have very good memories with the Secretariat. You can reach the places that we can't, as you have direct access to young people. So do please reach out to us, we're very happy to help. Thank you!

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): I think we are now ready to show you the surprise video. That was a teaser! (laughs) The sound is not working unfortunately so we will move on and will show it to you later. Let's move on with the Code of Conduct and the Gender Watch.

1.3. Code of Conduct and Gender watch

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): The Code of Conduct, which many of you may be already familiar with, is a set of principles, values and guidelines meant to guide JEFers and all participants in all JEF events. It is meant to guide our behaviour and participation during events and ensure safe, inclusive, diverse and equal participation during events.

Underlining JEF Europe's zero tolerance policy for any kind of discrimination and threatening behaviour, there is a need to make sure that this policy is fully implemented and realised. The contact persons for this event are Judit Lantai and Knut André Sande. If you would kindly take over.

Judit Lantai (Secretary-General): Thank you Kati. Indeed we are the contact persons for this event. Please feel free to come to us for anything. We, as the contact persons, are from two different genders to ensure that as many people as possible feel comfortable approaching us. If you don't feel comfortable reporting to us, there's still the opportunity to go to the permanent contact persons, which you can see on the slide.

Knut André Sande (EB Member): There's also the anonymous form which you can also fill in, but I will send this in the WhatsApp group later on today, so you will also have the information there.

Judit Lantai (Secretary-General): The basic questions about the Code of Conduct are to whom does it apply, when does it apply and where. The easiest answer to that is everywhere. The Code of Conduct applies to both online and offline events throughout the whole event, no matter if you're a delegate or part of the Presidium or the FC. When you sign up to the event, you automatically sign up to the Code of Conduct and commit to this culture.

Knut André Sande (EB Member): When you're acting in accordance with the Code of Conduct, you have to respect others and not degrade or undermine them. Making sure to not speak over others and when discussing certain sensitive topics making sure to keep in mind that they may be personal to others. We should create an environment where it is easy for anyone to speak up and express their opinion. Let's make sure to take care of each other during the event. Let's support and enable the participation and inclusion of others, for example by explaining abbreviations, terms, and difficult concepts. Also, not discriminating on the basis of any personal characteristics, physical or otherwise and avoiding commenting on another person's looks publicly, or in a way that makes them uncomfortable or objectifies them.

Judit Lantai (Secretary-General): The list continues. It's important that we use inclusive language and not use language that emphasises the thought that basic health and ability is expected: so we shouldn't assume. We should make sure that we're not judgemental towards someone's culture and not feed into any racist stereotypes in speech, actions, or behaviour,

even as a joke or ironically. Make sure to ask permission before touching someone and respect their personal space. We should not resort to bullying, making fun of or putting down others, laughing at others' mistakes, unless we laugh together with them. If you do this, please make sure to apologise. Finally, as a catch all clause, we should not harass or abuse any JEFers or anyone during activities. About assumptions, we shouldn't make assumptions about a person, their background, or opinion based on their skin colour, other external features, or the way they speak; assume another person's religious or political affiliation or non-affiliation, other conviction, or beliefs; assume a person's gender identity or sexual orientation; assume someone's ability to do the same things you are able to do; and assume everyone to be in good health, physical or otherwise.

Knut André Sande (EB Member): Now we also have the slide explaining what can be done from our end in case of a violation of the Code of Conduct. It can for example, take the form of reminding participants of their obligation to act in accordance with the present Code of Conduct and give them advice on how to do so. Also engaging in a one to one conversation with the person in breach of the Code to make sure that there is a mutual understanding of the nature of the inappropriate action, including clarifying and explaining possible misunderstandings and intercultural differences. Thirdly, informing, only when necessary, the other organisers of the event or the meeting chairs about the problematic behaviour or the violation of the Code. Fourthly, facilitating a structured conversation between parties to resolve the situation. Finally, in consultation with the organising team and the facilitators of the activity, the session can also be suspended and/or ban the person in breach of the Code from attending the remainder of the event or activity.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Thank you very much. I will now explain what the Gender Watch is. To see how much time people take when speaking, we measure the time every person takes when speaking, according to the gender they indicated when signing up to this event to see how much time the different genders take up when speaking.. We only measure this in the plenary, and not in the PC⁴ or TF⁵ sessions. It will be Michela from the Secretariat doing the Gender Watch. We will report on this tomorrow and on Sunday at the end of the FC.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Technical problems with playing the video persist. In the meantime, we will have updates on the FC. This is two points in one point. We will have updates about the Task Forces and Political Commissions. There should be two slides showing the names of the people you should contact if you're interested in those Task Forces and Political Commissions. What is new this time is the updates since the last FC in Prague. We had the EB-FC meeting in Brussels in December where we updated each other and discussed projects which we will pursue. We have Task Force Diversity and Empowerment which is working on a Guide on Inclusive Language at the moment. If your section has any abbreviations to include in this guide, please contact Xesc and Kati.

2. Overview of FC activities

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): The next agenda point is the agenda for this meeting. You might have noticed that the agenda has changed if you checked it out recently in the internal Members Area on the website. Everything that is highlighted in green are the changes. We are already into Friday, we had the official opening and the addresses and the overview of activities for the FC. Next on, we will have a session as part of the Words of Europe project,

⁴ Political Commission

⁵ Task Force

and after we will launch Democracy Under Pressure. Then you will see training on inclusive activities which is highlighted in green, and this will be in hybrid format, where people will also join online. Then we will close the day, we will receive some logistical information, have dinner, as well as a social activity.

For tomorrow, on Saturday, we have breakfast till 8:45 AM and we will start at 9:00 AM sharp, so please be here at 8:45 AM latest. Then we have a lot of formalities. We will present Code of Conduct again so you don't forget about it, then a roll call, to see if we have quorum. Then we will confirm the chairs for this FC, we will elect tellers, adopt the agenda with changes. We will appoint a Resolutions Committee. We also have the vote on the potential adoption of a TF on Ukraine and the vote of a chair. We will remind you of deadlines and present the agenda for the day again tomorrow, so don't worry if you don't remember everything.

There will also be an Activity Report by the Board and the Secretariat, with a Q&A included. We will also have coffee breaks and afterwards we will have the PC sessions. You can choose one of these PCs to join and discuss the resolutions. Then we will have lunch and in the afternoon we will be presented the Full Time President resolution and then the European Election campaign will be presented. This will really just be a presentation tomorrow afternoon. There will be more time to discuss in detail, even during the TF sessions as there will be a session on the campaign.

You will see another change. The Finance and Monitoring Committee will take place on Sunday morning. The presentation of bids for the Spring FC 2024 will take place on Saturday already so that everyone gets the chance to present the candidacies themselves. Then we will take a group photo and a coffee break and then the TF sessions. We will have two group sessions of 60 minutes. In the first round, we will have a MEET activity, following up what we'll do tonight. There will be a session on Europe What If which will be explained tomorrow and of course a session on the Election Campaign. There will also be a TF Empowerment and Diversity session. There will also be a session on the Membership Survey and updates on that. Then we will have dinner, with the deadline to submit amendments being at 8PM. The resolutions committee will meet after this and we will then have the party, so please buy a ticket.

On Sunday, we will have the Monitoring Committee report presented. The dates for the Online Congress and the Congress in Madrid will be presented. PC chairs will also present the results. We will have another MEET training on inclusive activities, followed by a lot of voting. If you want to vote, you need to stay in the room. After the voting, we will have section updates and AOB. There will be packed lunches and you can also join a free city tour of Valletta in the afternoon.

The video will be shown tomorrow morning.

The day continued with the Words of Europe session and the hybrid MEET training session.

Saturday, 18 March, 2023

Start at 09:07

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Good morning everyone. We will be opening with the video that was promised yesterday.

Roberta Metsola's video is played.

1. Start of the FC and Formalities

1.1 Code of conduct and Gender watch

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Since there are more people present than yesterday, I invite Judit and Knut to explain the Code of Conduct again.

Judit Lantai (Secretary-General): If this is your first time in a JEF event, there is a Code of Conduct. It applies to everyone. We will post the links in the WhatsApp group again. Let us know if you're not in it.

Knut André Sande (EB Member): why do we have it; to make sure everyone is safe and has a good time. Reading slide (what is code of conduct). We are the contact persons, you can find us around this area.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): We also have a short report by the Permanent Contact Persons for the Code of Conduct.

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): The current Code of Conduct was adopted during the Online FC in 2021. Myself (Kati), Julius, and Ophelie are the Permanent Contact Persons. Not going into details of the reports received but provided an overview of how we received reports.

Julius Lajtha (JEF UK): We roughly receive 1 or 2 reports per event. The categories are usually sexual harassment/ harassment, or discrimination.

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): We don't have the information on all the reports that take place, as we are not the only contact persons, since every event has its own contact persons. We also have the possibility of anonymous reporting which is very important.

Julius Lajtha (JEF UK): You can file the report anonymously or wish to not be identified towards the person who you're complaining against, so it's an important distinction there. You can talk to the contact persons without being revealed. Anything taken as a result of such a report will have you in the centre. We check everything as well. It is you in the centre of the action taking, and it is not like going to the police. We hope this allows the maximum possible number of people to come forward with complaints so that we create a safe and comfortable environment in JEF.

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): The Code of Conduct will be lapsing in the Congress in Madrid, and we will discuss this in the TF this afternoon and also in future. Hopefully we can continue creating a safe environment for everyone involved in JEF.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President): Do you have any recommendations?

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): We are not prepared for this question.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President): You can also think about it today, no need to answer it now.

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): One thing that comes to mind is to organise a wider training for contact persons and for people organising JEF events.

Julius Lajtha (JEF UK): I have two ideas. First thing: being criticised is never a nice situation, but I think that it is always better to know than to have this take place in silence. It is better to be aware to have conversations than to keep things quiet. If you would be contacted by us for breaching the Code of Conduct, we will not treat you as a criminal. We will try to seek a solution, through a joined learning process. We approach and engage in this process with a positive mindset. Second point is that spreading the Code of Conduct further, it is a very nice document but maybe if we tweak it a bit, it can be adopted also beyond JEF.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): The result of gender watch from yesterday is 41.5% male, 58.5% female, and other gender 0%.

1.2 Declaration of votes present (roll call)

- 39 voters present - quorum reached

1.3 Confirmation of chairs of the FC Malta

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium); There is no official procedure for this, so we will just vote in favour to have Xesc and Kati as co-chairs in this meeting.

Vote: Confirmation of chairs of the FC Malta		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All	0	0
Confirmed		

1.4 Election of tellers

Candidates:

1. JEF Malta - Nicole Spiteri
2. JEF Moldova - Rinja Grigore

Vote: Election of tellers		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All	0	0
All candidates elected		

1.5 Adoption of the agenda and timetable

We will show the agenda on the screen, as the WiFi is not working.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): we will show the agenda now quickly. For points 1.8 and 1.9, Antonio will give an explanation.

Antonio Argenziano (President): For TF Ukraine, the idea is to give a formal body on this matter.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President): Leaving it to the Congress to decide. We will still work on this even if the TF is not constituted.

Guillaume Kayser (Chair PC2): For 1.16, suggestion to postpone the minutes from the FC Prague meeting as they were not provided in time to be approved.

Antonio Argenziano (President): That was our second point, indeed. The suggestion is to vote on them during the outgoing FC in Madrid.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): For the third point in the agenda, the proposal is to remove the finance report on Saturday but do candidates for the spring FC in the afternoon. Then, the Finance and monitoring committee will be moved to Sunday morning. For the afternoon, the TFs and another MEET training. The resolution on the logo was handed in 40 minutes after the deadline, so we have to vote on whether we can vote this in the agenda.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Any objections to vote on the proposed changes as a block?

Vote: Adoption of agenda (all changes) to vote in a block?		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All	0	0
Adopted		

Vote: Adoption of agenda (all changes)		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All	0	0
Adopted		

Vote: Waving deadline for the Elections resolution (handed in too late)		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All	0	0
Adopted		

Vote: Adoption of the agenda		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All	0	0
Adopted		

1.6 Adoption of the minutes of the Autumn FC in Prague

Postponed to the next FC.

1.7 Appointment of the Resolutions Committee

Candidates:

Kalojan Hoffmeister (PC1)

Guillaume Kayser (PC2)

Robin Mudry (PC3)

Gergana Blazheva and **Antonio Argenziano** (EB)

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium)

Vote: Election of members of the Resolutions Committee		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All	0	0
All candidates elected		

1.8 Vote on the creation of a Task Force on Ukraine

Deleted

1.9 Vote on the chair of the TF on Ukraine

Deleted

1.10 Reminder on voting system and deadlines

Antonio Argenziano (President): The deadline for submissions is today at 8pm, and everything has to be submitted through the amendment platform only. Even Observers can submit amendments, although it is better to submit them through your section. For everyone, please make sure you submit everything after the PC meetings and before 8pm today to make it valid.

1.11 Presentation of the agenda for the day

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): People presenting please come to the front.

1.12 Introduction of TF and other workshops

Melanie Thut (Chair TF EP Elections): We want to discuss the next meetings of the TF, possible merchandise, and the launch of the campaign on the 9th of May.

Antonio Argenziano (President): Exceptionally, 2 sessions of this TF are planned, in both rounds of TF meetings, to allow everyone to participate.

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): The TF E&D will have 2 sessions. The first part will be the MEET training, mainly about inclusivity. The second session will be focusing on the 'Be a Federalist Ally' campaign.

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (Presidium for this FC): This refers to the campaign JEF launched a couple of years ago. We would like to launch a similar campaign within TF E&D this year, focusing on accessibility and understanding of people with disabilities.

Knut Andre Sande (EB Member): The session on 'Europe What If' is meant for countries outside of the EU. It will only be held during the first round of TF sessions. The main focus will be on enlargement and the idea is to discuss possibilities for a campaign that would run in parallel to the EP Elections one. You are all welcome to be there.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): People for the second round of sessions are now invited to speak.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President): In this second round, there will be 3 rooms only. Membership Survey and TF Green Transition are together in one room. First, I will talk about the survey outcomes (e.g., what people like about JEF, opinions of sections, etc.).

Marie Pouliquen (Chair TF Green): Then, we will focus on green advocacy, updates on green policy, and how JEF Europe can become more green.

Moritz Schleicher (Chair TF Green): I have nothing else to add, thank you.

1.13 Introduction of PCs resolutions

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): I invite PC chairs to the front again to introduce the resolutions.

Kalojan Hoffmeister (Chair PC1): It is great to see you all. The resolutions for PC1 will focus on 'A better EU', 'A European Response to Organised Crime', and on 'Transnational lists'.

Guillaume Kayser (Chair PC2): In PC2, we have been working on one new resolution on green energy, and there are 4 lapsing resolutions. We strongly encourage you to join us.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President): There aren't any PC3 chairs present in this FC, so Robin and I will chair this meeting on their behalf.

Robin Mudry (Treasurer): We will focus on the 'EU- China relationships' resolution, and will be updating the 'Global trade' resolution.

2. Activity Report by the EB and Secretariat (including Q&A)

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): The Activity Report is next on the agenda. We will start with the Activity Report by the EB; afterwards, there will be a Q&A session. So, please, keep your questions until that moment.

Antonio Argenziano (President): Good morning, it's nice to see you all here. It is an honour to present to you what we did with the Board in the last months. A good way to start reporting is to go from numbers. These shown on the slide are just to emphasise a few trends in Europe recently, ranging from the disastrous death toll from the continuous war in Ukraine, the rising inflation across Europe, and the continuous shipwrecks and migration push backs at the borders and in European waters, to bankruptcy and DuP cases (e.g., Hungary, Qatargate...). As a reflection of all these figures, we always try to work on the frontiers of Europe (e.g., Cutro, Kyiv), and calling for democracy and human rights, advocating for change where these are not respected or totally missing, and where empty promises bring damage and harm. It is a reflection for us all, to act and change the direction of these trends for a better Europe and world.

In terms of activity focus, there are 4 points we have been actively working on: the EP elections campaign, 'Europe What If' (as a parallel campaign, to ensure sections not part of the EU also feel included in this process), the DuP campaign and 'EUkraine', and, finally, the 'Federalist Academy'. Regarding Advocacy and Policy, we have worked on the final steps for the European Year of Youth and the Conference on the Future of Europe; the follow-up for the Electoral law and Treaty Change; building a wide and strong network of interested stakeholders for the EU Elections campaign; the Council of Europe CSOs declaration; Schengen for Bulgaria and Romania; and EUkraine.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President): We started the preparation in Prague already with a session and did the launch today. You can change your profile picture, everything is in the Drive. We are very excited to hear all about the actions you will do. The InfoKit and folder are ready on Drive, please come to me with questions. Everything is in Canva templates, so feel free to translate it there to your own languages. There is a Twitter chat scheduled for the 23rd, feel free to join. MEPs are confirmed and TNF will publish a new article this afternoon. There will be prizes at the Congress for the best DuP campaign in 2023. We have partnerships with sections for debates and will do a democracy chain together today during the photo moment.

Juuso Järvinemi (Vice-President): On sections' updates, Candidate sections may be voted on during the Congress. To highlight some of the successes, JEF Ukraine are doing an event together with JEF France. We are extremely happy to see that the JEF network is growing. For

instance, Lithuania has 2 people now at the Congress; JEF went from 0 to 100 there. We are continuously working for the Interest groups, which are in those countries where we don't have candidates for official sections.

Knut Andre Sande (EB Member): In Cyprus, we are in contact with a group of people interested in starting a section there. Surely, if you know someone there, let us know as well.

Juuso Järvinieniemi (Vice-President): Others are also very important, and we continue to work on them getting stronger and building the JEF network especially outside of the EU.

Flavia Sandu (EB Member): On communications, we still have the 2 newsletters approach. We welcome our new Comms Officer, Erica, who will be taking photos during this FC. There are also new stickers on Instagram. You can see the updates on numbers on the slide.

Gergana Blazheva (EB Member): We have our online EB meeting minutes on the internal area of the JEF website, where you can read them. EB meetings continue to be held every 2 weeks online, which still stands, and shows how committed we are. As per our in-person meetings, we met last week in Brussels. Next up, we will be meeting during the summer.

Robin Mudry (Treasurer): You can see here the representation map. We have been travelling to various places. Juuso went to Tanzania to represent JEF there. We have been strengthening our ties in the Western Balkans with 'Europe What If', Christelle and Judit attended a meeting in Tirana, and I spent a week in Kosovo with people who are not yet JEFers but are interested in joining. Many more meetings are expected in the coming months.

Juuso Järvinieniemi (Vice-President): I went to Arusha, Tanzania, to the YouLead Summit about Africa's integration, within the framework of the WFM.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President): In terms of our partner networks, Milosh (former JEF SG) has been elected as Secretary General of YFJ. In UEF, the presence and participation of JEFers continues to be ensured. There have been 2 FCs (09-10/12/22, 11-12/02/23), focusing on a political event in Strasbourg to relaunch the idea of Treaty Change, and to discuss the topic of EU enlargement.

Knut Andre Sande (EB Member): Now, it is also important for us to announce certain "Save The Dates". Namely: 18-25 March - Democracy under Pressure campaign; last week of April - Be A Federalist Ally, Inclusive political advocacy; 9 May - Europe Day and launch of European Elections campaign; 9-10 June - EYE 2023 in Strasbourg, France; also in June: 1 year of Ukraine's EU candidacy; throughout the coming months, 'Europe What If' and the 'Federalist Academy' events ongoing.

Judit Lantai (Secretary-General): As per the Secretariat update, JEF has been through an immense growth process, not only in expanding the network, but thanks to Milosh and other people in the Secretariat who worked on submitting proposals and getting funding from all these grants. It is a privilege to have a 1 million euro budget. The deadline for micro-grants applications is tomorrow. We experienced some bank issues last December, if you had any

delays with payments it was due to this. However, it was not a cash flow problem. The new office contract is signed. We have a space for hosting events. We sign the lease for 3 years, and can sign it up to 9 years if we like it. Of course, rental costs increased, but we have strategies in place to ensure the sustainability of these costs. We will now introduce all members of the Secretariat, welcoming new members recently. We are currently recruiting a Policy Officer and opening internship positions. As you can see, we have a lot of new faces. We are a youth organisation, so it is normal that people move on.

Q&A:

(Someone in the FC): Are the internships you mentioned paid?

Judit Lantai (Secretary-General): Yes, the internships are paid.

Guillaume Kayser (Chair PC2): You mentioned the doubling of the budget. Given the number of staff, how do you make sure that the staff can do the work and maintain a healthy work-life balance?

Judit Lantai (Secretary-General): This is currently the biggest learning point of my mandate, especially since the process was ongoing before the change in the SG took place. The process did not happen just now, JEF Europe's Secretariat applied for many of these grants a year ago already. We are trying to work on a system that ensures what you raised, allowing the staff to complete the work (and having enough budget to cover the staff costs), while maintaining a balance with the rest of their lives. An issue is that there were not as many staff costs foreseen in the budgets of the new projects that we had applied for. I was not in the Secretariat when we applied for them and these budgets were submitted, so I cannot explain why this was like that. This is why we are now planning the micro-granting schemes as well, so that we work more for the sections as well. Besides, the indexation of salaries in Belgium is very high, so we also hire external support.

Moritz Schleicher (Chair TF Green): Can you specify more on the training of the staff part? You mentioned something about people moving on towards new challenges. But if we grow as a youth organisation, how do we handle that?

Judit Lantai (Secretary-General): We want people to stay and grow in JEF. Even if we grow, some things we do in JEF will still be the same. It is important to create a space to allow for and facilitate this change. Different roles in JEF is also something that worked in the past. It is always a balance between growth and the bigger picture of JEF. We had a talk with the FC about this, we still want to train people and allow them to take on bigger roles within the organisation if those are fitting for them and their professional aspirations. Regarding the Policy Officer call, it is only for people in the EU because having someone from outside to fund this is too expensive, we are looking into the trainees or other systems for the future. Unfortunately, now it is not possible.

Julius Lajtha (JEF UK): I am not sure if I am preempting another discussion. I would like to hear from the EB and Secretariat on how to connect the work JEF Europe is doing with the local level. We are not maximising the impact that we can have on helping small sections with events and campaigns.

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): The EB did not have time for the last part of the presentation, so you can perhaps address this now.

Antonio Argenziano (President): The European elections will be a massive opportunity for us in this regard. TF EP Elections will discuss this and come up with a strategy. The Elections campaign is also a good opportunity to improve our internal communications with the network. Micro-granting and projects' work with sections also help. Europe is not built in Brussels, but this is a point where we need to get better.

Antonio Argenziano (President): To finish with the EB report, you can see on the slide the Full-Time President job in numbers.

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): We will be taking a break now (10:51-11:05h), and the PC meetings will be held afterwards, here and in 2 extra rooms downstairs. This will be followed by the lunch break, and we'll resume the formal session with the 'Full-Time President resolution' at 14:40h. Thank you.

4. Full time president EB resolution

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Moving on to the presentation of the EB resolutions.

Juuso Järvinemi (Vice-President): I will give a bit of background on the history of the Full time president resolution and then you can ask questions. Chris Gluck was the first full time president and Leonie followed after. The idea has been to periodically discuss this as a network. The latest resolution we had about this is from the Congress in Liege in 2021 and with the recommendation being to pass a resolution. In Prague, we made recommendations as a Board for the full time president. We used a lot of information from that recommendation in this resolution. There are some consideration points in the resolution. It mentions the EP elections coming up in the next mandate so it is something interesting to consider. We are discussing the 2024-2025 mandate now. Of course the full time president comes with money. The operating grant is running until the end of the next president's mandate, so this is good to consider. The role would be a full time role under Belgian law assuming we have the resources for it. Candidates are still able to run on a voluntary basis if they state this in their candidacy.

Otherwise there is also a control function which you have seen during statutory meetings; a report is always given on how the president is spending their time. These reports are available. There is some discussion about the different roles of the Secretary General and the President saying that the salary would be the same for both of them and that the description

of the Secretary General will stay the same. It is still possible to add amendments to this resolution and it will be voted on tomorrow.

Julius Lajtha (JEF UK): I have a question on this resolution. There is a clause that the job description does not change depending if it is a full time position or not. I don't think it makes sense, as a full time position has a different scope than a part time position. What is the reasoning behind this?

Juuso Järvinieniemi (Vice-President): I am reading the proposal on my phone. What I meant is that the Secretary General's role will remain as is, despite the President being full time or not.

Alexandros Apostolidis (JEF Greece): How does it work if someone applies for a volunteer or full time position? Will there be a difference in the process?

Juuso Järvinieniemi (Vice-President): This was a point discussed over the years, even the first time we discussed it in 2018 and if the people applying would change. There were concerns that if it was a job in Brussels, people might just apply to get a paid professional position. It is up to the network to elect the president so all sections can decide on this. On the comparison of candidates, the resolution does not take position on this. I would say it's up to the network to choose the presidents but it should be clear on what basis the candidates are running, if full time or not.

Moritz Schleicher (TF Green Transition Co-Chair): I was wondering with regards to point 9. Since we choose the President to represent us politically and for political reasons but the role now also includes management skills since the President manages the Policy and Communications team. It is important for us to preserve our reputation and therefore it should be important for the president to manage employees and resources effectively.

Juuso Järvinieniemi (Vice-President): This guidance on the policy and communications team comes from past experiences from the previous years. Antonio can speak better about this I'm sure.

Antonio Argenziano (President): As Juuso said, this comes from experiences. When it was decided in Finland that we will have a full time president. The way the distinction between the Secretary General was made was to also say that the role of president is very close to policy and comms. It has been very clear that the president is not allowed to give any tasks to anyone in the Secretariat outside of these areas. Any HR related issues are the responsibility of the Secretary General. The President though is a managerial position in the office as the role is to connect the Secretariat and the board. The Secretary General also needs the President's help on this to make the work smoother and also supporting where it is needed.

Judit Lantai (Secretary-General): There is a reason for the Communications and Policy officer to be put there and it has been a learning process for us all. The organisation is growing but we don't have the resources to appoint another management role, so it was very clear that if we keep with these grades of payment, it means that the president should also give the guidance and have the task to oversee this team as we cannot hire another manager. The

President still goes to the Secretary General for payment questions and it is the Secretary General's role to take care of HR.

Amanda Alvesalo (JEF Finland): I am quite surprised that there is even a consideration of making it a part time job because even as a leader of a JEF section, I can make this a full time job. Especially with the elections coming, if we want an efficient and effective youth organisation, I would like to ask a straightforward question: Do you think it is possible to have someone doing this job who is efficient and effective on a voluntary part time basis?

Juuso Järviniemi (Vice-President): This is the entire debate in a way. When the full time presidency was brought up in 2018, this was the argument of the board at the time. The counter argument was that JEF was volunteer based and there was an argument if it was more inclusive or less inclusive since there are different considerations. More inclusive if voluntary, since it is quite a life change to move to Brussels and quit your job. There are arguments in both directions, and the decision has to be made by the network. The possibility is to make amendments to the resolution and the voting is tomorrow.

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): Up until 8 PM today you can make amendments to this resolution or to the other ones.

5. European elections 2024 campaign - presentation

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (Presidium for this FC): We move on to the next point, which is the European elections 2024 campaign presentation, which will be delivered by Antonio and Mel.

Antonio Argenziano (President):

- The title is 'One Campaign, many voices'. The point is that you can have the same campaign in your sections.
- There was the narrative in 2016 and 2018 of Eurosceptic parties and the EU being under threat.
- The big question here is what being pro- European means. This question though brings hope. The Next Generation EU was a positive development and the Conference on the future of Europe was disappointing in its outcome.
- How do we campaign to make the EU better, to reform the EU?
- 4 Main Objectives: Flexible, Transnational, Inclusive and Political.
- People are striving for something different, for something to happen so we need to get their voice to decision makers. We need to work from the local to the national level. Decisions are not made in Brussels and adopted nationally and locally. Europe is coming from the national campaigns and boosted in Brussels.
- Boosting Europe@School needs to be discussed more. That's why it's important to have the Youth Vote project connected to this.

Melanie Thut (Co-Chair of Task Force European Elections):

- Fundraising campaign needed to reach out further
- The platform is in over 24 languages.

- We have the microgranting scheme. Your sections will have opportunities to fund your social media activities
- We have 3 phases: Listen, Engage, Vote. We first need to listen to people and then engage with policymakers. Finally, we will go to the streets and vote in May.
- There are a lot of things happening and the stakeholders will be consulted after the Congress.

Antonio Argenziano (President):

- It has been a long process and many of you had the opportunity to see the visual identity already in Task Force calls.
- There are 4 main variables of turnout.
- National politics are seen as more important than European politics. On the other side, there is a higher level of trust in European institutions though, although it might have changed with Qatargate.
- There are many negative feelings when people are asked about the EU, but one of the main words was hope.
- The 3 main points for youths when it comes to the campaign is voting, joining a street action and signing a petition.
- We need to create excitement, and also interest in people who are curious but not excited. We need to convert negative feelings to positive. We need flexibility and also action, which Mel mentioned.
- The proposal is a very pop approach, very Eurovision, very Spotify, which focuses on the aspect of hope.
- The name of the campaign is Eurhope and the logo and identity is here.
- Eurhope for peace, Eurhope for gender equality, the campaign can be flexible and adapted. The templates you see here can be adopted by you as well.
- Hope has to be the way forward. It's not waiting but acting and that's why we are joining the revolution of hope! .

Melanie Thut (Co-Chair of Task Force European Elections):

- Let's discuss the internal timeline and where we are.
- The start of the process was in November 2022 in Prague with the Task Force kick off. Now we are in Malta where we will hopefully approve this campaign. On 9th May, we will launch the campaign across the EU.
- During the Task Force sessions, we will discuss the details of the campaign better, such as how you plan to coordinate it from your side.

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (Presidium for this FC): There are still 6 minutes left, so we have time for some questions.

Julius Lajtha (JEF UK): Great presentation and campaign. Is there engagement with the non-EU sections envisaged?

Madalin Blidaru (JEF Romania): I have questions about the implementation and the graphics. It looks a bit similar with the colours, graphics and style to a Romanian party which is not so positive.

Sofie Schlüter Knauer (JEF Denmark): I have one question. Which requirements will be there when it comes to the visual identity? Will the sections be required to use this logo? Unfortunately we could not join the Task Force session and contribute there. It will be problematic for Nordic sections to use the term like revolution. There are a lot of feelings about this but thanks for the work, it's just difficult for us to use. I'm excited to discuss it more.

Antonio Argenziano (President):

- About the non-EU section engagement, follow the 'Europe, What if?' session now.
- About social media, just to give numbers. The origins of the funds are coming from the EP. We have €40,000 for online promotion which you can also use to promote your online pages. The requirement is using the logo and the call to action for the online consultation. You don't need to say the revolution of hope. You can use content that is useful for you.

Melanie Thut (Co-Chair of Task Force European Elections):

- You can use it and adopt it - as for the colours, you can adapt if it doesn't work for you. You can edit it in Canva and add translations for example.

10. Presentation by the candidates for hosting the Spring FC 2024

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (Presidium for this FC): We will move on the presentation by the candidates for hosting the Spring FC 2024. We have 2 candidates: who wants to start? You have 10 minutes each.

Tobias von Gostomski (JEF Germany): We have submitted an application bid for Spring FC 2024 in Munich. We would love to have you in Munich for this weekend. It has been a very long time since we hosted a Federal Committee as in 2020 the FC was supposed to take place in Hamburg, but the pandemic took the opportunity from us. We are applying to host the FC in close cooperation with JEF Bavaria. I am giving the floor to them to present the application.

Lucille Maisch (JEF Bavaria): JEF Bavaria is the 3rd largest section in JEF Germany and JEF Munich is the largest section in Bavaria. We have a very big team which can back up this application. You can see all of us involved in the documents submitted. Munich is the capital of Bavaria and it has a rich culture with a lot of European institutions present.

Luca Preller (JEF Bavaria): Hello from my side. We have the local support from the relevant political stakeholders. Munich is very accessible with many hostels and food options to choose from. It is also easily reached by train, which makes it a more environmentally friendly option. During this period in Munich, there will be a small version of the Oktoberfest which you can all enjoy. When it comes to the budget plan, JEF Bavaria can provide up to 5000 EUR

of additional funding (from the Bavarian youth council). These are estimated amounts. But we are confident that we can make it with these numbers. Thank you very much for your attention. We'd be very happy to answer any questions.

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (Presidium for this FC): Thank you. Can someone from JEF Finland and Estonia come and present their bid?

Amanda Avelsalo (JEF Finland): We are presenting you with a joint proposal to host the Spring FC in 2024. This all started in summer, when we were visiting JEF Estonia last year and the great idea of hosting the Federal Committee together came up. We have been helping JEF Estonia to grow, and we have established a strong cooperation between us two neighbours. JEF Finland is a very large section with many active members and Tartu is very easy to reach for many people.

Benedetta Veneruso (JEF Estonia): Who has been to Estonia already? Tartu is located in the centre of Estonia and is the capital of culture in 2024. It is an old city in the Baltics and very well preserved compared to Tallinn. Our venue will be the University of Tartu. You will have accommodation in a hostel with the quality of a hotel. For the social programme, we have museums, ruins, and even spas in store. Travel costs are the same as we from the North have been making for a long time. I would also like to say thank you for all the help we have received from the JEF Finland, who have a lot of experience. We are applying for a lot of grants in general. The convenient thing of doing this as a joint proposal is that we can share the burden and also learn from the more experienced JEF Finland, since we are a young section especially. Estonia is also the country which took in most Ukrainian refugees. Having the most important JEF event of the Spring is a very good sign, but I will let you decide yourselves.

Amanda Avelsalo (JEF Finland): We hope to see you in Tartu next year

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (Presidium for this FC): The floor is open for questions now.

Antonio Argenziano (President): Thank you to both. Given that this FC will be the last FC before the elections, are you going to connect it to it as you did not address it??

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Thank you very much. I have two questions. One about the budget and the social programme. Given that we have a very packed agenda, when do you envision the social programme taking place: during the FC or before? It would be nice to know. Also for the budget: how many participants did you make your budget for?

Amanda Alvesalo (JEF Finland): I will be answering the election question first. We have been contacting people already to connect with the campaign, so it will be a big part of the FC and you don't have to worry about it.

Benedetta Veneruso (JEF Estonia): You see different options for the social programme. We

just gathered some social things as options for interested people. This is for people who will be arriving earlier or staying later. I have not done the budget calculation myself but the budget is calculated for 100 people. Tartu still remains quite affordable so we are not worried.

Tobias von Gostomski (JEF Germany): I did mention already that this is during a crucial time for the European campaign. We would like to bring people from all over Europe to connect with the campaign. We can organise something like the Strasbourg summit where someone does something at the city council level. There were many other FCs. We can use the outputs from Make.org for a street action. We would love to welcome you.

Luca Preller (JEF Bavaria): The number of people does not matter that much, we calculated with a 100. Also given the participation fees, we can multiply with no problem.

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (Presidium for this FC): Thank you very much everyone and well done with the timing.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President): We are going to do a group photo for the FC now. We will first take a normal picture and then we will do a European chain of democracy.

Sunday, 19 March, 2023

Start 09:20h

9. Code of conduct and Gender watch

Knut Andre Sande (EB Member): Good morning everyone. As I hope you all know by now, I have the Code of Conduct contact person together with Judit this weekend. I will not go through the whole Code of Conduct now. I would just like to remind you about it and I will follow up with another message in the group chat about this. At around noon, I have to leave for the airport to catch my flight, so please reach out to Judit if you need anything after this time.

I will now also present the numbers of yesterday's Gender Watch. Yesterday 48% was male, 50% was female and another 2% was non-binary so it was quite a good balance. Let's make sure to keep the balance today.

6. Finances report

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (Presidium for this FC): We will move on to the second point of the agenda, so I will invite Robin to deliver the Financial Report.

Robin Mudry (Treasurer): Good morning. There's a lot to say but I'll try to be brief. Many of you will know that there are the Membership Statements ongoing. There is not a lot of time left and few sections have submitted their statement. First I will talk a bit about sections and members. A gentle reminder about the membership statement which all sections have to submit, as the deadline is very close now. Today I will talk about the 2022 accounts, the budget, the Guidelines for the Solidarity Fund, the Microgranting Scheme and something about future financial risks and pressure.

- **Sections and members:** We currently have 29 full member sections in JEF. We need the correct number of members per section. If you want to keep your voting rights, we need to have the numbers. It is to calculate the membership fees and delegates for the Congress later this year. Deadline is 31st March 2023, you have to hand in something then. There are only 5 sections which have responded, and only 2 with all the correct information. Please take this as a serious reminder, but we cannot postpone it anymore. There is an Online Congress approaching at the end of May and we said we have to be strict in the future. Please be on time. The Membership Statement is one opportunity to signal your will to move to the Membership Database.
- **2022 Accounts:** We are closing the financial year soon as there is some reporting ongoing. During the Online Congress we have to formally close the accounts for the last year through a vote, which is needed for Belgian law. We can use the same delegates list from last year. Otherwise the Online Congress will not be quite different after considering the positive evaluation.
- **Ongoing Audit:** This is a normal thing for organisations. We even have one of our internal auditors here.
- **Budget:** We have a budget of €1 million to manage, which is a record this year. by the secretariat this year. I will briefly explain how the budget is working. We want to shift financially to more lump sum grants cause it means that we do not have to have co-funding. There are project related grants and operational grants. As we already announced, our aim is to shift financially to a more lump sum. The income side is a figure of under €1 million, and the expenses side is less than that. If you have more detailed questions, I'd be happy to take them later. Judit already mentioned the new Brussels offices and I'll mention them in the risk assessment later. We are also focusing on getting grants focused on the Western Balkans and the Eastern Partnership. We have almost €400,000 in our account, so we do not have any difficulties.
- **Solidarity Fund Guidelines:** There are now Guidelines available in the Member Area. There is a financial envelope of €250 which was increased, if you have noticed, for the Solidarity Fund. What we now have to implement is a unit costs format of calculating distances and then seeing the amount that you're eligible for. When people apply, there is a Solidarity Fund Selection Committee which is composed of the Treasurer, SG and other EB members. It takes into consideration representation and your individual situation. There is a detailed document which we voted on, so you can check that out if you are interested.
- **Next Generation JEF Micro Granting:** The deadline is today at midnight. Make sure to submit it by this time.

- **Future financial risks:** As I said, we need to find a balance between co-funding grants and lump sum grants. The budget is so high now because of the European elections, as many grants are related to them. One of the challenges will be to keep up these grants and cash flow. This is related to the last point. We are always looking to diversify our resources. We are looking into foundations and as JEF we do have high ethical standards so we will not accept any money. We also have the Brussels office situation. We had to move out of our office and we are now paying more money for our office. It was very difficult to find something that suits our needs and in the European quarter. We have a contract for 3 years, but we can stay for 9 years if our financial liquidity allows for it, but we can leave in 6 months if our financial situation changes.
- Now is time for questions from your end.

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (Presidium for this FC): Thank you very much Robin. I'm opening a short round of questions, as we are running out of time. Limited in time so only 2 questions to be asked.

Julius Lajtha (JEF UK): My question is about external funding, I also asked about this since the FC in Luxembourg. I would like an update on which foundations and companies have you been talking to, which money did you refuse and why. No answers yet, and I would like to see more progress and success in securing more funding. It would be good to know who you are talking to as projects money is often very limited and within the lines of project

Marie Pouliquen (TF Green Transition Co-Chair): I am happy that there are the Solidarity Fund Guidelines for all. I would like to know how it was implemented so far. How many people applied for this FC and can you give us an overview?

Guillaume Kayser (JEF Europe, FC): How are the project costs monitored in the Secretariat and also in the EB? Which tools did you use to keep track of income and costs of projects?

Robin Mudry (Treasurer):

- We worked with Make.org for the EU campaign. They presented a long list of partners we could work with. The EB went through this long list which was discussed with Judit. Our mid term aim is to have Guidelines for Ethical Funding which we are aiming to present in Madrid. For foundations, we were talking to the Vodafone Foundation related to the IMPACT project. Since the project was quite advanced, it was not possible to collaborate in the way they wanted..
- Christelle will have to help me out with the numbers. There is a willingness to work on this for the EB and TF diversity.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President): There are 22 people who applied for the Solidarity Fund for this FC and 10 people were awarded the funding. Sometimes people cancel, which makes it difficult to keep track of the numbers.

Robin Mudry (Treasurer): We have similar spreadsheets for all the grants. You may remember from yesterday's update that we have Pierre in the Secretariat as the new Finance and Administration Officer. I meet with Judit every two weeks to go through the most recent developments. We also have project related people in the Secretariat who are responsible for their projects. Since January 2023, we also have a meeting with Judit every two weeks so that the EB remains updated on what is going on.

Judit Lantai (Secretary-General): This is of course how we work with Robin. We have internal analytical accounting taking place. We have an external account who works on our finances.

Robin Mudry (Treasurer): We are using the Yuki software, which is not always ideal, but we will also take the recommendations of internal auditors on this.

7. Monitoring Committee report

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): Next step is the Monitoring Committee report. We are running late, so you have 13 minutes exactly.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President): We have 2 monitoring procedures in place at the moment. One on JEF Poland, which Antonio will tackle. The rest is the one on JEF Hungary, JEF Moldova and JEF Montenegro. We are talking here about the 'old sections' which we want to remove from the membership of JEF Europe to welcome the new members and not the current interest groups. We started this in Autumn 2020 and initiated the process with an internal resolution. We have two monitoring procedures for these cases. Currently it is Aleksandra from the FC and Chris from the old board. We considered the last time they paid membership fees, the events they had and recent activity. We sent them a letter but we have not received an answer, and sometimes the letters have been sent back to us. During the Congress we will vote on the expulsion of these three sections. For JEF Hungary it is different, as we could have had a transfer from the old group to the new group but the old group did not accept this. We have to be very strict with interpreting the statutes as the situation might end up in court over the name. For the others, the interest groups were not interested in taking over the established registration. We will expel JEF Montenegro, unless the new interest group wants to take over the old registration and same situation with JEF Moldova.

Antonio Argenziano (President): JEF Poland is a completely different process because it is a live section. A couple of years ago there were a few Code of Conduct situations and a monitoring procedure was established to make sure that JEF Poland was a safe space. There are a few activities going on with interest to create a new section in Krakow and a new local section in Lodz. The reason that it is important to keep the monitoring process ongoing is to create a new democratic structure in the section. Together with Anna (JEF Netherlands) and Laura (Presidium) we are checking in on them and helping them develop a democratic structure to avoid Code of Conduct situations in the future.

09:55 - 10:28 Break for the MEET training.

11. Announcement of dates for the Online Congress and the JEF Europe Congress 2023 in Madrid

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): We continue with the Agenda. Next point is the announcement of the date for the Congress and the Online Congress. The date for the Online Congress is 31st May 2023

Judit Lantai (Secretary General): As a point of information and clarification since this is only the second time that we will hold the Online Congress. The Online Congress is now the 3rd JEF Europe statutory event that has to take place every year. This has to be done as according to Belgian law, this is how we have to adopt our financial year. It will have almost the same format as last year. You will receive the overview of accounts of last year in advance, as well as the video that explains everything, including the financial situation. There will be a window of two hours open for you to ask any questions. We will also have five chairs during the Online Congress, as we asked the Arbitration Board, who clarified that this will be the best way to go. We will present a list of these people during this FC.

Patrick Løvenskjold von Wildenrad (Auditors Committee): Last year we did not succeed with having the internal audit report done before the Online Congress. This year it will probably be the same, since we did not receive the documents yet. I don't know if this is a requirement, but I wanted to let people know about this.

Judit Lantai (Secretary General): I look to the Auditors' Committee for this question. There was a Doodle that we sent around which is part of the process. The reason that it has to be the 31st May is that if we do it later, we would have to recalculate the national delegates again, which was a lot of work. We will need to find the date to do it before. If we do it in June again, we will have to recalculate the delegates again and it was a lot of work last time.

Tobias von Gostomski (JEF Germany): I remember that there was a feedback procedure after the last Online Congress. I was wondering if you took any of this feedback into consideration to improve the Online Congress this year?

Judit Lantai (Secretary General): Yes we did, but there was also positive feedback about the Online Congress. Some people said that the format worked well the way we did it and they liked the video, that it was informative and useful to have it beforehand. There was also the feedback about having more discussions, but that's why we have the chairs, so they can facilitate the discussions that take place before and during the vote. I don't know if you have any other particular feedback that you would like to address but I can assure you that we went read the form and discussed the feedback during the EB meeting and made a decision together.

Patrick Løvenskjold von Wildenrad (Auditors Committee): I would like to follow up on what was said because I don't agree that we were asked about the Online Congress. Secondly, I think that it's problematic that from year to year we are closing the accounts without having the internal auditors report. I'm speaking on behalf of us both.

Judit Lantai (Secretary General): I understand that and we appreciate the internal auditors report. That is why we did it late last year when I joined. We need to work on this Internal auditors report is important, but it is a lot of work for us to recalculate the numbers in June. I think for the Financial account closing, there is no other way to do this.

Patrick Løvenskjold von Wildenrad (Auditors Committee): (inter: we only got 1 date proposed so that is not really proposing dates and looking for a way to make this work.

Judit Lantai (Secretary General): If we do it in June, it is something we have to bring on ourselves and the network as we would have to recalculate the numbers. If you're open to doing it in May then we're very open to suggestions for dates in that period.

Patrick Løvenskjold von Wildenrad (Auditors Committee): *cuts in and passes inaudible comment*

Judit Lantai (Secretary General): Yes, maybe Robin can explain more on this.

Robin Mudry (Treasurer): I would just add that it's very difficult to find the dates. There were many interactions where we tried to find dates when we could hold the meeting but there were always problems. We started this process 2 months ago, and I know it's complicated because we're all busy, but I'm sure we'll manage in the end.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Thank you very much. Any other questions regarding the Online Congress? If not, we can then move on to the dates for the Congress in Madrid which will take place on the 10th to 12th November 2023. Make sure you note down these dates to make sure you're free this weekend so we have a successful Congress with a lot of delegates present. You can take a photo of the slides as Xesc did, if you don't have a pen at hand.

12. Presentation of results by PC Chairs

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): We can now move on to the next point, which is the presentation of results by the PC chairs. I invite the PC chairs to the front to give us a brief update about the discussions that took place yesterday. Please keep it as brief as possible.

Kalojan Hoffmeister (PC1 Co-Chair): We started off with the European Citizens Initiative resolution. It was a very good discussion and it went smoothly. The second resolution was on Organised Crime. We still had an amendment that came after this discussion; which was if we want a federal police or not. This will have to be discussed later today. Finally, we had the resolution on the European Electoral Act, which was an amazing resolution with a lot of discussions and we came out with basically scrapping the number that was initially in the resolution, which was half of the EP parliament which we changed to 46% instead. These are the main points. If you want to go into more detail, I invite you to do so before the vote.

Guillaume Kayser (PC2 Co-Chair): Thank you Kalojan. For PC2 we had five resolutions and we had a lot of fruitful discussions. One was the new resolution on the topic of energy. It was a lot of fun to chair this and put our brains together to come up with solutions. In particular, carbon capture and storage was a big issue, where we found good compromises which improved the resolution significantly. Also on nuclear energy, we found a solution which we think is compatible with different points of view so that's something we are very proud of.

We also discussed the four other resolutions. One was on Sustainable and Safe Food; another was on Citizenship Education, a topic which JEF is particularly active on with Europe at School

and other initiatives, and another resolution was on Combatting Disinformation in the Modern Media Landscape. Finally we had a resolution on the Social Dimension which was also heavily updated in the PC calls, especially by Flavia and Kati and also during the session yesterday. A big shout out to Flavia for co-chairing the PC meeting yesterday, where we managed to finish ten minutes before.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President): Robin and I chaired the PC3 session since the PC3 chairs are not here. The China resolution is quite long for obvious reasons, what to focus on? Resolution is now quite long.

Robin Mudry (Treasurer): The second resolution was about Free, Fair and Sustainable Trade. We did a lot of work to adapt this resolution and adapt to the shifting situation in this regard. We had very good discussions yesterday and implemented quite a lot of amendments. We just have two more things to present to you today, so I think we are presenting you with strong resolutions.

Kalojan Hoffmeister (PC1 Co-Chair): I'd like to make one point before though. I want to make a big shoutout to everyone and say a big thank you. PC work is one of the backbones of our organisation and shows what knowledge we have and what a great organisation we are, so thank you to everyone.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Thank you for the update. Let's move on to the next point on the agenda, which is voting, with the roll call.

13. Voting

13.1 Declaration of votes present (roll call)

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): We found a few voting cards laying around yesterday. We collected a pile of voting cards here, so please come and collect them once your name is called during the roll call.

Judit Lantai (Secretary General): Let's start again from the back to the front, so with the directly elected FC members.

39/52 voters present - quorum reached.

13.2 Voting on the location of FC Spring 2024

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): We saw the presentations yesterday for the two candidacies, Munich and Tartu, and now it's time to vote. I propose we vote by order of the presentations, so first Munich and Tartu.

Antonio Argenziano (President): I propose voting by secret ballot.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Are there any objections to voting by secret ballot? No? Proposal accepted. We will do this later so the Secretariat can prepare for the secret ballot. We will move on the vote for the finances.

13.3 Voting on the planned finances of JEF for 2023

Vote: Planned finances of JEF for 2023		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All/ majority	0	0
Adopted		

13.4 Voting on resolutions

PC1: A European Response to Organised Crime

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): One amendment submitted for this resolution after the PC session yesterday by Antonio. One person to speak in favour and one against it for every resolution. Antonio, do you want to go ahead and speak in favour?

Antonio Argenziano (President) - in favour of AMA9NEW13-159: This was discussed during the PC. The point here is to underline and stress the transnational nature of this policy since organised crime works transnationally and one of the reasons why it always has an edge over national police is because national police have to coordinate with each other. Of course this is a bit generic but it would also be nice that in the near future we have a specific resolution about this.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Does anyone wish to speak against this amendment?

Sofie Rebekka Schlüter (JEF Denmark) - against A9NEW13-159: We are not in general against the federal police. But the problem is that it is not specified at all. What does a federal police entail, how does it work? It is very difficult for us to agree on something when we do not know what it looks like as it is not explained at all. It is important that we know what we are saying yes to. The PC should create a new resolution which explains what it should look like, which we can then vote on in the next FC. It is something very big, so we need to specify what it should look like. It is not the right way to go about something which is so important. We think it is very clear that without a mention of the federal police, the resolution is still very strong and still shows the transnational cooperation we want. We had an extensive discussion yesterday and we agreed that it was not the time to mention this. We hope that this will open a thorough discussion and a resolution on this and that you will vote against this amendment.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): We will go on to voting on this amendment.

Vote: Amendment A9NEW13-159		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
18	15	3
Adopted		

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): According to Article 2 (b) of the Rules of Procedure, the in favour votes are enough for this vote to pass.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): We will now go on to vote on the whole resolution. Anyone wishing to speak in favour or against the resolution? Since no one wants to add anything, we will go to the vote directly.

Vote: Resolution		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Majority	0	4
Adopted		

PC1: Giving a strong voice to the citizens by a renewed European Citizens' Initiative

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): We will now move on to the next resolution on the youth European Initiative. We have no amendments so we can directly vote on the resolution. Anyone wish to speak in favour or against? No, so let's go to a vote.

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

PC1: Towards truly European Elections through a renewed European Electoral Act

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): The third and last resolution by PC1 is on the European Electoral Act. We have one amendment after the PC session, submitted by Antonio. I assume you want to speak in favour.

Antonio Argenziano (President) - in favour of AMA11NEW4-054: This is a result of the discussion in the PC yesterday. It is just to acknowledge and support the reform of the electoral law by the European Parliament. It is important for advocacy purpose.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Thank you. Does anyone wish to speak against this amendment? Let's go to a vote.

Vote: Amendment A11NEW4-054		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Majority	0	2
Adopted		

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Let us now move on to a vote on the resolution as a whole. Does anyone wish to speak in favour or against? Let's go on to voting.

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

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): The secret ballot for FC location has been prepared. You can write on the piece of paper what your vote will be. The accepted words are: 'Munich', 'Tartu' and 'Abstention'. All other words are invalid.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): The vote is closed. The tellers will count the votes now.

PC2: Towards sustainable, reliable and affordable energy for Europe

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): Please concentrate and listen. Please when other people are speaking, do not speak at the same time as it makes it very hard to focus. There are no open amendments so we will proceed with voting on the resolution on the whole. I will open the floor for any intervention in favour of or against the resolution. I see no one, so we can go ahead to the voting.

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

PC2: Combatting disinformation in the modern media landscape

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): There are no open amendments on this either. We will proceed with voting on the resolution on the whole. I will open the floor for any intervention in favour of or against the resolution. No interventions? Let's go on to a vote.

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

PC2: A federal strategy for sustainable, safe and healthy food for all Europeans

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): Going on to the next resolution. There are no amendments. Any interventions? No? Let's go to a vote.

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

PC2: Advancing the European Union's Social Dimension

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): The same procedure. Any interventions? No, so let's go to a vote.

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

PC2: Strengthening European Citizenship Education

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): No open amendments, any interventions? I see none. Let's go to a vote.

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

Vote on the Location for the FC

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): Let's move on to announce the results for the vote on the location for the Spring FC 2024. Please use sign language clapping.

Vote: Location Spring FC 2024		
Munich	Tartu	Abstentions
11	26	2
Decision: Tartu for Spring FC 2024		

PC3: A united Europe in a fairer and more balanced relationship with China

Guillaume Kayser (Chair PC2) - in favour of AMA7NEW6-023: I find that amendment is quite important to add a bit on the dimension of Ukraine, but it was not said necessarily before the resolution that China is materially also helping Russia. I felt that it was important to add to avoid Western sanctions to be circumvented by China and other countries.

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): Does anyone want to speak against this amendment? No one? Let's go ahead with a vote.

Vote: Amendment A7NEW6-023		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All	0	0
Adopted		

Guillaume Kayser (Chair PC2) in favour of AMA7NEW6-069: Basically this amendment is there to show that China is not just relevant for resources and materials and manufacturing but also in some fields that we think the Western world is leading, it is not the case anymore. You will see that in fields of technology critical for the future, it is China leading, followed by the US and India.

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): Are there any interventions against this amendment? I see none, so we can proceed to vote.

Vote: Amendment A7NEW6-069		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All votes in favour	0	0
Adopted		

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): Any interventions on the resolution? Let's go to a vote.

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

PC3: For a Free, Fair and Sustainable Trade Policy

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): We have one amendment. I see Christelle wants to speak in favour of this amendment.

Christelle Savall (Vice-President) - in favour of AMA8NEW3-105: This was a discussion we had in PC3. This was in the original text which was amended and removed. I tried to slightly amend the wording so it takes into account the comments we made. We mentioned that we want a transformed, reformed WTO. The reason why we think it's important to have a reference to the World Parliament is because we are working towards a federation, and also because we want more accountability. We want this WTO which is reformed to be accountable to a World Parliament in a World Federation.

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): Does anyone want to speak against this amendment? No one? Let's go ahead with a vote.

Vote: Amendment A8NEW3-105		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
25	4	3
Adopted		

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): Does anyone want to speak against the resolution as it is? No one? Let's go ahead with a vote.

Vote: Resolution		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All	0	0
Adopted		

Internal Resolution: Continuation of JEF Europe President's role as a full-time position

Moritz Schleicher (TF Green Transition Co-Chair) - in favour of AMA3-012: Could I kindly ask you to present the statutes on the screen if possible so that everyone knows what I'm referring to. Can the Presidium show it? I can also read it. So Article 22 b (ii) states, when referring to the powers of the Federal Committee, that one of its powers is, "The control over the decisions and policies of the Executive Board and the administration of the Secretariat." We really like to have this full time president, and the things that the EB can manage, even on advocacy work, would mostly not be possible on a voluntary basis. But this is still a new thing; JEF has been growing these past few years and we are reevaluating the role of a full time president and how it works in the organisation every time. From the side of checks and balances, which are really important in a democratic organisation. I would like to see the president present in the Secretariat on a day to day basis, for quick decision making. Since the president gets money from the budget, it is important for the FC to know what is going on. I have the feeling that we as the FC sometimes have trouble seeing what is going on in the EB and the full time president as it is set in the statutes. My information status from the minutes of EB meetings is that sometimes I have no idea what is going on. We are the control organ of the organisation and we need to have more information on what's going on.

Juuso Järvinemi (Vice-President) - against AMA3-012: Thank you. Indeed, the articles in the statutes that Moritz mentioned are correct. This article in the statutes does not make a direct reference to the president in particular so in this case, the amendment is not completely in line with the statutes. The board also keeps tabs on the president and we indeed do this every two weeks in our board meetings and even more frequently in our communications. The recalling of the statutes is done in a slightly inconsistent way and is not in line with the daily functioning of the organisation. The board has been very welcoming for meetings and feedback from the FC and is happy to give information on what the board is doing. We even met members of the FC recently to answer questions and give more information. We don't believe that this amendment is quite correct.

Moritz Schleicher (TF Green Transition Co-Chair): Point of Order. Can you please just share from the Statutes the article I was referring to in the statutes? In order for everyone to have a chance to see what the statutes say and what is the role of the EB and the President.

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): Everyone can see it on the screen now. Let's proceed to a vote on this amendment.

Vote: Amendment A3-012		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
16	12	9
Adopted		

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (Presidium for this FC) - in favour of AMA3-012: In my opinion, when we have debate on the election of the president, it should be more about how they can undertake the presidency rather than in what capacity they should do it and instead instead of making differentiation of voluntary or full time basis.. Basically it is to protect any candidates being attacked, even if they are members of the network and have a right to run, and therefore to avoid discrimination.

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): Anyone wants to speak against it? No? Let's move to voting.

Vote: Amendment A3-038		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
34	0	3
Adopted		

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (Presidium for this FC) - in favour of AMA3-050: This amendment comes about from a lack of knowledge of the nature of the financial aspects of how funds can be re-allocated. So please, if I am wrong, I will happily retract the amendment. Basically, the resolution as it stands opens the way for a part time presidency or to a voluntary presidency, therefore there will be funds that will not be allocated for the president. If the money budgeted to the full time president is not used since it is a voluntary president, this money could be re-allocated to other expenses, such as EB members travelling and taking unpaid days off from their full-time job.

Robin Mudry (Treasurer) - against AMA3-050: I wanted to say that our EB expenses related to our duties are already covered. I am not entirely comfortable that these funds will then be re-allocated to other EB members because it might look like that we are employed and it would question the volunteering nature of the EB too much.

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): Let's move on to a vote.

Vote: Amendment A3-050		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
3	5	26
Not adopted		

Moritz Schleicher (TF Green Transition Co-Chair) - in favour of AMA3-080: In line with the amendment I proposed earlier for this resolution (AMA3-012) as a follow up. I think it's a good practice for a democratic organisation as it is good to have an organisation of transparency. It would be nice to have an overview and is a bit how Parliamentarians have a lobbying register. We do not need precise details but if we think about how we do advocacy as an organisation, it would be more useful to know. For example, sections can get in touch easily with MEPs that they know that JEF Europe has an established contact with. We don't want you to have an additional task as we know that We just want to enhance the quality of the information in a way that you don't see it as a burden as an essential practice.

Juuso Järvinemi (Vice-President) - against AMA3-080: So indeed, the risk of additional reporting obligations is why I'm speaking against. Currently, how this reporting is done is the President updates the EB during meetings. We take minutes but we have received feedback that these minutes should be more extensive. We believe that the current format is sufficient and provides this kind of updates not just to the Federal Committee, but also to anyone with access to the Member Area. We think it is enough, and it is not necessary and of course we want to avoid extra reporting obligations.

Vote: Amendment A3-080		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
17	12	7
Adopted		

Kati Systä (Presidium for this FC): Let's move on to a vote on the whole resolution. Does anyone want to speak about the whole resolution?

Vote: Resolution		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
30	0	3
Adopted		

13.5 Voting on European elections campaign logo and name

Vote: Election campaign logo and name		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Majority	0	2
Adopted		

Voting on the Continuation of the Monitoring Committee on JEF Hungary, JEF Moldova and JEF Montenegro

Vote: Continuation of the Monitoring Committee		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All	0	0
Adopted		

5 minute break

Roll Call

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (Presidium for this FC): We will do another roll call to check the presence in the room before proceeding with the agenda.

36/52 voters present - Quorum reached

13.6 Voting on online Congress Presidium

Judit Lantai (Secretary General): Some of these names of the people who will be part of the Presidium will be already known to you. We have Sonja Afanasjeva, Valentin Dupouey-Sterdyniak , Magali Huebers, Lauren Mason and Chris Powers. These are all people we know.

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (Presidium for this FC): Any comments before we proceed to a vote? No? Let's proceed to a vote.

Vote: Online Congress Presidium		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All	0	0
Adopted		

13.7 Voting on the Representatives to the UEF FC

Final list voted on as shown below

Number	Name	JEF Section	Gender
1	Antonio Argenziano	Italy	Man
2	Christelle Savall	France/Luxembourg	Woman
3	Madalin Blidaru	Romania	Man
4	Kati Systä	Finland	Woman
5	Alexandros Apostolidis	Greece	Other / Prefer not to say
6	Clara Föller	Germany	Woman
7	Robin Mudry	Czech Republic	Other / Prefer not to say
8	Diletta Alese	Italy	Woman
9	Antoine Chabal	France	Man
10	Ance Mäkalna	Latvia	Woman
11	Martin Penov	UK	Man
12	Flavia Sandu	Belgium	Woman
13	Juuso Järviniemi	Finland/Belgium	Man
14	Benedetta Venerusso	Estonia	Woman
15	Tobias von Gostomski	Germany	Man
16	Sofia Viviani	Italy	Woman
17	Knut André Sande	Norway	Man
18	Helena Robert i Campos	UK	Woman
19	Kalojan Hoffmeister	Germany	Man
20	Juliane Vella	Malta	Woman
<i>Should the list and the reserve not be sufficient, the FC entrust the EB to fill in the missing spots.</i>			

Antonio Argenziano (President): JEF Europe has to send a delegation to the Congress of the Union of European Federalist. The Congress is taking place in October and we need a delegation to be elected to take part. We have a right to have 10 nominated people to sit in the FC of UEF. Apart from this, UEF has a proxy system and a substitute system, a list of reserves who have a right to vote. Our proposal is to have a comprehensive list of who can vote in the FC, together with substitutes as well, so we have a flexible delegation. This will mean that we have more political strength during the UEF FCs so we can bring sorely needed change and to also ensure that the new generation of JEFers is committed to raise our voice. There was an open call for applications and we received some spontaneous applications. This is the list which we will vote on. The goal is to always ensure our presence during UEF's Congress and FCs.

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (Presidium for this FC): Any comments? Does anyone want to intervene?

Kalojan Hoffmeister (PC1 Chair): A brief question, is this a closed list or can we have spontaneous applications right now, as I am interested? What is the procedure to apply?

Antonio Argenziano (President): There is no fixed procedure for this, so I think that the more people on the list, the better. I think it would be common sense to add you on the list. For the Congress, we have 16 delegates and we currently have 19 names. We can follow the order of this list. For the FC, there are 10 people to nominate. I guess we can also add Kalojan's name and that can be it.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): So if there are 10 delegates for the FC and 16 for the Congress, how is it decided? Is this an ordered list?

Antonio Argenziano (President): This is an ordered list. We try to proportional representation, on the basis of gender and also of section.

Ines Consonni (Secretariat): Maybe this is important for the sections, can non-EU citizens be included in this list?

Antonio Argenziano (President): Yes there are non-EU citizens on the list.

Vote: Representatives to the UEF FC		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
All	0	0
Adopted		

14. Section updates

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (Presidium for this FC): With that, the voting during this FC is over. We move to the penultimate point in the agenda, which is the section updates. I invite national section representatives to come here and be very brief.

Gergana Blazheva (JEF Bulgaria): This is actually a call, not a report. There will be a seminar organised for the 21st of April until the 1st of May, called 'Guardians of European Democracy'. All those interested to apply please contact JEF Bulgaria.

Julianne Vella (JEF Malta): Our term as an EB started in July 2022. We kicked off the year with a clean-up at a renowned beach in Malta at the start of the year. We held a significant event at our University campus where we attracted most of our members and we also held a networking event where we got to know most of our members. We continued with our series of JEF Talks which take on a format of panel discussions, on topics related to war, peace and journalism and we will also be holding a JEF Talks on Democracy Under Pressure.

Diletta Alese (JEF Italy): First of all, we established a task force for elections so we can coordinate better internally. We are trying to involve JEFers from across Europe. These days we are connecting donations for a convoy to Ukraine, as members of JEF Italy will be going to Odessa and want to take energy generators as electricity is a big issue in Ukraine. We are also holding projects to include young JEFers in the organisation, as most of us are University age or even older, so we want to make sure that we have tools to recruit younger people to the organisation. We have news related to the National Youth Council Italy where Sofia Ingrid Viviani was elected Secretary General. We are also coordinating with Giorgia Sorrentino where we are trying to enhance the work of the Commission there. We are trying to respond to the national government in Italy regarding their stances on the EU, especially on migration issues. They want to organise an event in Lampedusa, ten years after the tragedy when so

many people died in the Mediterranean Sea. We are trying to hold actions so we make sure that as a European political community, we take a stand.

Sofie Rebekka Schlüter (JEF Denmark): We have had some internal changes in our Executive Board and Secretariat. We're trying to slow down, as we faced issues with burnouts in the team last year, which we are trying to address. We have a campaign on borders (#DonTouchMySchengen) where we want to get rid of temporary borders. We also have a General Assembly in October.

Patrick Løvenskjold von Wildenradt (JEF Denmark): One of our upcoming activities will be the Summer Camp in Norway and an upcoming trip to the Baltic countries. We also established a small-scale Erasmus+ partnership with JEF Steiermark in Austria.

Kristine Meek Stokke (JEF Norway): A small political update from Norway. The Green Party in Norway is supporting the country joining the EU. We will kick-off democracy under pressure in Norway this week. We also have our National Congress coming up in April. We also hired our new Secretary General. The Summer Camp, which we are very happy to be hosting in Norway this year. We will have a truly Nordic summer camp this year, with JEF Sweden and JEF Denmark. We are trying to apply for Erasmus+ accreditation which will make it easier for us to hold projects.

Amanda Avelsalo (JEF Finland): We are wrapping up our Nature and Diversity in the North Erasmus+ project; we are also visiting the Nordic Council of Ministers in Copenhagen next week. The Finnish Parliamentary elections are coming up next week and we have been advocating on this in cooperation with other organisations. We will have the Castle Seminar hosting around 100 people from JEF Finland and with other youth organisations. Our partners there are the European Parliament and the Commission. We also have an Erasmus+ project with JEF Estonia and JEF Latvia, with a high number of applicants already. We also have a new employee, Benjamin, who will be starting in a few weeks. We will also visit Brussels and hold a Helsinki summit, with more updates on this soon.

Alexiane Terrochaire-Barbaçon (JEF UK): You might have heard of our Brexit Reality Portraits, where we are producing short videos to show UK citizens' lives after Brexit. We would really appreciate it if you can please share these short videos, and you will receive an invite to our online event. We might have some famous activists on board but we won't name names. This is my last FC as a delegate from the UK, as our General Assembly is coming up and I won't be running after two terms. Thank you, it was one hell of an FC.

Julius Lajtha (JEF UK): Alexiane already teased it, but we have our General Assembly coming up, at the same date as the Norwegians apparently as we just found out but we start on Friday from the 20th to the 23rd April. It will not be a normal General Assembly but it will also be a conference, in a seminar setting. We will definitely invite our Irish counterparts and if there are any sections interested in attending, please get in touch. I want to say something positive about the political environment that we are operating in. The tide is turning against

Brexit, and people are speaking up more and more. There is great spirit and great motivation in other organisations in the UK.

Mirko Ondras (JEF Switzerland): This year is very important for us. We have federal elections for the first time since the negotiations between Switzerland and the EU came up. There are many different views from political parties addressing EU ascension. Aside from this, we have a larger and very dynamic board and frequent events. We are trying new forms of communication and new types of events. We are also trying to reach out to regions which are underrepresented, notably regions outside the bigger cities.

Tobias von Gostomski (JEF Germany): I just wanted to make a few points. We are doing fine in Germany, there's nothing to worry about. I'm very happy that we approved our European election campaign. One of our ideas was that of building a network with a steering group in Germany. We will also have UEF Germany involved in this which is positive for us. Another great thing I want to mention is that we're approaching this year's 23rd edition of the International Berlin Seminar from the 1st to the 4th of June. I know some people here are interested in coming. We will shortly be opening the Call of Applications. If you want to come to Berlin, to explore the city and have meaningful discussions with people and to also get the opportunity to take part in a street action in Berlin, I look forward to seeing you.

Antoine Chabal (JEF France): We are doing well too. We have record membership for 2022. When it comes to ongoing projects, we reached more than 15,000 young people directly from our Europe@School activities. You can also check out our online tools, available in French and also English on our website which might be useful. We also have some Erasmus+ projects ongoing and we have cooperation with other JEF sections, such as JEF Sweden and JEF Spain. We also have the EUPress Days next month in Paris for trainings in journalism and Europe. We are working with JEF Germany and with European Movement France. We are also working on the progression of the European campaign as well.

Joachim Neübock (JEF Netherlands): We are currently in the process of rebuilding some local sections which died out during COVID-19. Only our Maastricht section is alive. We are building our section in Rotterdam and the Hague and also one in Amsterdam and Utrecht. If you know of anyone studying there, please contact us if you know someone interested to join.

Benedetta Veneruso (JEF Estonia): The past five months we have worked closely with JEF Finland and Latvia. We had a partnership with JEF Latvia for the WorkPlan seminars. We also worked with JEF Finland and had a number of strategic and partnership meetings, where they shared with us growth strategies and where we mostly worked on proposals for the next spring FC. None of us on the board is fluent in Estonian although we have some Estonian members. We do struggle getting Estonians involved and we are trying to involve more Estonian speakers in the team. We are also trying to increase membership in Tartu as we are all based mostly in Tallinn. Right now we are focusing on organising events with the Iranian community in Estonia where we have some demonstrations coming up. Right now we have a very polarised situation in Estonia politically. We have a General Assembly on the 6th of May

in Tallinn; we extend the invitation to you. We will also host the next Spring FC, no big deal (laughs).

Daniel Tamas Homlok (JEF Hungary): We don't have so many updates since Prague. We recruited 8 new members, who are more diverse as they are also from rural cities and not from the capital. The political situation in Hungary is not the best, so we are trying to raise awareness on how the EU works. Some members of JEF Norway will visit us in Budapest, where we have a pub quiz. Main goal to reach out to rural cities.

Sorcha Ní Chongaille (JEF Ireland): We had a busy few months. We elected our new board recently. Our main focus has been trying to diversify our membership where we have an issue where we're only women. We have also started to identify areas where we can set up university branches and regional sections. Ireland is tiny so it makes things a bit tricky. We have also been doing some admin work and we have also been working with YEM to discuss setting up a section in Northern Ireland.

Katrina Straume (JEF Latvia): JEF Latvia has reached 50 members these past months, which is quite nice. Regarding the Democracy Under Pressure campaign, we have conducted street interviews and we will be posting different questions every day this week, ending with the human chain video. Today is the first day so check that out. Under the COYV project, we have painted a few benches in Riga with the colours of the EU flag.

Emilja Melberga (JEF Latvia): I also wanted to mention that since December we are making JEF news for our members every month about our section, JEF Europe's opportunities, so that they better understand the organisation and also what we did the previous month. This summer, as in the previous year, we will have a summer camp, this time on Sex Education.

15. AOB

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (Presidium for this FC): Thank you to section representatives for helping us catch up with the time, we are now only 15 minutes late. The last point on the agenda is any other business.

Antonio Argenziano (President): First of all, I think that it's really important to thank you all for coming here, for being here and being active and for all your work in Task Forces and Political Commissions. This has been a great FC. Two big thank you's are in order. Thank you to the Secretariat and especially to the Membership Officer, Andrew, and last but not least to the amazing team of JEF Malta. You did a great job!

Julianne Vella (JEF Malta): So, this is the end of the programme. Please pick up your packed lunches at the back of the room and for those interested in coming with us to Valletta, we will meet you in the lobby where we will go together by bus. We will coordinate further on Whatsapp. Thank you, Grazi hafna!

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (Presidium for this FC): Before closing, I want to thank you all for making the Presidium job easier to do. Thank you for helping us keep up with the time!

FC closed at 13:16h.