

Israel-Palestine process of JEF Europe: next steps

On the next steps that JEF Europe would take on the Israel-Palestine process to arrive at a declaration and eventually to an official resolution. The first step took place on the 29th of October at 7pm CET where members were able to share their perspectives about the ongoing situation and their expectations:

- Throughout the process professional mediators should take part as observers and advisors of those taking the lead of this process
- The goal of the process is to create a consensus-building between all JEF sections
To achieve this, the whole path is announced and discussed during the Congress. PC3 and/or an ad hoc process will take the lead.
There is a suggestion to have a specific Task Force working on Peace building processes.
- The working path should include experts, testimonies and journalists who have reported on this topic
Like Task Forces and Political Commissions experimented already in the last two years, open calls with experts should be organised periodically, to give to all the organisation better knowledge and analysis tools to discuss the topic, to understand each other and to reflect on concrete and long term political proposals.
- During Saturday evening of the Congress representatives of JEF sections in Madrid will gather to focus on building an outline for a discussion on the base of wide analysis points representing the first outcomes of this process.
- The first draft should be ready as the new Executive Board of JEF Europe starts their mandate to be discussed in the meetings between them and the Federal Committee.
- The goal of the process is to have a well shared and reflected resolution on the topic to be discussed and voted on during the next Federal Committee meeting, in Tartu.

Shared ideas

JEF Europe's identity is founded to spread the value of peace, liberty and democracy and strongly refuses violence and war as means to achieve political goals or to impose ideologies and religions.

We firmly condemn the terrorist attacks by Hamas and others throughout Israel that began on 7 October 2023, as well as the ongoing rocket attacks against Israel.

We firmly condemn the vicious and continuing attacks against civilians in Gaza, in particular attacks targeted towards refugee camps, hospitals, schools and other civilian infrastructure.

For no reason should a country violate international law, international humanitarian law and human rights, and nothing can justify the massacre of civilians.

We reject the idea that "violence calls to violence"; defending your own people should mean ensuring their safety and not an escalation of violence and war.

JEF strongly condemns any kind of discrimination and offensive acts. We also watch with deep concern the rise of antisemitic, anti-Muslim and anti-Arab actions across the world, online and offline. European and national institutions should invest in education programs to educate for inclusion and dialogue, against any kind of ethical, racial, religious or cultural hatred.

The violence in Israel and Palestine needs to terminate as soon as possible, allowing a peacebuilding process to be established and followed up by a serious institutional reflection about how to stabilise the whole area, ensuring both the Israeli and the Palestinian people to live peacefully. This is in fact the only way to save lives and to ensure safety of people in the region.