

EB draft minutes

11 January 2024, 7:30 pm CET

Present: Christelle, Xesc, Nikos, Judit, Martin, Hanna, Alexandros (until item 10)

Excused: Alexiane

Minutes: Kati (review Martin)

Agenda

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (20/12)
3. Secretariat update
4. Advocacy update
5. To do list
6. Bank of ideas
7. Call for Secretary General and interview date and arrangement
8. Important advocacy moments of the year
9. Action plan 2024
10. Solidarity fund
11. EB/FC agenda
12. AOB
 - a. FC registrations
 - b. Membership fees
 - c. Next Generation JEF Board of advisors
 - d. EurHope Horizons
 - e. Words of Europe
 - f. YouReACT

Minutes

1. Adoption of draft agenda	Decision: Adopted as amended.
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (20/12)	Decision: Adopted.
3. Secretariat update Rural Youth Europe has moved into the office and is subleasing a room from JEF. Membership Officer applications are open until the 15th of January. Upcoming two trainees, not sure one can be financed with the European Solidarity Corps.	Decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- EB to share membership officer call with potential good candidates and in other channels- Once funding is clarified, Judit to launch the recruitment of interns.

<p>4. Advocacy update</p> <p>For the one-pagers of EurHope:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christelle met with the European Consumers Organisation - Christelle and Alexiane met with Social Good Accelerator - Christelle and Xesc met with Democracy International <p>Christelle met with European Democrat Students for EurHope</p> <p>Christelle attended the UEF¹ EB meeting.</p> <p>Judit: Civil Society Europe working group report on the Conference on the future of Europe results implementation, focus now on treaty change as this is required for implementation of many of them.</p> <p>Xesc attended</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Global Europe Forum of Renew Europe - the conference of the “Stand-up: Standing up against hate in the EU” project by ALDA <p>President’s open hour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One person reached out but low participation can be due to the open hour being announced two days before. - Now it has been published in the newsletter, it should improve turnout 	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB to check the Treaty change update on Slack policy channel
<p>5. To do list</p> <p>Discussed the to do lists and how everyone is doing with their upcoming tasks.</p> <p>Round table on the status of the one-pagers. Most of them have a partner to contribute to the one-pager.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Challenging - migration and justice 	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB to remind to sections and FC members to register for the FC Tartu

¹ Union of European Federalists

Pledges by candidates (1 per candidate) and pledges by organisations. Challenging to push so many pledges at the same time if we want to push EurHope, ours and maybe help with Promote Ukraine one.

The EB discussed the need for a separate JEF manifesto for the EP elections - Agenda of Hope with some added points on federalism or our own manifesto?

- UEF is doing a Federalist Pledge
- Moral commitment to push citizens' wishes through the Agenda of Hope
- phase two of EurHope was also meant to highlight different opinions, room to collaborate with more CSOs²
 - Consultation - starting point advocacy during the elections
 - federalist solution to underlying concerns of citizens
- Federalising the message of the Agenda of Hope: JEF input in introduction and conclusion
 - Ensure consistency across EurHope documents

6. Bank of ideas

EB discussed Enlargement as a priority topic in 2024, how to work with the topic.

- Resolutions on Western Balkans, Eastern Partnership mention enlargement.

Advocacy goal - removing vetos from the enlargement process; need for reforms for both the future acceding country and the EU; more European Parliament participation in the process.

- JEF position - treaty change and enlargement have to happen in parallel

Decision:

- **Christelle will coordinate enlargement actions.**
- **Xesc to follow up with PC1 if they want to work on enlargement.**
- **Xesc will present Schengen at the next meeting.**

² Civil Society Organisation

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PC 1 could work on our position and if there is a need to develop further our positions on the topic. <p>Key points included in Key Advocacy Moments document: 20y of 2024 enlargement, anniversaries of enlargement progress of the past 2 years</p>	
<p>7. Important advocacy moments of the year</p> <p>Key advocacy moments 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The EB discussed relevant dates and actions for treaty change, enlargement, EU elections and Schengen. - Belarusian and Russian elections to be linked to Democracy under Pressure - Ukraine is a key point during the elections - 2 year of full-scale invasion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stories of Ukrainian activists - Continue EUkraine campaign 	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martin to coordinate a Common statement with the political youth organisations and Ukrainian National Youth Council for the 24th February
<p>8. Action plan 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB reviewed Action Plan 2024 and discussed the timeline for preparation of a new 4-year strategy. 	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB to complete document by next meeting and assign action points - Action plan to be approved at the next EB meeting. - Kati to prepare the document for the update of the 4 year strategy
<p>9. Call for Secretary General and interview date and arrangement</p> <p>EB discussed and decided on the desired profile, requirements, compensation, conditions of employment and recruitment.</p> <p>All EB members to be present in Brussels for the final interviews on 1 March if possible.</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB adopted the call for the Secretary General 2024-2026 as amended during the call. - EB adopted the process for recruitment of a new SG. - Judit to publish the call on 11 January.
<p>10. Solidarity fund</p> <p>Certain beneficiaries of the solidarity fund did claim reimbursement after Congress, despite reminders.</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB to read guidelines in the internal area.

<p>Discussion on how to reallocate after, if such a situation happens, but some people in need of the fund might not come at all if do not benefits from the Fund.</p> <p>Discussion on communication and potential obstacles for applicants.</p> <p>With the reallocation following the switch to a volunteer for the position of President, the directly elected and co-opted FC members and one co-editor in chief of The New Federalist now benefit from reimbursement of travel costs and no longer need to apply to the solidarity fund, thereby more people will be covered by travel reimbursements for FCs.</p> <p>Discussion on whether to add to the criteria of the Solidarity Fund the claim of reimbursement at the latest allocation to avoid such situations in future. Criteria might be formally added if it happens again.</p> <p>Vote on whether the selection committee should receive the list of those who got the Solidarity Fund for the Congress but did not claim it : 4 YES, 2 NO - Vote passed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB to clearly communicate in the acceptance email to the solidarity fund recipients the need to flag - if possible before the FC- if they no longer need the solidarity fund so it can be reallocated to others who may not attend the meeting otherwise. - EB decided to tackle the issue of those awarded the solidarity fund stipend failing to claim it by sharing the information about who had received the fund and failed to claim it in connection to the Congress with the selection committee for the FC in Tartu, and to communicate better about the fact that failure to claim reimbursement does not allow for someone else to receive the fund instead. - EB chose Kati for the selection committee for the solidarity fund allocation for the next FC, together with the Treasurer and the Secretary General.
<p>11. EB/FC agenda</p> <p>The EB discussed the draft agenda for the EB-FC meeting in February.</p> <p>TF Capacity Building: would like to discuss training needs of sections with the EB.</p> <p>EB took note of FC Presidium and Taskforce (TF) Capacity Building co-chairs comments and included.</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB to comment by Sunday 14/01. - Presidium agenda points added to the agenda. - Christelle to send the final draft agenda to the FC Presidium then to the EB and FC. - EB to discuss individually with TF Capacity Building.
<p>12. AOB</p> <p>a. <u>FC registrations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Many sections and FC members still have to register. <p>b. <u>Membership fees</u></p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The EB members should remind their contact sections to register for the FC in Tartu and promote the solidarity fund.

EB members to remind their sections to send membership fees, number of members, statutes and minutes of the last General Assembly (GA) to the Treasurer by the end of March (needed for the online Congress in June).

c. Next Generation JEF Board of advisors

Call for Participating Sections | Next Generation JEF Re-granting Scheme for Sections_open until 03/03.

- Decisions on grants by the 12 March
- Information call on 18 January.
- Committee of alumni decides the grant allocation.

d. EurHope Horizons

The EB discussed the EurHope Horizons events organised in collaboration with universities around Europe. Events are coming in Coimbra (Portugal), Warsaw, Tartu (Estonia), Vilnius, and we could reach out to a university in Slovakia.

- Civico could help to find speakers.
- Sections to take the lead
- Debate focus on Agenda of Hope

e. YouReAct

JEF Europe was contacted at the end of December for a collaboration on a 5-year project by Frankfurt University funded by Volkswagen.

The Project promotes political participation of rural youth in German border regions (Schleswig-Holstein (DE) + North Schleswig (DK); Bavaria (DE) + Tirol (AUS) etc.) and JEF Germany has been invited to join as well.

- Budget EUR 50,000 per organisation
- JEF role: participation in partners meeting, presenting results in Brussels, organisation of event with sections to reach out to rural youth and support sections.

- **Aléxandros to send the request for membership fees to sections.**
- **EB members to remind their sections about the end of March deadline.**

- **The EB decided to invite Leonie Martin, Chris Power and Juuso Jäviniemi to join the Next Generation JEF selection alumni committee Leonie Martin. In case one of them is unavailable, the EB will reach out to Ophélie Omnes.**

- **EB to include sections to the discussion with universities so they can take the lead, with our help.**
- EB members to join when possible
- Christelle to ask Melanie from the FC if she would be available to attend the Warsaw one.

- **Christelle to contact Clara from JEF Germany to discuss the grant set up.**
- **EB to reach out to border sections to ask if they would like to participate in the project.**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Next steps: we need to do nothing else than registration on the Volkswagen platform and provide a person responsible- JEF Europe was contacted as a European level organisation as the organiser want a regional, a national and an international organisation.- Both JEF Europe and JEF Germany can participate. | |
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The EB meeting was closed at 22:32 CET.