

EB draft minutes

20.December 2023, 7:00 pm CET

Present: Christelle, Kati, Nikos, Xesc, Alexandros, Hanna, Judit, Martin, Alexiane

Excused:

Minutes: Hanna (review Nikos & Christelle)

Agenda

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (8-10/12)
3. Secretariat Update
4. Advocacy Update
5. To do list
6. Bank of ideas
7. Handovers and Action plan 2024
8. EurHope
 - a. 1 pagers
 - b. Op-ed
9. Democracy under Pressure
10. Palestine-Israel discussions
11. Training: Advocacy 101 and how to be a spokesperson
12. AOB
 - a. FC proposal
 - b. Open Hour of the President
 - c. UEF PCs
 - d. UK online roundtable

Minutes

1. Adoption of draft agenda	Decision: <i>Adopted</i>
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (8-10/12)	Decision: <i>Adoption moved to after jan 2nd</i>
3. Secretariat Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Appraisal meetings with Secretariat members underway.- Two new interns will be joining the team.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- One will work on policy and the EurHope campaign.- The other intern will be focussed on administrative	Decision: <i>Oriented.</i>

<p>work and projects to keep up with the workload.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The interns will be recruited in January and start as soon as possible, likely mid-February, one salary will be paid for through the European Solidarity Corps, and the other will be financed via the Eurodyssée programme. - A new organisation is renting the small office in Brussels from January 24th. - Cash flow situation is now stabilised. - Focus is being placed on more direct payments to support sections. To allow this we need a better strategy to keep track of money coming in and going out. 	
<p>4. Advocacy Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christelle met with MEP Daniel Freund, MEP Cyrus Engerer, MEP Brando Benifei and European Parliament VP MEP Angel about EurHope. MEP Angel offered to organise a working lunch with us. - Christelle met together with other civil society organisations the finalists of the Sakharov Prize in Strasbourg. - Christelle had the first meeting with the EESC as youth representative to the EESC on the defence of democracy package - Christelle and Martin attended the UEF Congress, where the following happened: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christelle gave an opening speech. - Antonio Argenziano was elected a board member while Flavia Sandu and Kati 	<p>Decision: -</p>

were elected to the Federal Committee.

- Christelle also went to 2 UEF Board meetings, as well as a coordination meeting on elections and the PC3 meeting. She also met with UEF President MEP Domènec Ruiz Devesa and UEF Germany/European Parliament VP MEP Rainer Wieland.
- Christelle and Hanna went to the GCE meeting on European elections. They also had a meeting about the Agenda of Hope.
- Christelle had a meeting with Civico for EurHope.
- Christelle and Judit met with ALDA about EurHope.
- Christelle and Xesc attended the Federal Assembly of EMI.
 - Antonio Argenziano was elected VP of EMI.
- JEF held a reception with partners at the JEF Europe office during which most EB members were present.
- Christelle and Judit met with Chris Glück from Forefront about an event partnership.
- Christelle and Judit met with 'the Good Lobby' about EurHope.
- Christelle and Judit also met with the Evens Foundation on financing for JEF.
- Martin attended the closing and award ceremony of the European Youth Capital
- Martin participated in the European Youth Forum's Solidarity workshop on Ukraine
- Martin met with the National Youth Forum of Bulgaria
- Martin participated in a roundtable/work breakfast with diplomats, political experts and civil society in Sofia

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martin is in talks with The European Correspondent over collaboration with TNF - Xesc met with the VP of AEGEE Europe. - Xesc met with ESN and ESU about EurHope. - Xesc spoke about EurHope at the Roadmap to the European Parliament Elections event we co-organised with EU&U. - Xesc attended an event about Ukraine and EU enlargement by Friedrich Naumann Stiftung. - Judit and Xesc attended the Council of Members of the European Youth Forum. - Kati attended an event on the last week European Council results, with the Prime Minister of Finland speaking, met the parliamentary assistant of MEP¹ Sarvamaa (EPP²), Juuso Kilpinen. - Judit had a meeting with the European Parliament project officer of EurHope on the progression of our project. The new project officer will be Sonja, a JEFer. <p>The EB discussed who to contact in EPP and European Left for EurHope.</p>	
<p>5. To do list</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christelle go over the task list of the EB. 	<p>Decision:</p>
<p>6. Bank of Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alexandros presents the idea to begin using the 'tour de table' method for future reference to increase capacity for discussing 	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Aléxandros to brainstorm further the concept.</i> - <i>Christelle to present one policy priority next time to be discussed.</i>

¹ Member of European Parliament

² European People's Party

<p>different priorities. Document being prepared in this regard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In future policy priority discussions will be led by the EB member that is in charge of said topic by means of a small introduction before discussion. 	
<p>7. Handovers and Action plan 2024</p> <p>Handovers;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates on handover meetings current EB members are having with previous EB members that had their respective sections are given. - Updates given on meetings with different national sections' meetings with their relevant contact persons. <p>Action plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update of the JEF Europe - Action plan 2024 is needed. 	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>By the end of first week of January, all EB members to give input the action plan 2024</i>
<p>8. EurHope</p> <p>Agenda of Hope One-Pagers 1pagers 15 proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As part of the Agenda of Hope 15 proposals on different policy areas emerging from the EurHope consultation will be developed in a one-pager format with the help of different partner NGOs depending on the proposal's subject. - EB split the work for the different One-Pagers between themselves. <p>Op-ed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christelle is drafting an op-ed to be published early in the New Year. Details on publication will be discussed. 	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One-Pager proposals on the 15 different policy areas emanating from the EurHope consultation will be drafted and finished by the end of January, with a first draft by mid-January to collect input from sections. - EB members to also prepare a 500 character summary of each one-pager for translation.
<p>9. Democracy under Pressure (DuP)</p> <p>Martin presents the first brainstorming he had with Kati and Christelle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB discusses need to brainstorm ideas for DuP, proposes a meeting on January 19th with the sections. 	<p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martin to send invite to the brainstorming meeting to sections. - EB to brainstorm ideas for the new campaign.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Importance to have feedback on what has worked in the past, and also on possibilities to include artists, journalists, and other activists. 	
<p>10. Palestine-Israel discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consensus reached that the future of this discussion should be in Political Commission 3 (PC3) rather than with the current <i>ad hoc</i> procedure. 	<p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The Israel-Palestine discussion will be transitioned away from direct EB control to PC3.</i> - Nikos and Christelle to have a meeting with PC3 chairs
<p>11. Training: Advocacy 101 and how to be a spokesperson</p> <p>Christelle gives tips on how to be a spokesperson in the EB. EB discusses good practices of advocacy and representation.</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -
<p>12. AOB</p> <p>a. <u>FC Proposal for Further EB Transparency</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In light of suggestions coming from the FC Presidium, including by means of a meeting with Christelle, the EB agreed that more can be done to ensure transparency from the start. <p>EB discusses different transparency and communication ideas.</p> <p>b. <u>UEF PCs</u></p> <p>EB members discuss and allocate who will attend which Union of European Federalists (UEF) Political Commissions (PCs). The PCs are divided as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PC1 – On Federalist Strategy for a Federal Reform of the EU - PC2 – On social justice, culture and education - PC3 – On Foreign and Security Policy, Defence and Cybersecurity <p>One of the co-Rapporteurs is Antonio Argenziano from JEF</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christelle will try her best to send the agenda for future EB meetings to the FC 48 hours before and suggest a Q&A session with the Presidium/FC once every two months. - President’s Open Hours will happen between 19:00 and 21:00 CET/CEST every first Wednesday of the month, allowing JEFers a direct line of communication.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- PC4 – On the European Green Deal, Energy union, digital transition, and related economic policies- PC5 – On migration, rule of law and justice <p>One of the co-rapporteurs is Christelle</p> | |
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Alexandros left at 20:09 CET

The EB meeting closes at 21:20 CET. Happy holidays!