

## EB minutes

8 February 2024, 7:30 pm CET

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

Excused: Aléxandros, Xesc

Minutes: Nikos and Kati (review Xesc)

### Agenda

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the draft minutes ([25/01](#))
3. Secretariat Update
4. Advocacy Update
5. To do list
6. Bank of ideas
7. How to work with the secretariat
8. Renew call for SG
9. Democracy under pressure
10. EurHope
11. Comms analysis and campaign communication plans, how to prepare them with the secretariat
12. AOB
  - a. Civil Society Europe VicePresidency
  - b. Partnership proposal with Palumba
  - c. Jours fixes
  - d. Member of European Parliament Accredited Parliamentary Assistant about federalism

### Minutes

20.30

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| <b>1. Adoption of draft agenda</b>   | <b>Decision:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Adopted</b></li></ul>  |
| <b>2. Adoption of the draft minutes (25/01)</b>  | <b>Decision:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Postponed to next week's meeting.</b></li></ul>  |
| <b>3. Secretariat Update</b> <p>Membership officer has been hired -a long administrative process ahead. She will probably not start until the end of February.</p> | <b>Decision:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Christelle and Nikos assume responsibility on Ventotene project</b></li><li>- <b>Extend the call for SG by one week and also the advert, and showing</b></li></ul> |

Intern - Policy and Communications, someone already reached out with a spontaneous application but she would have only been able to start at the end of May.

Audit for Operation Grant - underway, until now all is going well. JEF is also still going through a Commission audit for 4 of our previous grants, anticipating some money that we will need to pay back. Substantial underspending in our work plan 2023, which means less real term grant from the European Youth Foundation, impacting also the co-financing of the operating grant. Cashflow wise we are in a stable situation.

New tenant moved in, we need to promote office space more for rental.

SG Recruitment: We have not received enough applications from appropriate profiles yet.

Christelle and Inês met with *Natura Commune* about a project about treaty reform. Idea was that there would be a circle discussion on politics, and then a sort of citizen assembly on the need to reform treaties, and the charter of fundamental rights. Concluding activity would be a convention. Project proposal was submitted yesterday.

Democratic Odyssey - organisation setting up citizen assemblies is promoting permanent citizen assemblies in Europe. Their first one will be in Athens. They invited us to join as partners. We can surely attend weekly meetings. They are raising a lot of money, 3.8 million euros is the aim and their idea is to give money back to partners for implementation. Connection to JEF Strasbourg already.

**the net salary for the position.**

- **EB to promote call for intern.**

Rome/Ventotene project: Potential to partner with the State of Saxony, UEF, JEF Saxony, the Region of Lazio, JEF Italy, and UEF Lazio. The Ventotene Forum was officially instituted in 2022. Led by the commitment of the Ministry of EU Affairs in Saxony and ongoing cooperation with Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), the partnership aims to host a major event in Rome and Ventotene from April 5th to April 9th. This event will convene around 100 young participants from Germany, Italy, and other regional partners of Saxony throughout Europe. Little resources required from the Secretariat, minimal logistics from us generally other than helping with our registration and also with bringing JEFers from beyond Italy and Germany.

**4. Advocacy Update**

Christelle

- was [interviewed](#) by Euronews,
- was a speaker at the EESC<sup>1</sup> hearing on the Defence of Democracy package and attended the related study group
- spoke at the Grassroots4Europe roundtable about EurHope and youth in democracy
- with MEPs of Luxembourg at a Europa Union Luxembourg meet up.

Christelle and Judit met

- with the EESC to discuss the final MEET<sup>2</sup> debate
- with DG Com of the EP about the potential Spitzenkandidat debate with EBU<sup>3</sup>
- attended the JEF Election event with Forefront featuring Jim Cloos as a speaker.

**Decision:**

<sup>1</sup> European Economic and Social Committee

<sup>2</sup> Mobilise Europe = Engaging Together

<sup>3</sup> European Broadcasting Union

Christelle and Xesc attended a civil society consultation meeting of PES<sup>4</sup> about the cost of life.

Xesc

- attended an event with business representatives organised by Mouvement Impact France
- attended a PES civil society consultation on proposals about social services and the welfare state
- was featured on a show at the regional TV station of the Balearic Islands (IB3) talking about JEF
- had a call with Palumba to explore a partnership

Kati:

- A lot of MEP's, Accredited Parliamentary Assistants(APAs) and national MPs at the European Green Party electoral congress. Idea for an APA federalist gathering when MEPs leave Brussels after the EP ends activities.

Hanna

- Met with Generation Climate Europe (GCE) both for individual Member Organisation (MO) follow-up and yearly work plan planning with all MOs. They will arrange monthly info meetings on different climate topics for all parts of MOs. In Q2 this year they will release their 'climate pact' project in consortium with other organisations. Opportunities for national sections. Will release a survey in March to find ideas and national contexts. In Q4, big funding for future scheme from the Commission, microgranting for local sections, medium granting and 100k grants available for MOs for a big

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<sup>4</sup> Party of European Socialists

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| <p>project in 2025. Will work to get us one.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>5. To do list</b><br/>EB goes over pending tasks and assigns deadlines when they all ought to be completed.</p>   | <p><b>Decision:</b></p>   |
| <p><b>6. Bank of ideas</b><br/>Topic discussed by the EB was inclusion, focusing on the International Women’s Day and plan of action for the day. Now the plan is to highlight women activists in line with the Democracy under Pressure campaign and do a statement-like Instagram post. JEF Brussels is also planning an event at the JEF office. Kati has also created a timeline of inclusion specific days which could be discussed together with TF Empowerment &amp; Diversity. Such days and times could be the International Women’s Day, Pride Month, EuroPride etc.</p>          | <p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Next bank of ideas will be on communications. On communications, Nikos will hold a meeting on internal communication with Erica and bounce back with ideas for the secretariat.</b></li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>7. How to work with the secretariat (Judith &amp; Christelle)</b><br/>Short discussion on better methods for EB-Secretariat communication.</p>  | <p><b>Decision:</b></p>   |
| <p><b>8. Democracy under Pressure (DuP)</b><br/>Meeting for DuP next Monday, shared list of contacts so sections can cooperate. The sections will receive the infokit just after the next coordination call. Form will be made to allow sections to input all information for events they have planned.<br/><br/>Meeting on Monday also from EU Neighbours East Young European Ambassadors, and Belarus part of the programme added to EU one. Most of the Belarusians are living in the EU.<br/>Discussion with the European Correspondent and hopefully The New Federalist (TNF) - on</p> | <p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Meeting on Monday will go ahead for DuP.</b></li> <li>- <b>Meeting with EU Neighbours East, integration of Belarus DuP activists in EU DuP programme.</b></li> <li>- <b>The Ukraine statement will be sent out to youth parties to joint published</b></li> </ul> |

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| <p>a new document (potentially this year) for media freedom, including things like Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation (SLAPP) cases, etc...</p> <p>Ukraine statement will be sent out to youth political party organisations.</p> <p>EUJS (European Union of Jewish Students): Relations with them have not been the best due to the previous few months. This is an opportunity to build some trust via an info-post regarding rising anti-semitism? This could be an idea but it is important that we do not do this with them alone.</p> |   |
| <p><b>9. EurHope</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One pagers:<br/>They are all now done, and will be sent to make for translations.</li> </ul> <p>The EB discussed how to integrate federalist ideas that are not in the agenda of hope to the campaign while still carrying forward the ideas of citizens.</p> <p>Christelle is preparing the meeting in the European Parliament hosted by Marc Angel.</p>   | <p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>EB to discuss with their sections who could translate the one-pagers for the Agenda of Hope.</b></li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>10. Comms analysis and campaign communication plans, how to prepare them with the secretariat</b></p>   | <p><b>Decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Postponed</b></li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>11. AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Civil Society Europe Vice President</li> <li>b. Partnership proposal with Palumba</li> <li>c. Jours fixes</li> </ul> <p>Potential of inviting Alumni and other potential donors such as people from EMI</p>   | <p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Civil Society Europe Vice President</li> </ul> <p><b>Postponed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Partnership proposal with Palumba</li> </ul> <p><b>Postponed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Jours fixes</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Xesc and Nikos to organise the next jours fixes on March 1st during the EB meeting.</b></li> </ul> |

and UEF for events that we are already planning. For Alumni we will be encouraging to bring a JEF memory to show, like a photo or an item.

1st of March has been chosen for the first jours fixes with alumni during the in-person EB meeting, drafting of the email.

More regular jours fixes to follow.

- d. Accredited Parliamentary Assistants (APA) meeting about Federalism

The board discusses the idea of organising an informal meeting for parliamentary assistants about the topic of federalism to

d. MEP APA

- **Nikos and Kati to organise the meeting with assistants in the offices of JEF Europe in April**

The EB meeting closes at 22:28 CET.