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Minutes



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1. Opening federal committee meeting

Opening

- **Laura Gaißmaier** (Presidium): has officially opened the Federal Committee (FC) on the 10th of November at 09:34 in Madrid.

2. Formalities

a. Code of conduct & Gender watch

- **Antonio Argenziano** (President, JEF Europe) explaining the **Code of Conduct** and who is responsible for it, **Leonie Martin** (Congress Presidium). Any kind of behaviour that is disrespectful or harmful will not be accepted. Be respectful and tolerant of people's differences. Code of Conduct applies at all times. You can always reach the points of contact or use the anonymous webform. There are also the permanent contact people.
- **Laura Gaißmaier** (Presidium): on Gender Watch: all talking points will be considered during this process and **Zita Karacson** (Project Consultant, JEF Europe Secretariat) is taking care of this.

b. Roll call (FC)

- **Laura Gaißmaier** (Presidium): introduced roll call at 09:39. **Judit Lantai** (Secretary General, JEF Europe) opens roll call
 - JEF Austria not present
 - JEF Belgium present
 - JEF Bulgaria present
 - JEF Croatia present
 - JEF Czechia not present
 - JEF Denmark present
 - JEF Finland present
 - JEF France present
 - JEF Germany present
 - JEF Greece not present
 - JEF Hungary not present - the member with full voting rights is not present
 - JEF Italy present
 - JEF Kosovo not present
 - JEF Latvia present
 - JEF Malta- proxy
 - JEF North Macedonia not present
 - JEF Moldova - no voting right

- JEF Montenegro not present
- JEF Netherlands - proxy
- JEF Norway - present
- JEF Poland - present
- JEF Portugal - not present
- JEF Romania - present
- JEF Slovakia - not present
- JEF Slovenia - present
- JEF Spain - present
- JEF Sweden - not present
- JEF Switzerland - present
- JEF UK - present

Moving on to the **Executive Board**

- Antonio Argenziano - present
- Christelle Savall - present
- Juuso Järviemi - not present
- Helena Roberta i Campos - present
- Flavia-Gabriela Sandu - present
- Knut Sande - present
- Gergana Blazheva - present
- Robin Mudry - present

Directly Elected FC Members

1. Laura Gaißmaier - present
2. Emma Farrugia - not present
3. Annemarie Hertner -present
4. Victor Lépine - not present
5. Kati Systä - present
6. Pauline Laloux - not present
7. Ricardo Moschetti - not present
8. Xesc Cardell Mainzer - present
9. Marie Pouliquen - present
10. Moritz Schleicher- proxy to Marie Pouliquen
11. Guillaume Kayser-present
12. Max Nordin - present
13. Camilla Brizzi - present
14. Filippo Pasquali - not present
15. Håvard Rørtveit - not present
16. Kalojan Hoffmeister - not present

Judit Lantai (Secretary General, JEF Europe) - roll call is over, there is quorum, the FC can carry on.

c. Election of tellers

- **Laura Gaißmaier** (Presidium): - are there any objections to electing tellers before adopting the agenda. The room answered no.
- Tellers - support presidium to count votes.

- **Christoph Wilhelm Perner** (JEF Austria) and **Judit Lantai** (Secretary General, JEF Europe) - have been elected with no opposition.

d. Approval of changes in the agenda

- Presidium - invites the room to review the agenda and vote on it, while explaining the changes that it underwent since being sent.
- 3 changes proposed: election tellers, Move agenda points 5 and 6 after the break, Move the election of the resolutions committee to points 8 and 9.
- Are there any other amendments to the agenda? The room said no.
 - Amendments are carried
 And the agenda is adopted by majority.

e. Approval of the agenda

- Agenda adopted with amendments and majority vote as explained by the Presidium.

f. Approval of the minutes of the FC in Prague

- Accessible on the internal area.
- No questions on the minutes of the FC in Prague.
- No objections. Adopted with no opposition.

g. Approval of the minutes of the FC in Malta

- Accessible in the internal area.
- No questions on the minutes.
- No objections to the adoption and Presidium confirms the minutes are adopted.

3. EB updates

- **Presidium invites EB to present**
- **Antonio Argenziano** (President, JEF Europe) is sharing the slides with technical team in the room

Andrew Micallef (Membership Officer, JEF Europe Secretariat) - sharing organisational reminder: respect the room and approach JEF Spain if you need to go to the bathroom

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): asks for everyone to wear their name tag

Antonio Argenziano (President, JEF Europe) open the presentation on what has been done by the EB in the last 6 months:

- EurHope
- Europe what if
- Democracy under pressure, related to initiative on Ukraine
- Federalist Academy
- Treaty change progress

- Conference on the future of Europe - there was a clear mandate to start a treaty change process.
- EP worked on a 200 pages report worked and approved by the AFCO Committee which is set to be voted upon in November in the EP plenary and in whose shaping the Spinelli Group played a huge role.
- This is even more important now with the enlargement process being opened
- We kept working with civil society and at the civil society convention, a civil society state of the union report was something we collaborated on and participated in lots of participatory processes.

EurHope

- We worked on the development of EurHope which was launched on 9 May on Europe Day
- Forum of democracy and other events were done under the umbrella of EurHope
- MEPS and civil society were involved in the the campaign

EU-Kraine - Antonio Argenziano (President, JEF Europe) visited Ukraine several times under local missions. We have established partnerships with Partir and ULA

Christelle Savall (Vice President, JEF Europe):

Ensure Ukraine is supported and we work on enlargement. This is connected to treaty change and is important to ensure a future to Ukraine. Ukraine needs to join the European family. Enlargement is about community and people-based approach. This week there was the enlargement package by the European Commission, and there are new updates for Ukraine and Moldova.

Democracy under Pressure:

62 sections in 21 countries joined the campaign. It was positive to see the motivation across Europe on this. Events:

- Youth Civic Spaces - young people from different countries join together to discuss civic spaces;
- 2 articles for the New Federalist;
- 1 press release;
- Debates for International Women's Day, personal stories were shared at the FC, we had a guest from Vesna (russian democracy activism association);
- Democracy chain - suggested by JEF Latvia, great idea and shows that the campaign belongs to everyone. Democracy chains were done all over Europe. Participation events all over Europe.

Federalist Academy:

Robin Mudry (Treasurer, JEF Europe)

- Initiative that already started before the mandate: federalist library was assembled and published in JEF Europe website, and this has continued to be extended and please keep sending this;
- First in-person federalist academy in 2022 in Prague and look at the rich history of federalism and keep it up to date due to our present challenges;
- Continuation of federalism academy - European school of memory done with Jean Monnet house.

Antonio Argenziano (President, JEF Europe): we established a connection between JEF Europe and Jean Monnet house. And thanks to also the support of the EP there will more events in the future.

Europe What If

Knut André Sandé (Executive Board, JEF Europe): For Non-EU JEF sections to get involved.

An Infokit has been sent out to sections and EU sections can also look at this as it is very useful. JEF Albania should be congratulated for already starting the work based on this document.

A JEF project called completeEU has been approved to work with the Western Balkan and Eastern Partnership countries.

We should dare to dream of a different Europe - it is possible to change Europe and this is what we should do.

Candidate Sections:

Christelle Savall (Vice President, JEF Europe):

7 candidates, 6 of which have applied for full membership at the Congress

- Hungary;
- Ireland;
- Luxembourg;
- Ukraine - not applied for full membership;
- Albania;
- Estonia;
- Serbia.

Positive thing and there was one EB member as contact member for each JEF section.

Interest Groups:

Juuso Järvinemi (Vice President, JEF Europe):

We also have interest groups. This is also a field we have worked a lot on. Europe is not limited in the EU, Europe is so much more. Invited the next EB to continue this work.

- Armenia;
- Azerbaijan;
- Belarus;
- Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Cyprus;

- Georgia;
- Iceland;
- Lithuania;
- Moldova;
- Russia;
- Turkey.

Communication:

Flavia-Gabriela Sandu (Executive Board, JEF Europe):

Communications coordination:

- We have 2 newsletters JEF Focus and JEF Info, please subscribe to it by going through the JEF Europe website.
- We have new stickers on IG -search @jef_europe in the sticker bar
- Let's make a long list of stories for IG

Data from Q3 2023:

- We are doing good with what we have
- Improving reels and videos and making it more interactive
- Stickers have over 37 million views.
- People who have Tik Tok should follow JEF Europe's account

Meetings and representation:

Gergana Blazheva (Executive Board, JEF Europe):

- EB meets 4 times per year in-person and they have online meetings every 2 weeks and we discuss what is being happening, priorities and strategy
- EB meeting in Brussels, Berlin, Strasbourg during the EYE, Cluj-Napoca and IO meetings in June and October
- Online every 2 weeks on Wednesday evenings
- Minutes are available in the internal area to check what is being discussed

We are also having international officers meetings (had 2 in June and October) - sections and International officers can meet and interact .

It was presented a map where JEF has been .

World Federalism and Global:

- **Juuso Järviemi** (Vice President, JEF Europe): partnered with the world federalist movement and young world federalists. Invited to the former's online and there will be new board elections there. The annual WeCo world parliament took place in October and we participated

European Youth Forum (YFJ):

Christelle Savall (Vice President, JEF Europe): An introduction of YFJ was presented. JEF is a member and you individually might be a member of the national youth council.

YFJ is also a partner for the European elections (under the MEET project).
Christelle attends on behalf of JEF at Council of Members meetings, and in the last one Xesc was elected to the Advisory Council on youth of the Council of Europe on behalf of JEF Europe. New strategic priorities to be voted upon next week - there will be a lot of resolutions, 10 in total.

Union of the European Federalists (UEF):

Christelle Savall (Vice President, JEF Europe): JEF some sections are the youth members of this organisation. We are represented in the electoral committee and JEFers who represent on behalf of JEF

JEFers who would positions in political committees. The new UEF FC and EB will soon be elected.

Work to ensure UEF will join the EurHope campaign.

We also have a common campaign in which we advocate for treaty change - people care as treaty change will solve a lot of issues we have

European Movement International (EMI):

Members Council (16 June) - important discussion on Ukraine and enlargement

General Assembly (1-2 December)

- New board to be elected - support Antonio to be elected as he is running to become Vice-President. This is important for us and it would be very meaningful.

Full Time President

Antonio Argenziano (President, JEF Europe):

Policy and Advocacy

- 110+ events in different European countries
- 70+ advocacy meetings and strengthening JEF Europe network by speaking and talking with MEPs and other officials
- EurHope launch and coordination

Internal Work:

- EB coordination
- Treaty change
- EurHope coordination
- Networks, Civil society Europe, in which Judit Lantai is the President and EMI
- Supporting SG in managerial tasks,
- Working closely with Comms officer and Policy Officer of JEF Europe secretariat
- Constant support to JEF sections

Antonio Argenziano (President, JEF Europe) shows a picture of him sleeping as a consequence of all this work

Secretariat Report:

Judit Lantai (Secretary General, JEF Europe):

A lot of new faces in the team which is introduced:

Policy and Communications, Antonio Argenziano, Ines Consonni and Erica

Ines Consonni as Policy Officer
Erica Beccarello as Communications Officer

Andrew Micallef as Membership Officer

Projects Team
Michela Procoli as Project Manager
Amy McAuley as Projects Officer
Zita Karacson as Project Consultant
Alex Bedmar Gomez as Junior Project Officer

Pierre Louwerse - Financial officer

Please get to know the secretariat

- Growing back to the previous number
- Potentially opening intern positions next year -depends on funding

Office - it has been set up a bit better and there is a bigger office. Some JEF sections have already visited and SG invited other JEF sections to come as we have an open door policy

4. Financial report

- **Laura Gaißmaier** (Presidium): introduced that this agenda item is starting

Robin Mudry (Treasurer, JEF Europe):

There will be several financial reports in the next few days. And there will be another report discussed in the congress later

Update on what has happened since our last FC and will then give a broader update further on in the programme.

JEF sections & members:

- 29 sections and this will change as some of are being expelled as they are being replaced with new entities
- 9,853 members for 2022 (down from 10,151) -fallen for the first time in a number of years under the 10,000. Decrease has mostly got to do with reporting issues as sections undergo structural changes. Foreseen it will change. Lots of candidate sections will hopefully become full sections. Hopefully next year we will be above 10,000 members.
- New membership state will change next year - for accounting purposes there has been a technical change which will not affect sections at all
- 298 members were lost
- 27 sections reported and paid

- 3 sections subject to a monitoring committee - there will be a new monitoring committee of which we will speak later in the agenda
- 7 candidates sections (+4)
- Deadline problems - we need to meet and technically speaking and this can create issues on how we allocate delegates
- New reporting system

Congratulations to....

Real Growth-related to reporting

1. Slovenia (+550%)
2. Poland (+300%)
3. Sweden (+275%)

Absolute Numbers

1. Finland (+288 members)
2. France (+129 members)=2nd consecutive year they have been in 2nd place with +100 members
3. Denmark (+115 members)

Second Online Congress 2023

- On May 31st - closing of the financial year
- External audit
- Internal audit on May 31

Question of time frame in relation to membership statement

2023 Budget:

- Final budget will be deliberated and voted on during the online congress next year.
- It is set to be approved by online congress 2024
- Secretariat managed over € 1 million this year: this is a massive growth in the management side of JEF Europe
- Expected negative closure of the financial year: 3 main reasons: long standing issue with co funding, really related to older projects where it was not secured sufficiently meaning co-funding needs to come from our reserves, ongoing issue with the cleaning company of the office, ongoing audit by European Commission on four grants, not because something suspicious happened but due to JEF Europe being awarded lots of grants from the EC over the years leading to more scrutiny, may need to return some money here from past projects
- Vote taking place on Sunday morning before EB being discharged

2024 Budget:

- New structure being spoken about in the big report later on

Cash Flow:

- €57,520.97 in our account

Liquidity issues at the end of the year to be avoided, 20 000 euros more than in 2022

Grants related to the EP elections and other projects

Membership fees increase:

- Suggest launching a debate about increase in membership fees as outgoing treasurer
- Discussion should happen with the whole organisation -can discuss with me during the congress
- Last increase in 2009 for the membership fees of 2008 (from €1,75 to €2 per member)

Arguments in favour:

- Building up reserves
- Risks considering the size of the organisation
- No additional administrative burden
- Inflation
- Long-term internal auditors recommendation

Future financial risk and potentials, or new and ongoing issues:

- Bank change/online bank - change to online bank is not easy as they are not open to work with NGOs
- In house accounting - we moved most of our accounting in-house thanks to Pierre as financial officer
- Grants eligible for Western Balkans and Eastern Partnership - very positive thing
- New Brussels JEF Europe Offices - we are subletting part of the office and the event space can be rented by other NGOs
- Commission Audit
- Presidium has the following announcements: pick up your voting card if you arrived late and if you have questions please use the mic in front of you, it works with red light on. If you want to speak later in the Q&A please raise your hand. There will be a speakers list.

Q&A**On EB report and financial report:**

- **Madalin Blidaru** (JEF Romania) : where can we access report slides?
- **Robin Mudry** (Treasurer, JEF Europe): shared in membership area

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): there were no questions or announcements and the agenda points will be closed. We will move on to the break and we will start 30 minutes earlier. Break will be until 11.30am and people need to stay in the room and if you need to go to the bathroom the volunteers of JEF Spain will accompany you

BREAK

Juuso Jarviniemi (Vice President, JEF Europe) is now present and has taken his voting card.

5. Report of the Monitoring Committee and Q&A

Christelle Savall (Vice President, JEF Europe)

- 2 ongoing monitoring committees of 3 people designated by FC of Congress to oversee worrying developments in sections and/or suggest solutions/check procedures to expel inactive sections.
- 3 sections inactive and haven't paid membership fees (Moldova, Montenegro and Hungary) where the Committee will recommend that they be expelled-this needs to be voted on at the Congress where 2 of the 3 sections will be expelled.
- These are the old sections as the process began in 2020.
- Alexandra, Kristine (JEF Norway) and Christelle are in the monitoring committee-all of JEF Moldova and JEF Hungary have been recommended to be expelled.
- JEF Montenegro have a new team willing to take over

JEF Hungary

- Haven't paid membership fees by 2016. Balazs willing to take over but the old team were unwilling to pass over registrations.
- Arbitration Board recommended that the old JEF Hungary board be expelled

JEF Moldova

- Haven't paid since 2017. There is a new team to take over however there are legal obstacles meaning they will close the old section to allow the new team to apply as a candidate section.
- The arbitration board recommended the old JEF Moldova be expelled.

JEF Montenegro

- Haven't paid since 2016
- New people willing to help, considering the monitoring procedure until a new team is willing and ready to take over.

Robin Mudry (Treasurer, JEF Europe): Found the new person for JEF Montenegro at Federalist academy. Have a team of 5+ people Awaiting their new statutes to be translated into English. Agreed on handover with new section. Preparing activities. It usually takes longer but they wanted to resolve legal difficulties before Congress. Confident the procedure will be finished by next year.

Antonio Argenziano (President, JEF Europe)

JEF Poland

- Established after Liege-Antonio, Laura (FC) and Anna from JEF Netherlands on the committee.
- Code of Conduct situations and a difficult atmosphere have led to them being monitored. The situation has improved however the monitoring will continue to encourage a smooth relaunch of the new section which was established a few months ago.
- New Board elected at their GA on October 27th but the internal democratic structure was not secured yet.

Q&A

No questions.

6. Cessation of membership

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): someone has to propose the vote.

Christelle Savall (Vice President, JEF Europe): We recommend adoption of recommendation to congress for the cessation of membership of JEF Hungary and JEF Moldova. The Arbitration board was consulted and gave a positive opinion posted on the internal area.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Voting on proposal that congress votes on the cessation of membership. Objections on proposing this to Congress. Motion carried and the cessation of membership of sections mentioned above will be proposed to the Congress.

7. Reports: Federal Committee (Presidium, Political Commissions and Task Forces)

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium):

- Apart from usual resolution work we have been busy

Political Commissions (PC):

- PC2 event on future of work-fruitful discussion with MEP and 2 experts.
- PC3 worked on new resolution on relations to Switzerland, migration

Task Forces:

- Worked on accessibility guide, inclusive JEF, updated code of conduct

European Elections:

- Comms channels for coordination of campaign
- Made use of the digital acquisition campaign of MAKE.org-1 million votes on consultation platform and their results will be presented at the congress.
- 2 physical meetings
- Next campaign phase is ongoing focused on transnational formats.

No questions

8. Proposal of the Congress Presidium

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): presents the proposed congress presidium, which will be appointed during the Congress.

Judit Lantai (Secretary General, JEF Europe): could not share full list ahead of time due to some drop outs. We do have 5 people according to the statutes of JEF Alumni.

- **Leonie Martin (former President)**

- **Valentin Dupouey (former Secretary General)**
- **Ioan Bucuras (former Secretary General)**
- **Ida Laurila (former FC member)**
- **Chris Powers (previous JEF Treasurer)**

All are versed in statutes and mandates and will do a fantastic job chairing the congress.

No questions.

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): Vote on 5 together to propose them to Congress. No objections. We propose the above mentioned 5 people as Presidium to the congress.

9. Proposal of the Resolutions Committee

Laura Gaißmaier (Presidium): presents a proposal of resolutions committee, which will be voted upon by the delegates at the Congress.

Judit Lantai (Secretary General, JEF Europe): PC Chairs will also take place but we need a Presidium member and EB member. The 2 people we proposed are:

- **Leonie Martin** (Presidium Member)
- **Juuso Järvinemi** (EB member)

Along with the PC Chairs:

- PC1: **Filippo Pasquali**
- PC2: **Guillaume Kayser** with **Camilla Brizzi** supporting
- PC3: **Aleksandra Aleksejeva**

No questions.

The Presidium proposes voting on them as a bloc. No objections to the procedure.

Voting on proposing them to the Congress. No objections.

10. AOB

- **Guillaume Kayser** (PC2 chair): expresses disappointment at decrease in FC engagement as it decreased from 16 people to 9/10 active members. Want to find ways of working to motivate people to remain active and engaged and recommended EB look into this a bit more. Should reflect on this before voting.
- **Xesc Mainzer Cardell** (TF Empowerment and Diversity): In the activity report, invitation to those making amendments to congress to review the language accessibility guide to make resolution more easy to understand. Can ask Xesc or Kati if need to find the guide.
- **Antonio Argenziano** (President, JEF Europe): Thanked all the FC members and thanked Laura for chairing the Presidium.
- **Kati Systä** (TF Empowerment and Diversity): Requested and reminded people that a handover document should be prepared as it was emailed two weeks ago and FC people should fill in their respective content parts.

11. Closing the Federal Committee

- **Laura Gaißmaier** (Presidium): Thank you for being punctual and encouraging the FC to take a group photo.
- **The Outgoing Federal Committee closes.**

JEF Europe XXVII Congress

1. Official Opening

a. Opening speech by outgoing JEF-Europe President

- **Antonio Argenziano** (President, JEF Europe) - welcomes everyone in Madrid. Thanks to the team of JEF Spain and JEF Europe for organising the congress. Today the presentations of EurHope's 1st phase will take place. The current EB mandate has been the war mandate. He wishes everyone a great congress with a lot of reflections and emotions.

b. Opening speech by JEF-Spain President

- **Jesus Córdero González** (President, JEF Spain) - welcomes people to the congress and explains how the team has been ready to face challenges and organise this event

c. Federalist Family greetings (EMI, UEF)

2. Formalities

a. Code of Conduct & Gender Watch

- **Antonio Argenziano** (President, JEF Europe) informs him and Leonie will be the code of conduct contact people. He explains that the code of conduct is there to create a safe space within the congress and outside the event. Antonio reminds of being aware of culture differences and to avoid assuming things about others. JEF Europe does not tolerate any kind of discrimination. Our code of conduct is on the website of JEF Europe
- Gender watch - there will be always someone of JEF Europe's secretariat keeping track on who speaks during the congress and keep track on the gender of those who speak

b. Report of the Credentials Committee

- **Judit Lantai** (Secretary General, JEF Europe)- Robin will be presenting the report which they confirm has been sent around. And they were submitted by different sections to JEF Europe.
- **Robin Mudry** (Treasurer, JEF Europe): There were some delays on the membership data which we discussed already at the FC this morning. Acknowledges the work of the credentials committee and for controlling everything and confirming we can proceed with delegates as allocated.

c. Roll call (declaration of the votes present and represented)

Judit Lantai (Secretary General, JEF Europe) opens the roll call:

- JEF Austria- not present
- JEF Belgium- present
- JEF Bulgaria- present
- JEF Croatia present
- JEF Czechia present
- JEF Denmark present
- JEF Finland present
- JEF France present - not all people were present
- JEF Germany present - proxy for Francine and Lea
- JEF Greece present
- JEF Hungary not present - the member with full voting rights is not present
- JEF Italy present - present in full and proxies were given (Sofia Viviani to Georgia, Sara to Sofia Fiorellini, Anna to Matteo, Gianluca to Diletta)
- JEF Kosovo not present
- JEF Latvia - present
- JEF Malta- proxy for Julianne
- JEF North Macedonia not present
- JEF Malta - present in full
- JEF Moldova - no voting right
- JEF Montenegro not present
- JEF Netherlands - not present
- JEF Norway - present
- JEF Poland - present
- JEF Portugal - not present
- JEF Romania - present
- JEF Slovakia - proxy present
- JEF Slovenia - present
- JEF Spain - present, Elena not present
- JEF Sweden - present
- JEF Switzerland - present in full
- JEF UK - present

Questions:

Proxies missing from finish delegates - JEF finland has four proxies which are going to be prepared by JEF Europe secretariat

d. Appointment of the Congress Presidium

- **Judit Lantai** (Secretary General, JEF Europe) is introducing the congress presidium who are people who have been in JEF Europe for a long time
To write the names

Nobody is against the congress presidium, they were appointed by majority vote

e. Appointment of the Returning Officer

- **Presidium:** starts, describing their intervention as their 'last dance'. The role of the Presidium is to conduct the congress based on the rules and statutes of JEF Europe.
- If you have any questions or you want to raise a point you need to address the presidium

The nominee is former **Milosh Ristovski (Secretary General of YFJ)**: **Milosh Ristovski** has been appointed with no objections.

f. Appointment of four Tellers

Candidates:

- Christoph Perner from JEF Austria
- Rosa Borrás Reig from JEF Denmark
- Loris Birkemeyer- JEF France
- Katharina Volk - JEF Germany

g. Appointment of the Resolutions Committee

- An intro was given on what the resolutions committee does.
- Judit Lantai names the nominees as:
 - Fillipo Pasquali (PC1)
 - Guillaume Kayser and Camilla Brizzi (PC2)
 - Aleksandra Aleksejeva (PC3)
 - Juuso Järviemi (EB)
 - Leonie Martin (Presidium)

Resolutions committee appointed with absolute majority.

h. Adoption of the changes to the draft agenda

Judit Lantai (Secretary General, JEF Europe) outlines the changes to the Congress agenda:

- we added adopting the changes to the agenda
- moved executive report and changes to EB report from this and last year til Saturday morning because of the EurHope event

- from JEF Estonia there was a request to move it to tomorrow after lunch
- After casting VP votes, there will be greetings from our guests to allow people to count the votes.
- 7-7.50pm we introduced a discussion on the Israel-Palestine conflict to open a discussion about the subject. Antonio indicated the need for reflection given the severity of the issues.

The EB and I suggested preparing a path for the next mandate to bring this as a base for discussion in the next mandate. If the point is carried, we are going to email you right away the document we prepared ahead of the discussion.

- For the incoming FC there will be a change which will be tackled as part of the incoming FC.
 - **Guillaume Kayser** (PC2 chair): inquires on the schedule proposed
 - **Antonio Argenziano** (President, JEF Europe): there has to be a general commitment because we already asked to postpone the lunch tomorrow to give more time to the PCs. We need to be punctual tomorrow.
- Adoption of the changes to the draft agenda has been carried following no objections.

i. Adoption of the Agenda

- Agenda adopted

j. Adoption of the voting procedure on resolutions

- 11 draft resolutions have been handed in.
- Deciding on how to vote this entire weekend was outlined. The PCs were outlined. Amendments can still be submitted until 8pm on the Amendments Platform to allow the Resolutions COmmittee to meet to prepare the voting process for Sunday.
- Voting procedures have been adopted

k. Adoption of the minutes of the 26th European Congress

- No questions or objections to the vote of the adoption of the minutes.
- The minutes were therefore carried.

m. Readopt the minutes of the 25th Congress

- **Presidium:** There were serious mistakes made in the minutes.
- **Christelle Savall** (Vice President, JEF Europe): When we adopted the minutes there was a missing page listing where people were elected. The internal area has listed the track changes so you don't need to read the whole thing.
- **Presidium: No votes against. The minutes were readopted.**

3. Candidacies for new sections and cessation of membership

3.1. Recognition of cessation of membership: JEF Hungary and JEF Moldova

Christelle Savall (Vice President, JEF Europe): We have started a monitoring procedure against old JEF Hungary and Moldova. They have not paid membership for more than 6 years and there have been issues transferring the membership over. In order to allow them in, we propose removing the sections from membership to allow the new people to take over.

Klajdi Selimi (JEF UK): I spoke to someone from JEF Hungary yesterday who was present. More clarification on this.

Christelle Savall (Vice President, JEF Europe): excluding the member that was a member of JEF and this procedure is being done to welcome the new JEF Hungary section

Membership of these two sections ceased with absolute majority.

3.2. Presentation of candidate section: JEF Albania, JEF Hungary, JEF Ireland, JEF Luxembourg and JEF Serbia

Presidium: Speaking time of 5 minutes for each presentation.

JEF Albania - there were initial technical issues

JEF Hungary:

Balazs Brandt (President, JEF Hungary): in Spanish, they start thanking you for being here. JEF Hungary started with a small group of people who wanted to change Europe. The members have been harassed due to the political environment.

People fear what they would like to say, people lose their jobs because of Facebook comments, students are getting tear gassed as they want to stand up to the government who are spreading fake news. We don't want this European Hungary. We want a European Hungary based on healthy debate. Thanks to our almost 50 JEF Hungary members

Recognised 50 JEF Hungarian members who act as volunteers.

We built our section from hope to reality, from dream to act, from dream to hope and from Hungary to Europe. I ask you to keep believing in us and choosing Hungary for your projects. Democracy is not to be taken for granted. Stand up against any violation against democratic standards. There can be no rule of law or democracy fatigue. There can only be a European Hungary in a democratic Europe.

Christelle Savall (Vice President, JEF Europe): questioned when the board is giving a recommendation.

Leonie Martin (Presidium): Perhaps on the package.

Presidium: Each section will present then Q and A and then board recommendations then proceed to individual vote per candidate section.

No questions.

JEF Ireland:

Robert O'Donnell (President, JEF Ireland): Delighted to be formally joining your European family. Gained candidate status at the last European Congress. Founded in 2021. Managed to set up 3 college societies. Set up a joint regional section in Northern Ireland where we had a fantastic launch this year discussing how Europe can bring peace to NI. We were at EYE. We have done a lot of social events like policy and pints across the country in rural areas. Shout out to Sorcha our VP and Stella and Klajdi and Christelle.

No questions.

Esther Titilayo (National Delegate, JEF Luxembourg): Introduced mid covid in 2021. We started with very few members but grew through social events. While we are a small country we are not minimalistic. We speak a lot of languages.

Manuel Quaring (President, JEF Luxembourg): We started under special conditions. We are still under a time of crises in volunteering as numbers are decreasing. We started with a small group but we have experienced exponential growth. We want to be the voice of young European federalists in Luxembourg. We improved our structure and integrated into Luxembourgish society. We became an official part of the national youth council of Luxembourg. Got to liaise with institutions and speak to MEPs and the President. We have a partnership and cooperation with JEF Germany and JEF France. Thanks to our partners. We have participated in the JEF network and want to go a step further.

No questions

Katarina Bogićević (Vice President, JEF Serbia) : VP of European Movement in Serbian. We set up ambitious measures to reduce greenhouse gases. Aims to strengthen youth activism and local action. Urbanisation plan and workshop on breaking the myths on the EU. This year the theme was stopping the war in Ukraine and peace. Youth Forum has a representative in Montenegro and has visited other countries as part of the Houses of Europe Project. We have conducted many surveys and research surrounding problems in youth. We have a mental health group and were part of seminars on this topic. We have humanitarian groups and at the beginning of 2023 we focused on LGBTQIA+ problems in Serbia. Adopted EU statutes in Serbia and applied for and received the BOLD project dealing with decentralisation in Serbia.

No questions

Presidium: thanks to all candidate sections for time invested in preparing their presentations. After consulting with the board, we have decided to move to the point of recommendation with the board while we wait to connect with JEF Albania. We will put the motion on the floor to move the JEF Albania presentation to tomorrow if they do not manage to connect today.

Calls the EB to make a recommendation to the sections.

Robin Mudry (Treasurer, JEF Europe) : We recommend accepting JEF Hungary as our new JEF section.

Christelle Savall (Vice President, JEF Europe): We have received all the documents. JEF Ireland received a positive recommendation by the board.

Flavia-Gabriela Sandu (Executive Board, JEF Europe): JEF Luxembourg became a candidate section in Nov 2021 and in Apr 2022 6 people got elected and organised an FC which kicked off our 50th anniversary. They receive a positive recommendation as a full section from the board.

Christelle Savall (Vice President, JEF Europe): JEF Serbia it has been a long journey with them with ups and downs. We have received all the documents. We recommend positively for full membership of JF Europe but recommend the establishment of a paper governing the relationship between European movement Serbia and JEF Serbia.

Presidium: No questions.

JEF Albania managed to join online again but due to technical issues they could not be heard. They propose to join tomorrow.

Presidium: put forward a motion to move the presentation and vote for JEF ALbania along with JEF Estonia to tomorrow. $\frac{2}{3}$ majority was requested. Asked if anyone was against or abstained. All in favour with absolute majority.

Move to vote on sections who received positive recommendation from EB and JEF Europe.

JEF Hungary became a full member.

JEF Ireland became a full member.

JEF Luxembourg became a full member.

JEF Serbia became a full member.

All new full members were presented with certificates and photographs were taken with the EB. The Congress congratulated them.

4. Democracy under Pressure Awards

Flavia-Gabriela Sandu (Executive Board, JEF Europe): presented the longest running campaign of JEF Europe.

Christelle Savall (Vice President, JEF Europe): We are going to present what we did and announce some awards. We had more than 60 sections participating this year way more than any other year.

Flavia-Gabriela Sandu (Executive Board, JEF Europe) and **Christelle Savall** (Vice President, JEF Europe) proceeded to announce the awards.

Best Advocacy: JEF Latvia

Best Social Media: JEF Finland

Best Event: JEF Bologna

Best Partnership: JEF Munich and JEF Turku

Best Local Section Campaign: JEF South Denmark

Most Innovative: JEF Estonia

Most Long Standing: JEF Italy

Judit Lantai (Secretary General, JEF Europe): informed congress there will be a break and notified seating arrangements.

Antonio Argenziano (President, JEF Europe): Provided a summary of [EurHope](#)

Jesus Córdero González (President, JEF Spain): Food and drink should not be consumed in the venue. The hotel will need to change hotel cards this evening.

Following a break, the EurHope event took place - no minutes required

Saturday, 11 November

5. Opening of the day & technicalities

a. Code of Conduct & Gender Watch

- **Zita Karacson** (Project Consultant, JEF Europe) presented the gender watch results from Friday: 54% men, 44% women, 2% non-binary.
- **Antonio Argenziano** (President, JEF Europe) presents the code of conduct and reinforces that the event needs to be a safe space and not to judge or assume things. If people have issues they can reach out to him or Leonie

b. Roll call

Judit Lantai (Secretary General, JEF Europe) opens the role call:

JEF Austria- not present
JEF Belgium- present with two votes
JEF Bulgaria- present
JEF Croatia present
JEF Czechia present
JEF Denmark present - suppose to have 6 delegates - full delegation
JEF Finland present - with 12 votes
JEF France present fully with 9 votes
JEF Germany present with 22 votes
JEF Greece present
JEF Hungary present
JEF Ireland - present
JEF Italy present - 8 votes - present in full
JEF Kosovo present
JEF Latvia - present
JEF Luxembourg - present
JEF Malta- present with 3 votes
JEF North Macedonia present
JEF Moldova - not present
JEF Montenegro not present
JEF Netherlands - present
JEF Norway - present with 6 votes
JEF Poland - present
JEF Portugal - present
JEF Romania - present

JEF Serbia - not present
JEF Slovakia - proxy present
JEF Slovenia - present
JEF Spain - present with 3 votes
JEF Sweden - present
JEF Switzerland - present with 3 votes
JEF UK - present with 2 votes

Chris Powers (Presidium):

Vote to change the agenda - include the vote for treasurer

Vote - New agenda adopted

6. Activity report 2021 - 2023

Chris Powers (Presidium): Activity Report presentation introduced to be done by the Executive Board of JEF Europe

Chris Powers (Presidium): Gender watch has been blocked temporarily due to wifi issues

a. Executive Board

Full name (role, JEF section/organisation):

- **Antonio Argenziano** (President, JEF Europe): Presents what the EB did in the last two years
- Celebrated 50th anniversary of JEF last year
- **Knut André Sandé** (Executive Board JEF Europe): started with the grand opening party in Luxembourg, followed by celebrations in different sections, and a time capsule which will be opened in 10 years and in 50 years. Important to look back at our history as well as looking forward to what we have in the future.
- **Gergana Blazheva** (Executive Board, JEF Europe) thanks the people for joining JEF Europe and supporting the organisation
- **Judit Lantai** (Secretary General, JEF Europe): Slides will be uploaded on congress website
- **Antonio Argenziano** (President, JEF Europe): worked a lot on policy following the end of CoFoE, thanks to your enthusiasm. Organised a massive demonstration in Strasbourg, worked on treaty change and in civil society.
- Some of the work that this EB took over has been inherited by the previous EB
- The mandate about EurHope campaign for the EP elections and focused on supporting Ukraine and facing the conflicts
- Gathered 1.5 million votes on the EurHope platform and organised protests all across Europe thanks to Melanie, my co-chair.
- Worked with EESC and other institutions
- **Christelle Savall** (Vice-President, JEF Europe): Democracy under Pressure, 68 local and national sections active on this campaign and the campaign then connected to the full-scale invasion in Ukraine. It is important to create a network and this is our campaign and is about the people on the ground.

- EU-kraine: in terms of advocacy on Ukraine, we did a lot on enlargement, did a petition requesting candidate status for Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine, as well as Bosnia and Kosovo and new energy for enlargement and a genuine foreign, security and defence union. Now the EU opened negotiations with North Macedonia and Albania and we linked this to treaty change. Enlargement is also a people thing.
- **Antonio Argenziano** (President, JEF Europe): regarding connection, JEF Europe tried to directly support people from Ukraine through trips to the country and fundraising. There was the opportunity to found new partnerships across the CEE such as ULA and Partir. The amazing work of the secretariat is allowing us to keep supporting these causes
- **Juuso Järviemi** (Vice-President, JEF Europe): Federalist Academy-we organised an online course with over 125 JEFers taking part. All of the recordings are available in the material bank and provide a good source of learning for new members. We had lecturers and activists speak about their personal experiences in federalist activism.
- **Robin Mudry** (Treasurer, JEF Europe): after a series of online seminars there were the first in-person sessions and seminars in Prague which was followed by the FC. This was attended by a diverse group of people. It was an opportunity to dive into federalism and history. The federalist academy is something that is supposed to keep happening and this is why a cooperation was done with Jean Monnet house. There is also an online library that is constantly being built and there are book discussions around this
- **Christelle Savall** (Vice-President, JEF Europe): We welcome 4 new sections and are happy to see them vote for the first time. This afternoon we will have 2 sections for full candidates and they put in a lot of work.
- **Juuso Jarviemi** (Vice-President, JEF Europe): the new sections are Hungary, Luxembourg and Albania and Ireland and Serbia and Estonia. Besides that we continue the enlargement in JEF with new sections applying and engaging . Cyprus, Lithuania and Moldova are also working on their candidacies for full membership. JEF should not only be in the EU, but all across Europe where Europe is actually being built
- **Flavia-Gabriela Sandu** (Executive Board, JEF Europe): On communications we had to do a lot of comms and last minute reactions to a lot of things. It is important to have a Comms Officer in the JEF Europe Secretariat for growth and improvement. Thank you to Erica as Comms officer. Tag JEF, share posts, training and comment. Follow JEF on TikTok.
- **Helena Robert i Campos** (Executive Board, JEF Europe): all the actions do not happen without meetings and discussions. All the minutes are on the website in the members area. The EB met across Europe and as such the EB thanked the national and local sections for hosting them and Partir. The work produced will be shared with the next EB
- **Antonio Argenziano** (President, JEF Europe): full time president report: Joined 360+ events and more than 180 advocacy meetings. When it comes to policy I followed CoFOE, treaty change and EU elections. We managed to meet with several high profile politicians.
- The work of the full time president was internal in terms of coordinating the board. Part of the board of UEF, backup of Judit with CSE and EMI with Christelle. Worked with the secretariat.

b. European Secretariat

- **Judit Lantai** (Secretary General, JEF Europe): on the secretariat side which will keep happening. More project income and a larger budget. We are trying to seek opportunities for all of you and seek microgranting for all sections.
- JEF Europe is always open to new ideas. We have a new office in Brussels which JEF sections are more than welcome to come and visit
- Judit thanked the secretariat for their work.
- You can find the slides from all presentations in the internal area.

7. Financial report

- **Robin Mudry** (JEF Treasurer): speak more about the narrative and slides will be in the internal area. There will be a vote on the provisional budget 2024 tomorrow in the Incoming FC.
- Developments in our sections: congratulations for the growing sections.
- Online congresses
- Practices to be shared as an input for the next mandate

Sections and Members:

- Working with 29 sections of JEF, this changed yesterday as sections were expelled for being inactive-Old JEF HUNgary and Moldova
- For 2021, over 100 new members, for 2022 we lost 300 members. This had different reasons due to structural reporting issues of sections but we are working on that. Fell for the first time in a number of years-level of membership
- 9853 members currently-main reason for this decrease is structural in nature, confident next year we will pass threshold of 10,000
- Monitoring committee and candidate sections were spoken about yesterday. However, there have been deadline issues which have been recurrent

Congratulations to:

- The top growing sections: JEF Sweden, JEF Poland and JEF Slovenia with huge percentage increase in members

Online congresses:

- There was a change in Belgium association law which has us approved a GA/congress the closing of the preceding financial year. We decided to resolve that legal change by organising online congresses.
- Happened for the first time in 2022 and 2023-managed to do them in the first half of year. Challenges to external and internal audits. Held our internal congress on May 31st.
- Met for a day with internal auditors on May 13th to discuss important internal issues.

Budget:

- Not final budget of 2023 that will come with the close of the financial area and be voted in 2024 where it will be uploaded to the membership area for consultation
- Secretariat managing near €1m relating to the big grants we received relating to the upcoming EU elections 2024.

- Expect a negative closure-due to structural nature. Struggling with co-funding. There were a number of projects which were still being closed down when it came to financing which relied on co-funding that was not always given.
- Also, extra costs due to the move of offices and legal issues with the cleaning company
- Still ongoing of commission audit for four grants - this is happening due to the fact we have received a great number of grants from the European Commission and there is the potential risk to have to give money back to the European Commission
- Cash flow: 57,000 euros in the bank account. This is positive
- Towards the end of the year JEF Europe always had liquidity problems-we should be able to avoid this this year.
- Main thing: there was a longer discussion with auditors and SG and there should be a debate on increasing the cost of membership fees.
- Arguments in favour would be that we have not increased the fees since 2009. We have a structural issue with project related grants, meaning for unexpected expenses, we have losses almost every year as we are taking from our reserves which are rapidly decreasing. Diversifying sources is important for financial sustainability. Inflation should be considered within the argument of membership fees and this goes in accordance with what has been shared by internal auditors
- Long term auditor recommendations may want to speak about this themselves.
- Burden on sections by increasing membership fees, question of whether it is just something to stabilise the budget. These improvements have already been there given the microgranting scheme. We have a larger programme and financial offering for sections. The increase doesn't have to be big
- This is just to launch a discussion as it is something to be discussed with the network rather than directly proposed. Decision-making on this has to happen at a congress either in-person or online.
- **Patrick L. von Wildenrad** (Auditors Committee): really support what Robin shared. For two years in the report there has been the proposal to increase the membership fee and there is a real concern the reserves are severely decreasing. Increasing the fees is one way to do it and also diversify sources of income
- JEF Europe has an increasing number of grants but on the other side, we also really need to strongly focus on how we use the project overview and it is something the secretariat is working on. We did see some improvements previously and it is going in the right direction but there are some things that we can do better.

Q&A

- **Guillaume Kayser** (PC2, JEF Switzerland): thank the outgoing treasurer and auditors board for their work. Agrees with the increase of membership fees and there should always be a 3-month reserve.
- **Leo Stub Køber** (JEF Norway) Has any thought been put on sections that struggle to recruit new members.
- **Robin Mudry** (Treasurer, JEF Europe): we are thinking about this where finances may play a role depending on your geographic location which may hamper recruitment. One could think about differentiation which could entail tiers and maybe difficulty on how this might work.
- If you only think of inflation, the €2 would have to be increased to €2.88.

Questions concluded.

8. Discharge of the Executive Board 2021 - 2023

- **Chris Powers** (Congress Presidium) introduces the farewell speeches from the EB
- **Juuso Järvinemi** (Vice-President, JEF Europe): Retiring from the post of VP. Joined JEF in 2014. Part of JEF Belgium and JEF France. Very grateful for everything JEF has given me. Last year was our 50th anniversary and I got to go and see a bit about the history of JEF in the archives. I learned about the facts of the congresses and not about who was unhappy which teaches us a lesson about what is ultimately important in JEF. We are a movement hoping to achieve something. The European project is something philosophers dreamed of years ago. Unsure what it will look like by the end of our own lifetimes. We are one drop in the ocean and part of an idea which gives us a greater sense of meaning. We stand for something and for the big cause even though we are not big ourselves. All the good things in this world are linked to this. It teaches us to be good to each other, develop a sense of service. This is the point where I need to figure out where to go from here. I will end with a quote from a philosopher saying that most academics don't come up with a revolutionary theory but there is a certain solace to their work. Even if you don't change the course of philosophy you are there to keep philosophical thinking alive. JEF is something which advocates for a certain philosophy. One day our vision will become a reality.
- **Gergana Blazheva** (Executive Board, JEF Europe): she admits she is emotional giving her speech. It is impossible to summarise the JEF journey in the last two years, but she does not want to try. Gergana acknowledges the network and the good atmosphere and work being done. Thanks for the organisation enriching her life in many ways. Each EB member is a statement in itself. Thanks for the opportunity to lead and travel and meet incredible people. It is about the process. I love you. Thank you
- **Knut André Sande** (Executive Board, JEF Europe): It has been 2 wonderful and meaningful years and there is no time to sum it up in 2 minutes. Thanks to everyone for your work and JEF spirit. Special thanks to the EB and Secretariat. Jump back to his speech 2 years ago for EB, his great grand uncle was killed outside of Leningrad in WW2. The time where young people should die in wars should be over but how wrong he was when he said this in 2021. We need to preserve peace on this continent and we have important work to do. I will continue to work for a better Europe.
- **Helena Robert i Campos** (Executive Board, JEF Europe): have not talked about a lot in FCs and other events. EB and sections know they love to talk. She wants to start by saying a big thank you to everyone. This is a very emotional talk. It was only a couple of days that she realises what is happening and this is not an ending point. The EB position in the Board lasts for a limited time. The commitment to JEF and cause goes beyond this. What she takes is care, learning, emotions and thought-provoking. Love and care will carry us forward for the best. We are revolutionaries. We had clear plans and while we might not have gotten there, there are new hands that will carry us forward. Good luck to the new people.
- **Robin Mudry** (Treasurer, JEF Europe): Thank you. Two years ago, there was still the end phase of corona which was very frustrating. They received a call to run for the EB for JEF Europe and they should consider running. Robin decided spontaneously. Robin admits they can be very critical about an array of topics. There are people who really

mean what they say in their discussions. Robin wanted to thank for everyone for all the work and time together and it was a joy and privilege to do this and be part of this EB

- **Flavia-Gabriela Sandu** (Executive Board, JEF Europe): I have a lot of people to thank for my time here. Joined JEF in Denmark when I was 19. They said there would be free food and lots of travelling and that was true as well as political work, advocacy etc. The person I was when I was 19 is not the person I am anymore. I have grown a lot and JEF is the first place I felt like where I belong. Thank you for giving me a cause to fight for and friends for life.
- **Antonio Argenziano** (President, JEF Europe): admits being nervous. He remembers the last EB elections and he remembers the applause and wondering why, why him. Above all, he admits he is a federalist militant. Remembers that he found concrete and inspiring ideas in a community. We are united by our future, will and values. We should walk in one direction: a united, free and federal Europe. Community helps each other and learns from each other. Making statements and standing behind it is what matters. 2 years ago in my speech I said to Balazs and JEF Hungary welcome to the resistance and to think now this section in Hungary is doing what it did, this is what we are about and this is the resistance. In Ukraine, learning what is our past and joining the community in their struggle for democracy and freedom. The future of Europe is decided at their frontiers. The message he wants to leave people: stay on your toes and do not feel comfortable. Stay on your toes this is not a world to be comfortable in. comfort is just an illusion. Feels he is a privileged person and wants to give something back. Need to work harder for those who need it the most. Don't be afraid of saying what you believe in. JEF Europe is a generation ahead, this means being a step ahead from others. As we are the revolution's hope. This is about federalism, values and standing behind facts. Thank you to Presidium. We need to cherish the past as an organisation. He thanks his predecessors who led the organisation in the past. Talks about the SG and how important that connection is and how important the work of the SG is. Thank you to the secretariat, especially Erica and Ines. He thanks the EB and each of its members, especially Chirstelle and Juuso the VPs. Thanks to all JEF members, specially to JEF Italy, his family, and Diletta who is finishing her mandate. Nobody is indispensable and the organisation will carry on and he offered his grain of sand
- **Christelle Savall** (Vice-President, JEF Europe): my thank you speech which will be short. Christelle distributes notebooks as a thank you gift to the EB so people can write thank you to the EB. From the outgoing board and many JEFers, she gifts a card in the shape of a crocodile to Antonio, together with a VIP ticket to the NBA game in Paris.
- **Judit Lantai** (Secretary General, JEF Europe): words to Antonio and the rest of the EB. There has been a lot of experiences and shows appreciation to his work as an activist and giving back to JEF. Conflict is back in Europe and JEF Europe is working towards peace. Judit would like to reframe this as a peace mandate, Judit is giving peace cards to all the EB.

Chris Powers (Presidium): the EB needs to be relieved of their duty (vote). The EB has been relieved of their duty by unanimous vote.

Chris Powers (Presidium) introduces the political commissions which will be meeting in the auditoriums and the garden of the museum.

Rules and reminders: you cannot eat in the congress room

PCs are supposed to finish at 1.10PM. Please come back on time, otherwise lunch time will be lost.

9. Political Commissions & political work

NO MINUTES REQUIRED

10. Feedback from Political Commissions

PC1

- **Kati Systs** (JEF Finland): all of the initial abbreviations were adopted
- Most amendments have been adopted
- Federal police resolution: did not encounter a lot of amendments and was also accepted and it will be submitted to vote and discussion tomorrow
- Internal resolution on inclusion: no amendments
- Code of Conduct-4 amendments - 1 regarding the points in the code of conduct
- Multilingual magazine-1 addition and 1 amendments

PC2

- **Guillaume Kayser** (JEF Switzerland): resolution on future of work. The work is not done, there are more amendments coming tomorrow
- **Camilla Brizzi** (JEF Italy): new resolution we discussed it most and did an event about it-some amendments we could not discuss due to time constraints
- We accepted almost all amendments for the 2nd resolution: about the future of Schengen and it was an old updated resolution.
- **Guillaume Kayser** (JEF Switzerland): European Industrial policy- made some amendments for clarification

PC3

- **Aleksandra Aleksejeva (JEF Latvia)**: 3 resolutions and went through all amendments for Eastern Partnership and Migration resolutions adopting almost all of them
- Newly introduced resolution did not go through all amendments due to time restrictions.

11. Guest speeches

Elias Dray (Board Member, European Youth Forum) - thanks for the invitation and describes the latest initiatives on youth participation from YFJ

Agata Meysner (President, Generation Climate Europe) - thanks for the invitation and happy to be at JEF Europe congress and inspired by different sessions and exchanges during breaks. GCE values the close cooperation with JEF Europe and is happy to see it developed

into a fruitful cooperation. GCE is the biggest youth climate network in Europe and JEF Europe has been a valuable member since 2021.

They bring different partners to work together on different topics.

Climate change has been at the top of the priorities of young people, communities have been mobilised, there has been advocacy work and so on.

Our priorities continue to be sidelined but we have been working With JEF to amplify the voices of young people.

24 proposals for 24-manifesto incorporating messages from EurHope on enviro, economy and democracy. The upcoming EP elections are a key moment for the environmental agenda in Europe.

In 2019 we saw a massive increase in voter turnout by young people, but since then there has been a decline. Young people are shifting to anti-EU priorities and young people with progressive views do not go to vote.

People aged between 18-24 are twice as likely to not vote compared to the overall population. Prevalent in countries such as Czechia, Netherlands, Belgium and Germany.

Massive risk and a threat to a united and strong Europe. Young people trust information coming from friends and media they agreed with.

People's minds are not changed with facts and data but convinced by personal experiences and engagement with groups and communities that they are a part of.

When you go back home remember that this is a source of power. Leadership is about responsibility. It is the community of changemakers that transform societies.

No democracy without active citizenship and for a united europe we need empowered and informed young people.

12. Roll call

Judit Lantai (Secretary General, JEF Europe) opens the role call which has to be done twice:

JEF Austria- not present

JEF Belgium- present with two votes

JEF Bulgaria- present with 1 vote

JEF Croatia not present

JEF Czechia present with one vote

JEF Denmark present - 6 delegates - 6 hands

JEF Finland present - with 12 votes

JEF France present fully with 9 votes

JEF Germany present with 25 votes

JEF Greece present with 1 vote

JEF Hungary present with 1 vote

JEF Ireland - present with 1 vote

JEF Italy present - 8 votes - present in full

JEF Kosovo present with 1 vote

JEF Latvia - present with 1 vote

JEF Luxembourg - present

JEF Malta- present with 3 votes

JEF North Macedonia present
JEF Montenegro not present
JEF Netherlands - present
JEF Norway - present with 8 votes
JEF Poland - present with one vote
JEF Portugal - present with one vote
JEF Romania - present with one vote
JEF Serbia - not present
JEF Slovakia - proxy present
JEF Slovenia - present with one vote
JEF Spain - present with 3 votes
JEF Sweden - present with one vote
JEF Switzerland - present with 3 votes
JEF UK - present with 2 votes

13. Presentation of candidate sections

Ilda Laurila (Congress Presidium) introducing the agenda item and inviting the first words for people online via Zoom call.

JEF Albania (online via Zoom call):

- Cannot be present physically in Madrid, due to lack of finding affordable tickets, but thankful to join online
- Section had its first meeting on July 2021 and the first issue was to find a name, as the name had already been registered before
- In 2022 they got candidate status
- A board has been elected and they formed a team of volunteers
- In 2023 they did an application for membership
- They are engaged in several activities from local to international ones
- Last month they elected a new board and have also new members
- They had discussions with members of the European Parliament as to be a member they need to be active, they also engaged in activities with JEF Europe and other JEF sections online and in-person
- They also did advocacy work in Brussels through policy recommendations
- Several street actions
- In 2022 they created a Human rights hub which is like an office
- They also joined DuP and Europe What If both in-person and online via social media
- In the future they will keep joining different projects from JEF Europe such as REVIVE and joining JEF Europe campaigns

Q&A

- No questions

JEF Estonia:

- **Benedetta Veneruso** (JEF Estonia): it is a very emotional moment for the section and she wants to share what the section has done this year
- The section has been growing and there was a founding GA in 2022 and they have presented their candidacy, counting now with 36 members

- She presents the leadership
- **Muhammad Abdullah Siddiqui** (JEF Estonia) how they operated - struggled with internal communication in the start and found as a solution slack and google workspace and confluence to facilitate their work, organisation and allowed people to do independent work and create a knowledge hub and making sure everything is well-documented
- **Benedetta Veneruso** (JEF Estonia): this also helps due to the turnover of people
- **Muhammad Abdullah Siddiqui** (JEF Estonia): social media is used as the main promotional tool for the JEF section and paid ads are used within certain projects which helps in getting new members
- **Benedetta Veneruso** (JEF Estonia): difficulties encountered by the JEF section: cultural differences, health and wellbeing, the other Union and turbulent present triggering the past
- **Muhammad Abdullah Siddiqui** (JEF Estonia): they have done collabs with different JEF sections and organisations and communities such as Ukrainians and Iranians and different visit from JEF members, as well as workshops and trainings across Europe, such as the EYE
- They also did study trips and visits
- They will be hosting the FC in Tartu
- Thank you from **Benedetta Veneruso** (JEF Estonia) to all JEF sections who have supported them and Christelle the EB contact person.

Recommendations by the EB:

Christelle Savall (former Vice-President, JEF Europe) - We received all documents and the outgoing board recommends granting full member status to both sections. It has been a long road and it has been impressive to see what these sections can do!

VOTE JEF ALBANIA BECOMING A FULL MEMBER

- **Passed by majority vote**

VOTE JEF ESTONIA BECOMING A FULL MEMBER

- **Passed by majority vote**

14. Guest speech

Sean Currie (Co-spokesperson, Young European Greens (FYEG)) - thank you for the introduction. Last time he was in Madrid there was a climate strike. This helped to make 2019 EP elections about climate, creating a green wave. This also led to the green deal which while not as ambitious, it is the best we have. However, protests today in Madrid include fascists that damage democratic buildings.

We need to work together towards the next European elections. We had a strong far right 5 years ago but nowadays it still remains with a centre right willing and trying to cooperate with them. They want to destroy the EU and our democracy.

What we do in this room is super important but it is only as impactful as what it makes us do outside of this room-in our communities, in the ballot boxes, on the streets. 7 months til the EU elections, let's work together to defeat these forces of hatred and build a more democratic EU thanks.

15. Roll call

Judit Lantai (Secretary General, JEF Europe) opens the roll call which allows running the elections later online. People who have different people voting will be approached by the JEF Europe secretariat to ensure that everyone can vote online. This procedure is to ensure we have the correct information and people can vote. Judit invites people to check their email inboxes from the addresses they provided in registration.

JEF Albania- JEF Latvia carrying the proxy
JEF Austria- not present
JEF Belgium- present with two votes
JEF Bulgaria- present with 1 vote
JEF Croatia - present with 1 vote
JEF Czechia - present with 1 vote
JEF Denmark present - 6 delegates - 6 votes
JEF Estonia present with 1 vote
JEF Finland present - with 12 votes
JEF France present with 9 votes
JEF Germany present with 25 votes
JEF Greece present with 1 vote
JEF Hungary present with 1 vote by Sean
JEF Ireland - present with 1 vote by Robert
JEF Italy present - 8 votes - present in full
JEF Kosovo present with 1 vote
JEF Latvia - present with 1 vote
JEF Luxembourg - present with 1 vote by Manuel
JEF Malta - present with 3 votes
JEF North Macedonia present and Slava is voting
JEF Montenegro not present
JEF Netherlands - present with Joaquim casting the vote
JEF Norway - present with 8 votes
JEF Poland - present with one vote
JEF Portugal - present with one vote casted by Eduarda
JEF Romania - present with one vote
JEF Serbia - not present
JEF Slovakia - proxy present
JEF Slovenia - present with one vote
JEF Spain - present with 3 votes
JEF Sweden - present with 1 vote by Max
JEF Switzerland - present with 3 votes
JEF UK - present with 2 votes

16. Elections

a. Speeches of candidates for President

Iida Laurila (Congress Presidium) introduces the agenda item. We have one candidate, Christelle Savall.

Christelle Savall (JEF Luxembourg): What is the most important thing that JEF does? What is the most important thing you do everyday as a JEFer? Inspire. Inspire others to take action, inspire others to find hope, inspire others to find solutions together, across borders. Inspire each other.

JEF and all of you inspired me to become a volunteer to become an activist but also to be a better person and to be a better activist.

We inspire others to take on the same road and make it theirs.

When JEFers tell me I inspire and motivate them it's the highest praise I can think of. We draw energy to act when we see others motivated. She dedicated 11 years to federalism.

Being a federalist is my community, it is my home and calling. JEFers passion helped me find my path.

I am stepping forward for what we could be for volunteers and sections. My time in the organisation has been a flame that never dimmed down.

The past 2 years I grew more than I thought I could still. Being your senior VP was quite the adventure! At the beginning of the mandate, we all wrote letters to ourselves in 2 years and I underestimated the growth of our organisation! It was a very emotional moment for me yesterday to see all the sections I supported and the section I founded, JEF Luxembourg, become full members.

To all sections thank you, thank you for your love for JEF, your engagement with our campaigns, for your daily commitment to federalism!

We took down borders and want to continue EurHope and push for a treaty change. I hope we can keep working together and be proud of our accomplishments, and future generations too, from advocacy work to campaigns.

Europe needs a united JEF. Federalists are peace lovers, peacemakers. Charity begins with oneself. Let's start with ourselves. It is important that, as Juuso mentioned in his speech, today we face United, our goal for federalism, together. We are doing this from a place of care, growth and love.

Importance of dialogue: this can solve many issues and I will always be available. And this is why I co-constructed my campaign with you. Wants to ensure all sections feel they can reach out to me. So the candidacy I present today is I hope also a bit yours.

The gist of it: Everything we do in JEF should advance federalism, support section growth and ensure the well being of our volunteers!

To forge this JEF together we need to be more political at all levels and speak up for peace and federalism, as well as treaty change to solve transnational problems.

Treaty change is not sexy and we need to explain why it is so important as well as how crucial federalism is.

Stand together with Ukraine in civil society. European elections 2024 must be a stepping stone for JEF to be a stronger association.

We need to think beyond 2024 and we are a grassroots organisation.

We need to lift the voices of volunteers across Europe.
Want to invest more in federal democracy and for debates to be inclusive.

Importance of focusing on communication together.

JEF must be centred around the well-being of volunteers.

Running today as a volunteer and it will be a change for JEF but knows it will be a way forward for JEF. Constant presence and support to sections is what she aims to give. It is a decision I have carefully thought through and planned. Trust that I want the best for JEF and JEF is my only priority.

Trust that I will give everything I have for us, to be the best JEF we can, because that's the JEF Europe needs and the JEF we deserve.

And we will not rest before.

Let's make JEF history together, inspire today and future generations!

Q&A

Clara Föllner (JEF Germany): 3 simple questions

1. How would you describe federalism to a 25 year old who has never heard about it before?
2. What is the importance of young people for the European Union and how to explain to decision makers the necessity of them?
3. What will be the moment and priority so that the convention will be there in 2025?

Elion Kollçacu (JEF Kosovo): question on small sections, how are these sections being supported simply the ones from Western Balkans

Matteo Gori (JEF Italy) - two main questions on the EurHope campaign, what is predicted on the European elections and the other question on fulltime presidency, how will commitments be met with this change. How can we with this campaign and engage young people towards treaty reform and the EP project?

Amanda Alvesalo (JEF Finland): In 2 years in the next congress, what makes you feel like you have succeeded as president of JEF Europe?

Christelle Savall (JEF Luxembourg):

Important to have a dialogue here and beyond.
Federalism is here to make sure we can answer the challenges of today. It is a difficult word as it does not directly translate in some countries. We do that for peace. Important to keep track of the goal.

Want to bring power closer to citizens.

Young only when it is convenient. Only young when it is useful to bring federalism forward. Federalist first. It is about the decision makers of today.

The new board will advocate to achieve treaty change.

Success doesn't happen alone, the importance of associations. It is important to connect with different associations.

There will be treaty change after elections.

Smaller sections, something she has always worked to make sure they are listened to and supported. Expresses happiness that JEF Albania got recognised as we need to be there for them financially.

Revive dead sections. You need to find the heart of the future group, the right people. Need to be original in the way we reach out to people.

The EurHope campaign will be the priority and that the task force will keep being responsible and working on it.

Need to make sure all levels of the association can be involved in EurHope. Want to have weekends for EurHope and invite sections to cooperate with one another to make the campaign transnational.

Ensure the campaign is transnational and across sections.

Want to be really good in advocacy and be everywhere in the streets.

Funding engaging ways and getting inspired by previous campaigns and non-formal education methods.

On the full-time presidency, she is able to telework abroad and has flexible working hours and she will not be alone but she will have the board. The European election is not in Brussels but everywhere. It is about finding a healthy balance of work.

We had previous strong non full time vice presidents. I will not do what I do now and I will rebalance my portfolio.

We need to be a movement that inspires.

In two years it is about if people feel they have reached success . Depends on how much advocacy we did, who we talked to and what we pushed through. Need to be able to talk comfortably to people. I want to see more advocacy and a larger membership. It is important for people to feel listened to throughout the network. We need to be visible for ourselves and within the streets. EurHope will be a success.

How we manage to connect the European election to non-EU sections is also a factor to success.

How to ensure we are strong outside, is about being stronger inside.

17. Guest Speaker

Eston McKeague (Young World Federalists): it is a pleasure to be here amongst many young federalists. He looks up to us all and the new section is notable. This reminds him of Ventotene and how much he learnt.

World federalism and European federalism go hand in hand. One Europe in one world is integrated. At YWF we build support for global democracy and how to address global solutions such as human rights abuses, wars, and global pandemics.

World federalists, every issue on the planet has a global component.

YWF was founded 4 years ago and we have grown with over 200 followers and volunteers. We have mobilised young people across every populated continent. We support regional integration like the EU and global integration.

Subsidiarity and protection of minorities need to be protected.

World Federation - foster debate on how a world federalism would look like.

A world by humanity and for humanity and this is shared by other federalists.

You can look us up to YWF.org

Juuso Järvinemi (JEF Finland) thanks the guest speaker and recognises the collaboration and the important work they are doing.

17. Voting

a. Casting of votes of President

- **Milosh Ristovski** (returning officer and election observer, Secretary General of YFJ): takes the floor to explain the election procedure. The voting system depends on the role. We will vote for the president online, and only delegates can cast the vote online and they will receive a confirmation once their vote is casted. Gender quotas of at least 40% representation in FC and in Board. 4 people need to be represented by one gender for the board to be eligible to be elected and 8 people in the FC.

Q&A - no questions

Milosh Ristovski (returning officer and election observer, Secretary General of YFJ): announces the vote and asks the room for an energizer.

Proceeds with doing a test vote to ensure the system is working properly. Cat vs dog person.

Nea-Maria Törmänen (JEF Finland): Gender quota 40-60 but for FC said we need 8. I Want to clarify what it is.

Milosh Ristovski (returning officer and election observer, Secretary General of YFJ): explains the gender statutes and what the tellers will do in this digital process.

Milosh Ristovski (returning officer and election observer, Secretary General of YFJ): invites tellers to the stage and the test vote is open. Judit asks if the emails were received.

Judit Lantai (Secretary General, JEF Europe) clarifies the voting procedure.

Milosh Ristovski (returning officer and election observer, Secretary General of YFJ): questions regarding the majorities needed to vote and quotes from the statutes. No special requirement for the position of president. Special clause of the election of Vice Presidents. Following the solution of technical difficulties **Milosh Ristovski** (Secretary General, European Youth Forum) announces the open vote for the presidency for 2023 and 2024 of JEF Europe. Clarifies that a new email will be sent per round.

The test vote results will be announced.

The emails are being set and percentages are increasing.

The vote is being closed as announced by the presidium

b. Announcing election results for President

- The Presidium announces the results of the election and the presidium thanks the patient throughout the voting process: Christelle has been elected with 73 votes in favour and 27 abstentions
- JEF Germany: Christelle has to formally accept
- **Christelle Savall** (President, JEF Europe) formally accepts the position.

c. Speeches of candidates for Vice-Presidents

- **Judit Lantai** (Secretary General, JEF Europe) explains how the election procedure works when submitting candidacies. Full updates are on the congress website and internal area.
- Presidium: each candidate will have 5 mins to present and will go by alphabetical order.

Martin Bogomil Penov (JEF Bulgaria): Decided to leave the motivational speeches to those who know best. I will tell you a story as I am a writer. I was close to not standing here today. The past year has been a rollercoaster. Throughout the hard times I have always had the JEF network here with me. I do not take your support for granted.

Met a student from Armenia when in the UK years ago who said he should be very proud of being from Bulgaria and it really made an impression on me. Even though I was born in one of the poorest regions, my country had peace. The door of Europe was open to me.

He moved to the UK during Brexit, JEF UK kept growing, as well as JEF Maschenter.

One day in February I almost lost all hope in Europe. I knew I would go into politics in 2014 once Russia attacked. That is when he knew he was lucky to be from the EU.

Since then, he knew we failed Moldova, the Balkans, Georgia and Ukraine.

We managed to make JEF UK into a functioning section.

Built a solid network in the UK. He was invested a lot in what was going on in his home country and he went back to his country and joined the JEF section there.

There is still a lot to do.

The Europe we received needs to change. History has been made in the East and Europe is different. I hope you support me and my candidacy.

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (JEF Belgium): There are so many things I would like to say with you as well as ideas and explain my hopes and ambitions for what we can achieve together during the next mandate.

When I joined JEF at 19, it was provided not just with an idea, but also a community.

A place I learned to love diversity and clashing and defending people who had different opinions to mine.

JEF became his second home, but not all has been easier.

Hard to start sections from scratch. It can be hard to overcome unexpected obstacles along the way.

Co-chair of a taskforce and it can be hard to inspire members to join projects.

JEF Spain the section and his time as president showed how resilient we can be.

The task force Improved language accessibility and adapted code of conduct to challenges faced as a network . We should trust the network and I do. Our network can become better as a team to embrace tolerance, inclusion and become better.

Becoming better by treating each other with respect for our volunteers, sections and employees.

Act to bring positive change to the organisation by updating the code of conduct and assess collective needs together and lead by example.

Let's show the world how we want a federalist society to work. JEF has been my home and it has a goal of a federalist Europe with other major concerns. JEF is your home.

People advocating for a borderless continent and if you believe in this JEF is your home and let's expand and strengthen our network.

Our home is always open to all those who share our values.

Young federalists prove that the answer to war is peace and dialogue.

Q&A

Laure Niclot (JEF France):

Thank you for the candidacies. As a network we need to be honest with ourselves. The thing that has been clear is it has been hard to get this to the congress.

What do you want to implement to show we can trust and communicate with one another to build up resilience?

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (JEF Belgium): important we always keep in mind our one goal. Goals can and have to be a unified element and we all see a vision for a federal Europe. We have to be clear headed with our goals. It is important we on the personal level keep an attitude of respect to diversity and on an organic level we need a closer cooperation between sections and the EB. The EB needs a stronger role as contact persons with FC accompanying them so they feel empowered to work. Involve sections in spaces like EB FC meetings to count on section input to decide on priorities for specific mandates.

Martin Bogomil Penov (JEF Bulgaria): what we see time and again and having a good relationship with the contact person is important. But the work goes beyond this and investing in the network is important to ensure stronger relationships.

d. Casting of votes of Vice-Presidents

- The presidium asks for a round of applause for the candidates.
- **Milosh Ristovski** (returning officer and election observer, Secretary General of YFJ): explains the process for voting for the VP linking to the statutes - single transferable vote system
- We will vote and after speaking with the tellers we will proceed where candidates vote on the first preference for the senior VP.
- Delegates will vote for their first preference for first priority for senior vice president in JEF Europe.
- The presidium asked whether delegates were ok with proceeding with online ballots. Passed with unanimity.

e. Guest speech

Christelle Savall (President, JEF Europe): Happy that Elias is here and explains JEF's relationship with YFJ.

Elias Dray (Vice President, European Youth Forum): Want to thank JEF Europe for inviting me to congress. First international JEF event.

When he first came to Brussels he came as an intern for UEF, he shared an office for JEF which he didn't know what it was.

YFJ represents youth across Europe. Youth Organisations are an integral part of building Europe.

When we fight for youth rights, we are not just fighting against governments, we are fighting because we believe in the fundamental belief that young people's rights must be protected and upheld as it completes the European project.

We pay attention to every country where civic space is diminishing or being threatened.

Three different thank yous: thanks to Jefers across Europe who are speaking loudly about federalism everywhere. Antonio, wish to thank you and congratulate him and enjoy his friendship.

Fortunate enough to have known 3 JEF presidents and now he knows another one. Congratulations Christelle and wish absolute best in mission and mandate on behalf of the European youth forum. Knows her dedication, determination, ambitions and most importantly her leadership.

Know we will keep the fight going for a better and stronger Europe. He is a federalist himself and shouts Federazione Europea subito!

f. Announcing election results for Vice-Presidents

Milosh Ristovski (returning officer and election observer, Secretary General of YFJ): there was a technical issue with the votes, so it will be sent again and clarifies what abstention means. Announces 97 second deadline to vote.

The Vice-Presidents vote announcement:

- **Xesc Mainzer Cardell** (JEF Belgium) 52 votes (53%)
- **Martin Bogomil Penov** (JEF Bulgaria) 38 votes (39%)
- 8 abstentions (8%)
 - The Senior Vice President is **Xesc Mainzer Cardell** (JEF Belgium)
 - Vice President is **Martin Bogomil Penov** (JEF Bulgaria)
- Both formally accept the vice-presidency.

g. Speeches of candidates for treasurer

- **Leonie Martin** (Congress Presidium): Congratulations to the three people already elected. Moving to the point of the Treasurer election. One candidacy.

Aléxandros Apostolidis (JEF Greece):

Pleasure to be here, but as we are all very tired I will be short. He has been a member since 2016 and he wants to engage himself further in JEF.

He wants to recognise the work of the past EB and especially Robin. Transparency should be maintained.

Aim to work on a method to increase the amount of travel refunds and amount of members who can participate in events, reaching out to young people with disadvantaged backgrounds. Wants to raise membership fees to €3 depending on support from EB and national sections. Cross Border cooperation is needed with national sections and volunteers.

Q&A

Annika Fleischer (JEF Germany): Transportation costs for European Congress. Opinion and agenda for how to develop those further over the next few years as now it had to be paid by individuals or JEF sections. Could JEF Europe help?

Julius Lajtha (JEF Austria): giving your background and the key role of this organisation and how to acquire the knowledge you do not have yet and how are you going to acquire it?

Emmeline Charenton (JEF Germany): Raising membership fees, your opinion? How do you stand? If you want to raise them, how would you proceed and make them transparent? JEF Germany did it and it took a year for us to get through all JEF sections and get them on board.

Alexandros Apostolidis (JEF Greece): Principle of co-funding is important and in alignment with federal principles. The Secretariat and Board have always shown flexibility. How to ensure better refunds is a collective process, working with partnerships, local orgs, donations. It has to do with making it a goal and priority. I don't want to give anyone a false impression that this can be done over 1 to 2 years.

The second question, I understand the finances and have done the budgeting and reporting on projects on EU-funded projects. He admits having experience in the tasks for this position. And on fees and he cannot answer by himself, there needs to be collective work and decision-making, based on the input of sections. We either need an automatic mechanism for inflation. This is a very lengthy and difficult process. We need to consider which type of mechanism is needed and I will cooperate with Pierre. ;

h. Announcement of the vote

Presidium announces the vote for 2 minutes to be done online, and another guest speaker joins the stage from the ULA.

Introduced by **Christelle Savall** (President, JEF Europe) and **Antonio Argenziano** (Former President, JEF Europe)

Anna Kocherhan (ULA): hard to keep track of everything happening and she is very grateful to be one of the representatives of the leadership academy and used to study in Ukrainian leadership academy and has experienced both sides. Inquires if the audience knows what grammarly is and other online platforms, products and services. All these companies were created by Ukrainians. It is hard during this situation to focus on anything other than the war.

ULA is a value-based organisation, dedicated to building a better world. They are creating a new generation of a diverse pool of leaders. The academy is the most powerful youth leadership movement. Have 1260 graduates and over 9 years of experience. No centres located in dangerous zones.

We have 260 graduates and two centres are operational.

And 268 people were covered by their projects.

Students are proactive teenagers from 16 to 20 and who want to change their country.

As of now, they have 52 students and on average each student has 10 trips abroad and in Ukraine, 5 co-organised events, 120 hours of volunteering.

120 hours of volunteering, 16 books read and 200 km of running. They are also working on emotional physical skills

Students have over 50 meetings with prominent people in the country and the world.

Education establishment and building their own projects.

Defenders of Ukraine in the frontline and 60 members and alumnis are defending Ukraine and involved in volunteer movements and unfortunately 6 students have passed away defending democracy and freedom.

100 of graduates involved in the volunteering movement. 6 alumni perished in the war.

Please honour them as their memory will remain in history.

As a response to the escalation of the Russian invasion, the volunteer movement expanded and founded One Heart to help save lives and support communities.

Shared some graduate stories.

Some of their members represent the international sphere as well. Large scale projects for the community focused on Eurovision winners, Christmas traditions.

Several large-scale community projects are presented.

Thanks to the audience and the connections and hopes to create a better world today.

Leonie Martin (Congress Presidium): vote still opens, but 30 seconds remain to cast the last votes. On behalf of the Presidium they thank the guest speaker. Reminder to sign the participant list especially those who participated in outgoing FC. connect with the external guests and speakers to build activities together.

i. Announcement of the treasurer vote

Presidium announces the vote results: 97 votes casts with 8% abstention

Aléxandros Apostolidis (JEF Greece) is elected with 93% in favour and 7% abstained

j. Speeches of votes of Executive Board members

- Presidium: 6 candidates for 4 positions. Alexandros can no longer run for EB as he has been elected treasurer. EB candidates have 3 minutes each.
- They will have 6 minutes to speak and then questions will be carried out and they have to be directed to all candidates

Nikos Chircop (JEF Malta): The energy I have dedicated to this org really comes from the heart. My first JEF event was in the final year of high school and I co-organised the last FC in Malta.

Man is not a mere instrument to be used by others but mainly an autonomous living being-Spinelli.

In today's world we need to understand how to treat people, we need to treat them as autonomous living beings.

We can do better and treat people like actual human beings.

We have to remember that our role in EB is to serve the sections and to listen and hear everyone equally.

Communication x 3

We must communicate more.

There is more work to be done and thanks to the work that was done by the previous EB and have participatory methods, learn from what was done and keep growing. We need to be revolutionaries on all fronts.

Participatory approach in the EurHope initiative was great.

Julius Lajtha (JEF Austria): friends, colleagues, supporters or not. He is addressing everyone.

Reaching out his hand to bring what he has given and received from JEF to the EB.
Give back what he has received from the organisation. He is a man of action and is sometimes Eurosceptic. We need to make people Europhiles. He discovered EYP in 2016 and what youth work was actually about.

He was not a pro-European, it took him a while to get there. He got involved in Austria locally Europe has never let go since then. 2019 entered YEM UK and wanted to rebuild a strong org. Dedicated team and earned my greatest respect and my colleagues are in line to be elected. They worked to build-up the organisation and connect it externally.

He has experience in public affairs and lobbying and this experience could be positive for the executive Board. Challenges we faced in YEM UK are similar to those we face at European level.

We need to work long-term partnerships and more sustainable funding.

These past weeks have been disappointing on how the elections have been conducted and the negative consequences this had on him and his attention. Caused him to step down from VP.

Hanna Lein-Mathisen (JEF Norway):

Dear congress and dear fellow Europeans she wants to work for greater Europe that dta
Need to build bridges instead of walls. Want a Europe to work closer together in contrast to the wars which have come to our continent. We need stronger security cooperation and a larger Eurozone. Need to enlarge Schengen to prove we are 1 Europe.

She wants to work for a greater Europe in JEF and she has been trusted on different levels. She wants to further reach the European level.

Thanks everyone for giving her the confidence to stand up here today.

She speaks several languages, but she is the national of a non-EU country and she wants to further initiatives that give opportunities to non-EU states.

I Want to further EurHope and Europe What if?

Wants to work more on Don't Touch my Schengen (LOL)

Want to work for a proactive JEF who listens to progressive voices of Europe.

JEF has to improve as space for all no matter who you are and your background.

Let's make a stronger Europe together.

Kati Systä (JEF Finland) - Been in JEF since 2017 and has a background in international law and HR.

She has been in a board position for several years and she wants to keep working for a federal and democratic Europe and this is why she is running, also to work for the future.

We work on big issues and we need a bigger JEF to do that. Have to think about the future of JEF and what it will look like.

Firstly, we need to focus on growth from a diverse pool of young people. Secondly, continue to promote and work on inclusion and work on this with sections. Finally, Europe is not only built in Brussels, but the campaign needs to be done across Europe.

Want to build up the bottom up approach in campaigning and advocacy. Our message is one of hope and peace and we need to promote it louder and wider.

Conclude, by a citation from a children's book. Ready for the adventure in the EB.

Presidium: Alexiane is not with us in person but transferred a speech, but questions will not be possible but Chris will present the speech.

Alexiane Terrochaire-Barbancon could not join as she was working the whole day. She will share her ideas and priorities in JEF France and JEF UK. Want to focus on working in close coordination with EB as a complementary team. Keen on working with and for all sections. Main priority is to expand the network in an inclusive way and the other main priority is a political one: empower volunteers and sections to share knowledge and contribute to discussion and skill-building. He apologises for not being there today and he is always available.

k. Announcing election results for Executive Board Members

- The Presidium outlines the voting procedures and gender quotas. **Milosh Ristovski** (returning officer and election observer, Secretary General of YFJ): invites tellers on stage and the voting will be done online and there will be 5 names they will be able to click on.
- There has been an issue connected to procedure raised by Christelle, the newly elected president and the presidium is assessing it
- Presidium announces the break and invites the candidates to the FC to come on stage, so the delegates can have a chat with the candidates. There will be a 30 minute break and people should come back 18.34, time in which the session will be resumed.
- Break is declared.

l. Roll call

Roll call done by Judit Lantai, Secretary-General of JEF Europe and announced by Presidium:

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JEF Switzerland - present with 3 votes
JEF UK - present with 2 votes

Roll call closed

Presidium: Procedural request to change the agenda to remove the discussion about Israel-Palestine

Xesc Mainzer Cardell (Vice President, JEF Europe): the discussion is not happening, due to delays and this point in the agenda should be removed and should be carried out in an online format.

The vote requires a two third majority (vote needed to be carried out twice as new explanations came up):

Votes against: 24
Abstentions: 3
Votes in favour: 66

Majority agrees to remove the agenda item and the motion passes.

Christelle Savall (President, JEF Europe): tonight we are over schedule and we need to leave the venue, which does not allow the in-depth discussion that is required. And the sections wanted to have a broader discussion. We have hid away from the topic for a long-time and we have failed as peacemakers, as this is a divisive topic. We need to take a stance. The proposal is we cannot have the discussion due to venue conditions and in PC's long discussion still needs to be carried out. There will be an online discussion with Partir, this is a postponement, not removing the discussion.

Presidium: not a different proposal but change in agenda.

Clara Föllner (JEF Germany): It is important for us to have that debate as our section is very involved in the whole situation. We fully understand we need time for it and right now there may not be enough energy. Many sections were not present online and she invites people to really join and engage online in this discussion.

Presidium: no vote needed and we go with votes taken prior.
The item is removed from the agenda.

Milosh Ristovski (returning officer and election observer, Secretary General of YFJ):
Announcing the voting procedural and how the vote has been going and on gender quotas

Milosh Ristovski (returning officer and election observer, Secretary General of YFJ): Explained
the gender quotas based on who was already elected.

Q&A for remaining questions. No questions

Votes cast based on last roll call.

Judit Lantai (Secretary General): We did the roll call when JEF Sweden and JEF Estonia were
not in the room but they explained why they were outside for specific circumstances and
were granted their votes. We have 100 votes now in the room.

We have 100 votes present in the room and the emails to vote will come shortly

Presidium announces one minute left to vote

The EB members elected are based on online vote are as follows with 99 votes:

- **Nikos Chircop** (JEF Malta) - 65
- **Hanna Lein-Mathisen** (JEF Norway) - 65
- **Kati Systä** (JEF Finland) - 74
- **Julius Lajtha** (JEF Austria) - **not elected**
- **Alexiane Terrochaire-Barbancon** (JEF UK)- 60

Presidium: congratulated everyone indicating there is always a place for you in JEF whether
you are elected or not.

m. Informal presentation of candidates for Federal Committee Members, Arbitration Board and Auditors

- No minutes taking, this was done during the break

n. Casting of votes for FC

- **Presidium** explained how the voting procedure operates. 17 applications received for
16 positions. Delegates will have 11 votes and their allocation was explained.
- **Judit Lantai** (Secretary General, JEF Europe): Triple checking the ballots. Launched
vote.

o. Announcing election results for FC

Announcement of results based on online voting with 99 votes casted:

1. Chiara Bertolli (JEF Italy)- 72

2. Gergana Blazheva (JEF Bulgaria)- 46
3. Madalin-Catalin Blidaru (JEF Romania)- 10
4. Antoine Chabal (JEF France)- 79
5. Jana Gleim (JEF Germany)- 76
6. Elise Magne- 70
7. Maria Martinez Lopez (JEF Spain)- 38
8. Robin Mudry (JEF Czechia)- 84
9. Sorcha Ní Chonghaile (JEF Ireland)- **not elected**
10. Mirko Ondras (JEF Switzerland)- 23
11. Sofie Rebekka Schluter Knauer (JEF Denmark)- 78
12. Benedikte Svendsen (JEF Norway)- 77
13. Samuel Tammekann (JEF Finland)- 73
14. Melanie Thut (JEF Germany) - 81
15. Federico Tossi (JEF Italy) - 40
16. Anna Van De Moosdijk (JEF Netherlands) - 40
17. Julianne Vella (JEF Malta) - 50

11 votes were eligible for casting.

Vote explanation based on gender quotas
 Congratulations to all those who ran, more votes coming.

Presidium: Resolution Committee meeting at 9.30pm

p. Arbitration Board voting announcement & results

Presidium: Have 5 candidates. No gender quotas for this election. And the role of this body has been explained before by presidium. 5 names for 5 positions and you will be able to cast votes for 3.

30 seconds and the vote will close as announced by the presidium

Andrew Micallef (Membership Officer, JEF Europe) with logistical announcement: We need to leave at 8 sharp. Please ensure you take your rubbish with you or bin it. If anyone wants tickets for the party, approach Elena. Dinner at 9pm and 10pm-2 lots. Sign the participant list.

Online voting results with 93 votes:

- Ignacio Esteban Avendano (JEF Spain) - 22
- Maria Sofia Falcone (JEF Italy) - 38
- Maija Maunu (JEF Finland) - 45
- Knut André Sande (JEF Norway) - 77
- Flavia-Gabriela Sandu (JEF Belgium)- 60

All elected based on online votes.

q. Auditors voting voting announcement & results

Presidium: moving directly to a vote.

Milosh Ristovski (returning officer and election observer, Secretary General of YFJ): explains how voting works based on JEF statutes.

3 seats able to cast 2 votes.

Presidium announces there is one minute left to vote. Thanks to the tellers for their work.

Results based on online voting with 92 votes:

Celia Marie Fonvieille (JEF France) - 76

Mathilde Contensou (JEF France)- 68

Patrick Wildenradt (JEF Denmark) - 33

All elected

18. Closing of the day

Presidium closes the day and asks people to leave the venue, not lose the voting cards and respect the schedule at 7.55pm.

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19. Opening of the day & technicalities

Presidium starts the day at 09.25am local time (Madrid, Spain)

a. Code of Conduct & Gender Watch

Leonie Martin (Congress Presidium): presents the Code of Conduct and indicates who are contact people, herself and **Antonio Argenziano** (former JEF Europe President) and explains there is an anonymous webform. The full code of conduct can be found on the website.

Zita Karacson, (Project Consultant, JEF Europe): presents the **gender watch results** of the previous day:

Men took the floor 46% of the time 2h30 mins almost

Women took the floor 47.4% of the time around 2h30

Non binary - 6,5% - 20 minutes

Presidium: minor change in the agenda as they forgot to present the election result of cats vs dogs (test vote).

While waiting there will be a section at the end of Congress entitled AoB. Participants who have not already should sign the participant list.

When you leave, please give back your name tag with the JEF Europe secretariat team

Judit Lantai (Secretary General, JEF Europe): one of the hardest things we have to do over the weekend and the results are very close. With 98 votes cast, the test vote results are as follows:

Dogs: 51 votes

Cats: 47 votes

20. Welcome address by the newly elected President

Christelle Savall (President, JEF Europe)

Starts with the quote, 'those who love peace must organise as well as those that love war' Federalism is why we come together even if it is a difficult path. The war and conflicts reminded us that peace is never near. It must be organised and taken care of.

We need a more democratic Europe for peace and human rights. This is why our work is so important. Democracy is something you do, you participate.

We need to make sure JEFers of tomorrow and JEFers of today continue to fight for peace. Your JEF and what we do everyday brings us closer to our goal - United and Federal Europe. Federalism blooms in the streets, not in meeting rooms. No matter where or when together Dialogue and personal relationships are important for our work. You will decide today what a new board will be advocating for.

I hope you have had the chance to meet the secretariat as well as with the EB who put their energy into bringing JEF to the federalist organisation that we want.

EurHope is our campaign and we work hard at the JEF Europe to make it a huge success and reality. The EU elections must be a stepping stone.

We need to invest energy in EurHope and make sure that non-EU countries take part in this election.

We want a European federation right now. Let's advocate, convince and take to the streets.

Presidium: Requests silence for the minute takers. Move on to roll call.

Judit Lantai (Secretary General, JEF Europe): those who have proxy online, please come to the stage and pick up the paper in order to vote.

21. Roll call

Roll call by Judit Lantai, Secretary-General of JEF Europe, announced by Presidium:

JEF Albania- JEF Latvia carrying the proxy

JEF Austria- not present

JEF Belgium- not present

JEF Bulgaria- present with 1 vote

JEF Croatia - not present

JEF Czechia - present with 1 vote

JEF Denmark present - 6 delegates - 6 votes

JEF Estonia present

JEF Finland present - with 12 votes
JEF France present with 8 votes
JEF Germany present with 19 votes
JEF Greece present
JEF Hungary present with 1 vote
JEF Ireland - not present
JEF Italy present - 8 votes - present in full
JEF Kosovo present with 1 vote
JEF Latvia - present with 1 vote
JEF Luxembourg - present with 1 vote by Manuel
JEF Malta - present with 3 votes, Julianne proxied Francesca for Malta and for the FC she proxied Benedikte
JEF North Macedonia- not present
JEF Montenegro -not present
JEF Netherlands - present with Joaquim casting the vote
JEF Norway - present with 8 votes
JEF Poland - present with one vote
JEF Portugal - present with one vote casted by Eduarda
JEF Romania - not present
JEF Serbia - proxy to JEF Bulgaria
JEF Slovakia - proxy present
JEF Slovenia - not present
JEF Spain - present with 3 votes
JEF Sweden - present
JEF Switzerland - present with 2 votes
JEF UK - not present

Roll call closed, quorum confirmed.

22. Voting on resolutions

Presidium: Resolution Committee met last night. Start with PC1. Those approved amendments added before yesterday 8pm will not be shown as they are already integrated into the amendment platform. We have limited time and will chair this as efficiently as possible.

Point of Order: Zoom in and lights changed to better read the resolutions. For further points of order please speak into the microphone.

a. Resolution: From a Multi Speed Europe to a Federal Europe

Filippo Pasquali (JEF Italy, former PC1 Chair):

Amendment line 19 to 20: Addition from **Melanie Thut** (JEF Germany), wording change using circles as a last resort.

Melanie Thut (JEF Germany and Directly elected FC member):

They had a great discussion coming to this conclusion on circles to be used as a last resort. The goal is to have a more diverse and empowered Europe.

Presidium: No opposition to the amd as presented. Move to a vote. After a vote the amendment was carried with majority vote.

Filippo Pasquali (JEF Italy, former PC1 Chair): : Recommended the adoption of the document. Satisfied with the process that led to the resolution and the draft amendments added. This is a good standing point for what we are aiming at: a multi-speed Europe to achieve a confederation.

Vote: From a Multi Speed Europe to a Federal Europe
Adopted by majority vote

b. Resolution: A European Federal Police (PC1)

Filippo Pasquali (JEF Italy, former PC1 Chair): : No further amendments. Put forward a positive recommendation and hope for a positive vote. Used to compliment another resolution to propose a structure to take on transnational crime in the EU. We needed to provide additional grounds for this solution and fundamental grounds for justification which would lead to the establishment of this police force.

Vote: A European Federal Police
Adopted by majority vote

Presidium congratulated him on finishing the mandate. For Internal Resolutions inviting Task Force leads on diversity and inclusion on stage

c. Resolution: Towards a more inclusive, diverse and empowered JEF

Kati Systä (EB): 1 substantive and to this discussed yesterday. The aim is to set measures about how our ways of working can be more diverse and inclusive.

Presidium: No one wants to speak against, none wants to speak in favour. Proceed to vote.

Vote: Resolution
Adopted unanimously

d. Resolution: Management of the multilingual JEF Web Management

Kati Systä (EB): internal resolution from the EB. Invites Juuso to present the resolution.

Juuso Järviemi (JEF Finland) : Internal resolution that the outgoing EB proposed. The idea came from the Editors in Chief of the New Federalist. Gave them recognition and thanks.

Made the proposal and there were a few and handled yesterday. The new editors in chief have been selected but are unaware but Dvir Aviam Ezra - Editor in Chief (Senior) and Antonios Tashejian - Editor in Chief (Junior) have been selected. Congratulations to them.

Nobody spoke up against or in favour of the resolution. No pending amendments. So presidium calls a vote

Vote: Management of the multilingual JEF Web Management
Adopted unanimously

Presidium: Congratulations

e. Internal resolution: JEF Europe Code of Conduct

Kati Systä (EB): Code of Conduct which includes a set of rules and principles about how we care for each other and those who are elected. Some amendments yesterday were discussed in the PC and we have one new amd which came in after that.

Nea-Maria Törmänen (JEF Finland): we made an amendment (from line 274 to 275). Regarding the contact persons. Believe they should be easily approachable and this person should not be people in high elected positions to ensure there are no power dynamics and that everyone even if you are a new member and don't know anyone else you would feel safe and confident to talk to the contact persons. The amd. Indicates that the CPs cannot hold the position of President, VP or Member of FC Presidium.

Christelle Savall (President, JEF Europe): wants to speak against the amendment: She appreciates the spirit but there are some activities where we have very few JEF members and sometimes it will have to be a member of the EB and the secretariat. Sometimes we don't have enough members to take this role.

Leo Stub Køber (JEF Norway) wants to speak against the amendment: we should have a code of conduct easy to follow and the contact people should be someone who could be trusted. As such, Presidents should be trusted with this work as they know the organisation.

Sofie Rebekka Schlüter Knauer (JEF Denmark, directly-elected FC member), in favour: Maybe we can find a compromise. When you are contact person it can be a lot to take the responsibility when something happens and Pres and VP already have a lot to take on and there can be power imbalances. It is important to differentiate between the two.

Nea-Maria Törmänen (JEF Finland): I want to say that I understand the points raised, but from her point of view from her section experience. While there are limited people we should strive to have people only dedicated for this.

For example, if there is a distressing situation I would have no chance to approach someone in a role of power as they are busy and have a lot of responsibility. We need to find other people to do the job and power dynamics exist.

Presidium: Proceed to vote in this amendment. Need tellers to be attentive.

Point of Order: could the wording be changed.

Presidium: no, the wording cannot be changed at this stage

Vote: Amendment
Adopted with majority

Presidium: Vote on the resolution. Nobody wants to speak against or in favour. Proceed to vote.

Vote: JEF Europe Code of Conduct
Adopted unanimously

Presidium: congratulations with all of the resolutions. Two quick announcements. Sign the participant list and return your lanyards.

Call PC2 to the floor.

Guillaume Kayser (JEF Switzerland and former PC2 Chair): there was some concern that PC time would be too short and we had limited time to discuss amendments. Move to postpone 1 resolution and its amendments (volunteering and future of work resolution) to FC in Tartu in Spring 2024 which requires a vote.

Presidium: Nobody wants to speak against or in favour of the proposal made. Move to a vote.

Against: 0

In favour: everyone

Abstentions: 0

f. Resolution: Strengthening and safeguarding free movement with the EU and the future of Shengen

Guillaume Kayser (JEF Switzerland and PC2 Chair): Very important issue to federalists to ensure people have the freedom to do whatever they want. Thanked Camilla for her work who is unable to be here today. Importance of discussing the amendments.

Presidium: proposed deletion of lines 124 to 126 in the first amendment. No speeches against the amendment.

Jakob takes to the floor.

Speech in favour:

Jakob Wind (JEF Denmark): Creating a federal European level pension system is unrealistic as it is usually localised or national via private companies. Not something which speaks to reality.

Speech against:

Justin Horchler (JEF France): We should be against the amd. Because we are federalist and we are defending federal measures.

We are also strong supporters of social measures. We should keep lines which are both social and federal.

Presidium: voting on the amendment

Vote: amendment
Adopted by majority vote

Presidium: no further amendments move to adoption of resolution as a whole. No speeches against the resolution as a whole no speeches in favour. Moves to a vote.

Vote: Strengthening and safeguarding free movement with the EU and the future of Shengen
Adopted with majority

g. Resolution: Towards a green, global competitive and digital European industry

Guillaume Kayser (JEF Switzerland, former PC2 chair): We had good discussions on the future of European industry and the challenges it is facing in the globalised world. The council of Europe strategic autonomy was also welcome. We had some fruitful debates in the committee but we do have more to discuss here today.

Amendment 12 - **withdrawn**

Moritz Ansorge (JEF Germany): Working on this together and had some technical difficulties. Some of these hands are technically double. We don't want to discuss amd. 12. Instead we would like to discuss amendments 14 and 19.

Jana Gleim (JEF Germany, directly-elected FC member): Technical difficulties S3012 and S99.

Presidium move to Amendment 14 - Broaden the resolution from what was written before Point of Order: want to review the other amd. That was referred to.

Moritz Ansorge (JEF Germany): S3-99-2. - extending the amendment

Presidium: No speeches against or for the amd. Move to a vote on amendment 14

Vote Amendment 14		
In favour	Against	Abstentions

everyone	0	0
Adopted unanimously		

On amendment S3 - 019:

Moritz Ansorge (JEF Germany): In full support of SMEs but they are not just key local suppliers. Change the wording to give broader meaning.

Presidium: No speeches against or for the amd. Move towards a vote

Vote: amendment S3 - 019		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
everyone	0	0
Adopted unanimously		

Amendment S3 -099 withdrawn

Amendment S3 - 099 - 2 - expands point 5 of the resolution

Moritz Ansorge (JEF Germany) Technical difficulties. The first part is the exact same as par.1 so no changes there. Second part is par.5. Rephrasing the existing content to give it a more broad and focused meaning. We can talk about green technologies in general rather than just batteries.

Presidium invites delegates to do speeches against and in favour. Moves towards votes after no speeches.

Vote: Amendment S3 - 099 - 2		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
everyone	0	0
Adopted unanimously		

Amendment S3 - 122

Justin Horchler (JEF France): Strategic autonomy needs to be mentioned in both parts of the paragraph. Believe it is not very relevant to include certain words in this paragraph and it could be mentioned elsewhere and strategic autonomy is more relevant here rather than mentioning jobs.

Presidium: No speeches against or in favour.

Moves towards the vote after no speeches are done.

Vote: Amendment S3 - 122		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Majority	23	13
Adopted		

Amendment S3 - 100

Justin Horchler (JEF France): Added the wording socially responsible as the social dimension is very important as we should all be in favour of more socially responsible enterprises.

Presidium: No speeches against or in favour of the amd. Proceeds to a vote.

Vote: Amendment S3 - 100		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Majority	0	3
Adopted unanimously		

Amendment S3-103-2

Jana Gleim (JEF Germany, directly-elected FC member): We didn't see it as necessary to mention methods and focused on grammar and wording of paragraphs. Removed the wording as I did not see it as necessary.

Presidium inquires for speeches in favour and against. Moves towards the vote.

Vote: Amendment S3-103-2		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Majority	0	2
Adopted		

Amendment S3-110-2

Moritz Ansoerge (JEF Germany): We feel that there is a lot of red tape on DMes and in general on reporting obligations that don't meet the targets. Throughout the last few years alot of companies are happy to report on sustainability without any serious commitment. We should cut short the reporting detail and look further to supporting and investing in green industries or facilitate the twin transition such as public transport or clean energy markets.

Presidium inquires for speeches in favour and against.

Speech against:

Leo Stub Køber (JEF Norway): Raising a question. He was unsure if he would speak against this. However, it is important to keep track of the companies leading this transition.

Speech in favour:

Jana Gleim (JEF Germany, directly-elected FC member): included ineffective and unnecessary as it goes hand in hand and it is more efficient wording. I can understand it is unclear but we wanted to generalise the paragraph.

Presidium moves towards the vote.

Vote: Amendment S3-110-2		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
30	33	9
Not adopted		

Amendment S3 - 142

Justin Horchler (JEF France): Mentioning our autonomy, we have to have autonomy for major powers such as the US and China and we need to be able to autonomously obtain resources or have a reliable supply chain.

Presidium: No speeches against or in favour of the amd.

Moves towards the vote

Vote: Amendment S3 - 142		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Majority	3	0
Adopted by majority		

Amendment S3 151

Jana Gleim (JEF Germany, directly-elected FC member): They discussed this yesterday and they have an issue with the word 'our' and would recommend making it general and using a word that is more inclusive and broad. We want to make it clear the EU industrial capacity

Presidium: No speeches in favour or against. Move to vote.

Vote: Amendment S3-151		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Everyone	0	0
Adopted unanimously		

Amendment S3 154

Justin Horchler (JEF France): Minor amd. To include poverty in-work

No speeches in favour or against the amendment, so the presidium moves to a vote

Vote: Amendment S3-151		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
	0	0
Adopted unanimously		

Amendment S3- 172

Gianluca Bonato (JEF Italy): suggesting Next Generation EU become a permanent fund.

The **Presidium** has no speeches against or in favour of the amendment so we move to a vote.

Vote: AMd/ S3 172		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Everyone	0	1
Adopted unanimously		

Amendment S3-173

Justin Horchler (JEF France): Adding objective European as it wouldn't make sense that EU ad MS would want non-EU companies in this context. Added the word European for clarification to indicate we support true global champions for the wellbeing of all Europeans.

Presidium inquires if there are speeches in favour or against. Move to vote

Vote: Amendment S3-173		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Majority	6	9
Adopted		

Amendment S3-175

Jana Gleim (JEF Germany, directly-elected FC member): We wanted to add the green transition and sustainability. This needs to be mentioned in the resolution. This needs to be highlighted on the green transition of companies.

Speech against the amendment:

Guillaume Kayser (JEF Switzerland, former PC2 chair): I think it is wrong to single out one issue of the resolution as it focuses on multiple challenges which are all important. It is important that Europe becomes more important on the global stage.

Presidium: No speeches in favour. Moves to voting.

Vote amendment S3-175		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
42	30	4
Adopted		

Presidium: No speeches in favour or against the resolution. Vote on resolution as a whole.

Vote: Resolution towards a green, globally competitive and digital European Industry.		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Majority	0	8
Adopted		

Presidium: well done and congratulations on all the hard work as well as those presenting resolutions and amendments.

PC3 resolutions

Resolution: Future of Eastern Partnership: a new European strategy for the East

Christelle Savall (President, JEF Europe): Resolution we wrote 2.5 years ago and have gone through several amendments. None of them resubmitted afterwards. We updated it quite at length taking into account the new changes of enlargement.

Presidium: No speeches against or in favour.

Moves towards a vote.

Vote: Resolution		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Everyone	0	0
Adopted		

h. Resolution: For a common migration and asylum policy

Christelle Savall (President, JEF Europe): Already amended this 2.5 years ago. We had an interesting discussion about this yesterday.

There are two amendments submitted that underwent discussion

Clara Massé (JEF France) to speak about amendment C2-033

Clara Massé (JEF France): After we mentioned Turkey, we realised that other countries should be mentioned as well due to their role regarding migration and wanted to add other countries.

Presidium: No speeches against the amd. Amd and none in favour. Proceeds to voting.

Vote: Amendment C2-033		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
41	9	25
Adopted		

Amendment C2new9- 154

Corentin Vinsonneau (JEF France): Call for EC to create a new status for climate refugees. It is important to create a responsibility for all people to be responsible for everyone in Europe.

Presidium calls speeches in favour and against.

Speeches against:

Guillaume Kayser (JEF Switzerland): If the amd. was linked to UN work, it is not sufficient as it will not create a solid EU definition for all EU countries. Should be for the whole world and not just Europe.

Speeches in favour:

Clara Massé (JEF France): There is a definition and might be complicated for the EU to create a statue, we should be ashamed not to add this and we would be approaching this wrongly. Even if it is complicated we should still go for this in our advocacy work.

Moves towards the vote

Vote: C2new9- 154		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Majority	23	Between 11 to 14 as siad by tellers
Adopted		

Voting on resolution as a whole

Vote: Resolution for a common migration and asylum policy		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Majority	0	3
Adopted		

i. Resolution: Patching the holes in the EU fabric: a Federal switzerland

Christelle Savall (President JEF Europe): New resolution as there is not a lot of advocacy surrounding this topic. We want to support JEF Switzerland as we want them to become part of our union as soon as possible.

There were some amendments we were not able to discuss in due time.

Amendment C3-037-3

Aldan Creo (JEF Spain): Want to make the text more clear.

Presidium: no speeches against or in favour.

Moves towards the vote

Vote: amendment C3 - 037 - 3

In favour	Against	Abstentions
Majority	0	1
Adopted		

Amendment C3new8-045

Aldan Creo (JEF Spain): There are some barriers which prevent you from feeling part of Schengen. There is no roaming available for example. We need to aim to remove the small barriers as it should be integrated 100% into the Schengen area.

Presidium calls for speeches in favour and against.

Speeches in favour:

Guillaume Kayser (JEF Switzerland) he would like to speak in favour of their association based on the campaign to stop roaming. And it is inconvenient to pay for roaming and not have access to wifi.

Moves towards the vote.

Vote: Amendment C3new8 - 045		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Everyone	0	0
Adopted Unanimously		

Amendment C3-042

Guillame Kayser (JEF Switzerland, former PC2 chair): Clarification on what is already written. Add a dispute resolution mechanism to create safety for businesses and people to ensure trust in both sides. If you want to live in a country the same rules should apply.

Move towards the vote as there were no speeches in favour or against.

Vote: amendment C3-042		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Adopted unanimously		

Amendment C3-048

Guillaume Kayser (JEF Switzerland): About Swiss neutrality. We have some countries which have been neutral in the EU. International law which fixates country neutrality is in the Hate Convention. Interpretation made by the Swiss government is quite limited and their stance goes further on their treaty on neutrality.

Presidium asks for speeches against or in favour.

Move towards the vote.

Vote: amendment C3-048		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Everyone	0	0
Adopted		

Amendment C3-050

Guillaume Kayser (JEF Switzerland): Small addition of NATOas there is no European federal army and I think is fair enough to mention this in the resolution and even if we would decide on a federal army we could take 20 years to decide.

Presidium: No speeches in favour or against the amd. Proceeds to voting.

Vote: amendment C3-050		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
everyone	0	0
Adopted unanimously		

Presidium: calls Robin Mudry

Amendment C3-058

Robin Mudry (FC): Lots of debate about proposing the EEA in JEF. It can be controversial and can be framed in a way that it could be a step towards satisfaction to enter Switzerland in the EU. Clarification proposed this to be a preliminary step'

Presidium: No speeches against. Call speeches in favour

Speeches in favour: JEF Switzerland It should a step in the right direction and not a stopping point,

Presidium moves to vote

Vote: amendment C3-058		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Majority	2	0
Adopted		

Amendment C3-059

Guillaume Kayser (JEF Switzerland):: About a reformulation splitting into two clauses. The first point on sovereignty and democracy being able to vote on EU level for Switzerland. Can only be achieved if they join the EU as full MS. Second clause is to list the numerous benefits for Switzerland. The EU is our most important trading partner so it is important to keep the relationship going on both sides.

Presidium calls for speeches in favour and against. Moves towards a vote.

Vote: amendment C3-059		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Everyone	0	0
Adopted		

Amendment C3 - 076

Guillaume Kayser (JEF Switzerland):: More of a clarification focused on the Swiss side of the argument that it wants to respect its wage level. But we would like to add the EU view of non-discriminatory market access.

Presidium calls for speeches against and in favour. Moves towards the vote.

Vote: amendment C3-076		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Everyone	0	0
Adopted unanimously		

Amendment C3 - 083

Erik Romera Tiedemann (JEF Germany): wanted to be more precise regarding JEF Europe's objectives and advocacy for JEF Switzerland mentioning the JEF Oberrhein /Rhin Supérieur project which shapes the work and life of JEF in this international area and it is important to mention it here for the international regional cooperation of JEF Europe and to frutehr integrate Switzerland into Europe.

Presidium calls for speeches against and in favour. None.

Moves towards the vote.

Vote: amendment C3-083		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Everyone	0	0
Adopted unanimously		

Presidium: moves to vote on resolution as a whole.

Vote: resolution as whole		
In favour	Against	Abstentions
Everyone	0	0
Adopted unanimously		

Presidium: Thanks PC3 for their work. Calls for a break of 25 minutes.

Presidium: reminder to sign the participant list. Return your badges. There are notebooks for former board members so please sign them. Please also sign the thank you book for JEF Spain.

23. AOB

- **Jana Gleim** (JEF Germany, FC): Wanted to emphasise her following the democracy under pressure campaigns and loved what everyone did during the campaign. Really important, we continue doing that. Thanking everyone for their actions.
- **Luca Nietzsche** (JEF France): Wanted to thank JEF Spain for organising the congress.

- **Amanda Alvesalo** (JEF Finland): Thanks to JEF Spain, the President and all involved as the next time we will see everyone is Tartu for the Spring FC.
- **Muhammad Abdullah Siddiqui** (JEF Estonia): first time JEF event like this one, and taking notes on how things are being organised. Preference to organise things at the end of April but JEF Europe prefers to do it earlier in April to avoid clashing with other events. Tentative dates are 12-14 April 2024 subject to availability.
Looking forward to our social programme. See you in Tartu with a FC which will be very memorable.
- **Christelle Savall** (President, JEF Europe): thank you JEF Spain and JEF Europe secretariat.

Presentation of video from Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Member of the European Parliament for S&D and President of UEF (union of European Federalists) - focused on European Presidency and wishes good luck to JEF Europe and a fruitful cooperation for the future.

As the Union of European Federalists, 21 October last meeting of FC resolution of more democratic and federal Europe was adopted. One crucial aspect is education for European citizenship and to make the concept of European citizenship meaningful. Actively involved as a member of CULT in EP.

24. Closing the meeting

- **Jésus Cordero** (President of JEF Spain) says hello to everyone. First, he would like to thank the organisation team without whom this would not be possible. Thanks to his Vice-President. We talk about EurHope a lot as hope is the driving force for all we do. Hope is what I have in these people (his colleagues). Their unity, strength and will is what keeps him alive. He hopes we meet our standards and do not use methods and tactics that do not damage sections. He wants to focus on the future of Europe. He is leaving his presidency the best way possible. Some of you the congress was very difficult to organise. Nevertheless, against all problems they organised this congress and to empower you all to get better the JEF Europe project in the next 2 years.
- **Fermín García Zabala** (JEF Spain): Exchange of gifts.. Thank you so much from all of JEF Spain. We have the best leader. He was the best one to take on this role.
- **Christelle Savall** (President, JEF Europe): From JEF Europe we wanted to thank JEF Spain to organise this congress with us. We were excited about your proposal in Prague and were happy we got to live it together. Despite the difficulties you have shown your dedication. Thank you to the whole team. It is impossible to name you one by one. Presentation of gifts from Judit and Christelle.
- **Judit Lantai** (Secretary General, JEF Europe) organising an event like the congress with different amounts of democratic procedures and activities. She thanks JEF Spain and JEF Madrid volunteers. There are also many other important people in preparation and execution of this congress. Thank you to the presidium for keeping federalism on track and chairing and returning officer Milosh. I would like to thank the previous EB, FC, Auditors and Arbitration board, thank you for all the hard work. Last but not least, the secretariat of JEF Europe in their amazing work. You have no idea how much they put into organising this. Not only their work but also their extra time. Want to extend the thanks and hope to see you in Tartu. More information will be passed on later.
- **Christelle Savall** (President, JEF Europe): Thank you to Judit for coordinating the secretariat towards this event
- **Presidium** does the last thank you to all those involved in the organising of the presidium and serving this congress and for everyone's hard work.

- **Presidium** officially closed the meeting at 12.44 PM local time.

24. Europe United

People sing together Europe United to close out the congress.

Incoming Federal Committee meeting

Presentation candidate status candidacy of JEF Georgia

Christelle Savall (President, JEF Europe): Welcomes everyone to incoming FC at 1.24pm. Happy to chair the meeting. JEF Georgia presenting their candidacy as Mariam has to leave.

Christelle Savall (President, JEF Europe) invites Juuso to the front.

Juuso Järvinemi (JEF Finland) shares the recommendation of the outgoing FC: Happy to have the presentation of JEF Georgia's candidacy. Observed with much delight the work this organisation has done. IT started with a contact of an NGO called Umbrella which supports civil society and youth orgs in Georgia. A board emerged which has worked independently. It is great to see how proactive the group has been. From Georgia, we received the most Congress application. There is great appetite for joining the JEF family. The previously elected board made a recommendation to welcome the candidate section.

Mariam Bregadze (JEF Georgia): Hello and thanks for the honour of being here. The story of JEF Georgia started when our President Participated in one of the JEF projects. He started collaborating with Umbrella. We have received lots of support from JEFers. Thanks to the ex president who came personally to Georgia and inspired us to reach our goals.

We signed a memorandum of understanding with Umbrella and then started our first campaign JEF Who? And JEF What? Held more than 50 meetings in universities.

They started their first common campaigns with JEF Europe around universities and social media platforms. They also joined Erasmus+ projects.

More than 15 Active Members.

English for all - teaching English to Georgians

Youth Work Matters-change making project involving more young people in youth work and bond normal education.

Running 3 campaigns; social-political life from the eyes of youth

JEF and I-ex participants of JEF and Members of JEF Georgia are sharing their experiences.

JEF WHO and JEF WHAT? Cooperating with JEF Berlin

Partnered with organisations from Ukraine and Georgia.

Want to engage more people in JEF, meet with politicians, and work with people living in occupied territories.

Wanted to share their country and organisations.

Christelle Savall (President, JEF Europe) opened the floor to question

JEF Estonia: What activities will you focus on towards becoming a full section?

Mariam Bregadze (JEF Georgia): Want to work with people living in occupied territories. 20% of our country is occupied by Russia and because of that it is important for those to work with them. More university meetings to popularise JEF in Georgia. Want to have a lot of meetings and more projects across the meetings.

Christelle Savall (President, JEF Europe): Cannot vote immediately as we have to distribute the votes and it may be after Mariam has to leave. Thanks for coming.

Judit Lantai (Secretary General, JEF Europe): Thanks Chris for volunteering. Explains the voting procedure. 1 national delegate for each section who has a voting right. The EB members have a vote plus the newly elected members will also have a vote. New voting cards distributed as this is the incoming FC.

1. Formalities

a. Roll Call

ROLL CALL BY JUDIT LANTAI SECRETARY-GENERAL OF JEF EUROPE, announced by Christelle, President of JEF Europe:

JEF Albania- JEF Latvia carrying the proxy

JEF Austria- not present

JEF Belgium- not present

JEF Bulgaria- present with 1 vote

JEF Croatia - not present

JEF Czechia - present

JEF Denmark present

JEF Estonia present

JEF Finland present

JEF France present

JEF Germany present

JEF Greece present

JEF Ireland present

JEF Hungary - present with proxy

JEF Italy present

JEF Kosovo not present

JEF Latvia - present

JEF Luxembourg - present

JEF Malta - present

JEF North Macedonia not present

JEF Montenegro not present

JEF Netherlands- present with proxy

JEF Norway present
JEF Poland - not present
JEF Portugal - present
JEF Romania - present
JEF Serbia - present with proxy
JEF Bulgaria - present
JEF Slovakia - proxy present to Czech Republic
JEF Slovenia - not present
JEF Spain - present
JEF Sweden - present
JEF Switzerland - present with proxy to Mirko
JEF UK- not present

EB members invited to join the roll call

Alexiane Terrochaire--Barbancon not present
Hanna Lein-Mathisen present
Nikos Chircop present then proxy to Xesc
Kati Systä present
Aléxandros Apostodolis present
Martin B. Penov present
Xesc Mainzer present
Christelle Savall present

Directly elected FC members who are present

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Melanie Thut
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Anna van de Moosdijk
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Julianne Vella gave proxies to Benedikte
María Martínez López
Mirko Ondras
Robin Mudry
Gergana Blazheva
Jana Gleim

All FC members present

Quorum achieved

2. Election of Tellers

Christelle Savall (President, JEF Europe), invites people to vote by acclamation:

Flavia Gabriela Sandu (Arbitration Board) and **Elena Rodriguez** (JEF Spain) have been voted as tellers.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Christelle Savall (President, JEF Europe) provides an overview of the agenda. When lunch arrives, we will break for lunch.

Robin Mudry (directly-elected FC member): propose to introduce a short ten minute break before we proceed with any voting as the newly elected FC members would like to coordinate which would ease federal proceedings of voting.

Christelle Savall (President, JEF Europe): Suggest vote on monitoring committee proposal
Chris Powers (JEF Belgium): suggests using sections update to give Fc members a proposal.

Judit Lantai (Secretary General, JEF Europe): looking at the agenda, we will have to do another roll call to have lunch. It is unavoidable that we will have to do another roll call.

Christelle Savall (President, JEF Europe): proposes the changes to the agenda.

Ask if there are objections

Abstentions

In favour: large majority achieved

Changes passed

4. Voting Monitoring Committees Members

Christelle Savall (President, JEF Europe): One in Montenegro and one in Poland. We already discussed outgoing FC and Congress. They are there to try and revive sections and help them. The current monitoring committee on Poland was not open on expulsion, it was open linked to code of conduct and internal issues. Process still ongoing as some people no longer want the positions they have.

Montenegro was not active for years. We found a new group and are awaiting their legal documents.

Monitoring committee composed of 3 people. The proposal is that Christelle would be part of the monitoring committee from the board. Anna van de Moosdijk from FC as she was already part of the monitoring committee in Poland and then from national sections we suggest that Caroline Kokholm-Jørgensen from JEF Denmark joins the committee.

No questions or comments received. Proceed to voting.

Against

Abstention: 1

In favour: majority

5. Presentation and vote on candidate sections

Voting on the candidate status of sections.

Christelle Savall (President, JEF Europe): Already heard the JEF Georgia presentation and there were the opportunities for questions and now we will vote.

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

In Favour: unanimous decision

JEF Georgia has been given candidate section status.

Christelle Savall (President, JEF Europe): Proceed to a break and invites the FC and EB to remain in the room.

Judit Lantai (Secretary General, JEF Europe): Informs the delays of lunch is due to the ongoing demonstration outside.

The Incoming FC resumes as announced by Christelle, JEF Europe President

Judit Lantai (Secretary General, JEF Europe) - proceeds with the roll call:

JEF Albania- present with proxy to Latvia

JEF Austria- not present

JEF Belgium- not present

JEF Bulgaria- present

JEF Croatia - not present

JEF Czechia - present

JEF Denmark - present

JEF Estonia present

JEF Finland present

JEF France present

JEF Germany present

JEF Greece present with proxy to Germany

JEF Ireland present

JEF Hungary - present with proxy

JEF Italy present

JEF Kosovo not present

JEF Latvia - present

JEF Luxembourg - present

JEF Malta - present

JEF Moldova not present

JEF North Macedonia not present

JEF Montenegro not present

JEF Netherlands- present with proxy

JEF Norway present

JEF Poland - not present

JEF Portugal present

JEF Romania - present with proxy to Madalin

JEF Serbia - present with proxy to JEF Bulgaria

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6. Election of the FC Presidium

Christelle Savall (President, JEF Europe) opens this agenda item and invites the candidates to come on stage.

Jana Gleim, (directly-elected FC member): I would love to run for FC presidium as federalism should be part of everything we do. Motivated to run as I like procedures and the congress has shown how much I like democratic procedures as well as following the statutes. I want to achieve a clear communication strategy and deliver results in the end. Want to have an impact on Europe. Work on projects and think about their clear goals and achievements.

Gergana Blazheva (directly-elected FC member): Want to have a stronger FC and want to have a good relationship with the new Board. Including the JEF spirit that is visible across the world.

Robin Mudry (directly-elected FC member): Decision-making is one of their focuses and wants to highlight the essential role FC plays as a statutory organ of JEF. Want positive dynamics of FC and want a fruitful and open dialogue with EB.

Christelle Savall (President, JEF Europe): proposes to do bloc voting. No objections in the room. If someone wants to be co-opted, they should write in to Judit and Christelle now

FC Presidium voted in with no objections.

Favour: Unanimous, no votes against and no abstentions

Newly elected FC Presidium take the stage to chair and lead the meeting.

7. Election of tellers

Jana Gleim, (Presidium): Thank you all for electing us to the Presidium and hopes we can make a great team. We should focus on our strengths. We need to elect another teller. Anyone who has no voting rights who wants to become the second teller.

Loris Birkemeyer (JEF France) - Elected with vast majority

8. Election of Permanent Contact Persons for the Code of Conduct

- **Jana Gleim**, (Presidium): 3 candidates for the role and we can elect as many as we want.
- **Helena Roberta i Campos** (JEF United Kingdom), **Samuel Tammekann** (directly-elected FC member) and **Sorcha Ní Chonghaile** (JEF Ireland).
- **Helena Roberta i Campos** (JEF Spain): she was a previous EB member and she dedicated not to run again, but she still wants to be part of the JEF Europe community. She decided to be one of the contact people, because for her she was one of the first people she ever encountered and she understood why it was so important. She thanks the TF of diversity and inclusion. If elected she will do her best to improve our rules and be approachable, as well as a safe contact person.
- **Samuel Tammekann (directly-elected FC member)**: been in party politics over 10 years and has seen quite a lot of things.
He lives in the community, but things need to be better and there need to be approachable and trustworthy people. Will do his best to be a trusted person. Would be honoured to be chosen for this responsibility.
- **Christelle Savall** (President, JEF Europe) presented on behalf of Sorcha: VP of JEF Ireland and international school teacher. Has been a Safeguarding officer in USI and trainer in youth organisations.

Judit Lantai (Secretary General, JEF Europe): announces how the food will be delivered and distributed, people will be allowed to eat as the work keeps going. Tellers have collected orders.

Jana Gleim, (FC, JEF Germany): proceed with the election of PCPs.

Against: 0

In favour: everyone

Abstentions: 0

Elected through unanimous vote

9. Setting up the Political Commissions and Task Forces

- **Robin Mudry** (FC, JEF Czechia): We first vote on the establishment of the task forces. We have a proposal to start with the following 5 task forces:
 1. Empowerment and Diversity
 2. Comms
 3. Civic Education
 4. EurHope
 5. Capacity building

Move on to the vote to establish these 5 TFs.

Approved unanimously and clearly established.

10. Election of Political Commission & Task Force chairs

Robin Mudry (Presidium): explains vote and calls on it

- Empowerment and Diversity have 2 candidates:
 - **María Martínez López** (directly-elected FC member): worked in I&D in her career. She believes that due to her experience she will suit the role
 - **Julianne Vella** (directly-elected FC member) presented by her colleague Francesca: they have campaigned in all types of E and D, works on inclusion. Highly recommend her and have no doubt she would do an excellent job in the role.
 - **Point of order for Judit Lantai** (Secretary General, JEF Europe) - to distribute lunches.

Candidates for Communications Chair

- **Sofie Rebekka Schlüter Knauer** (directly-elected FC member): Been doing comms for JEF Denmark for 3 years. Established the comms committee and has been working in comms for 1 year. It is a new idea and I have spoken to a lot of people about it but I think we need to have a lot of discussions about how we communicate to people in JEF and work on bottom up and top down approaches.
- **Benedikte Serine Svendsen** (directly-elected FC member): Passionate about comms and working for many years in JEF and other pol orgs. Important to establish the TF and see what we can do with it as a big org. V excited to see where I can take it.
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Co opted into the Federal Committee:

- **Anna van de Moosdijk** (directly-elected FC member): Proposed co-opt of Benedetta from JEF Estonia she has strong experience.
- **Jana Gleim** (Presidium): Co-opt Sorcha Ní Chonghaile (JEF Ireland), as she was also running to become a delegate and now we want to give her a chance to be active and give her the experience.

Passed with unanimous vote

Capacity Building Chair

- **Anna van de Moosdijk** (directly-elected FC member): Historical TF in JEF with lots of achievements and has been achieving a lot but has also been a role in fostering sections that are getting smaller and new sections who need to develop new skills. Explained extensively by plan for this on the Congress website. I want to make something sustainable in this regard.
- **Benedetta Veneruso** (directly-elected FC member): It has been difficult to navigate certain challenges in my life. Want to make something more effective.

Civic Education Chair candidates:

- **Élise Magne** (directly-elected FC member): Started in 2018, joined as E@S office in Toulouse.
- **Antoine Chabal** (directly-elected FC member): Strong topic in JEF France, important we bring tools and ideas and share already existing tools in the network and want to exchange good practice. In the long term, civic education is really important. We need to explain to our sections why it is important.

EurHope Campaigns Chair:

- **Robin Mudry** (Presidium): Propose to continue with what we had in the last task force where members of EB co-chaired the TF.
- **Melanie Thut** (directly-elected FC member): has already been chair last year and she has done a lot of good work and wants to continue. She wants to keep a motivation and priority and we need to push this together and this is why it is important for the president to join this as a candidate. Have to bring Federalist ideas need to be brought to the streets through this campaign
- **Christelle Savall** (President, JEF Europe): is important to the EurHope campaign through co-construction processes and we keep pushing for this.

Presidium calls for a vote, nobody objects to call for a vote

Voted in with majority vote

Candidates for chairing political commissions

PC1

- **Chiara Bertolli** (directly-elected FC member) wants to chair the PC1 as she wants to work on the topics and wants the conversation to be in treaty reform. And also want to talk about the union as a way we can face global crisis. She believes that she can be a good co-chair and wants to empower out great ideas

- **Mirko Ondras** (directly-elected FC member): Co-chair of PC1, he believes this is an important PC as it is at heart of the organisation and he would like to see the PC as a source of member engagement and not just about producing resolutions.
- **Judit Lantai** (Secretary General, JEF Europe): point of order, Changing of votes where people left the room and appointed proxies (check names)-Max Nordin (JEF Sweden) gave his proxy to Sofie Rebekka Schlüter Knauer (directly-elected FC member).

PC2

- **Jana Gleim** (Presidium) invites candidates to come to the front
- **Madalin Blidaru** (directly-elected FC member): he believe it is the right moment for him to embrace this work and he wants to work with her on this
- **Sorcha Ní Chonghaile** (JEF Ireland) also wants to run and **Christelle Savall** (President, JEF Europe) will deliver her message
- **Sorcha Ní Chonghaile** (JEF Ireland): Big interest in EU affairs and have been involved in PC2 previously, and acknowledge that this PC has vast potential and essential workload for JEF. Similar experience in another organisation.

PC3

- **Samuel Tammekann** (directly-elected FC member): We cannot talk about this without institutions. It is about maintaining peace and adjusting things. He is also a realist and believes this work is also about others. He has chaired other pcs before and he wants to work based on cooperation and work for our members and improve our advocacy. This work needs to be brought to the forefront.
- **Federico Tosi** (directly-elected FC member): Works in international cooperation and interested in foreign policy and the many ways we can express our ideas abroad. Look forward to participating in our debate on Israel-Palestine. It is very important and JEF needs to give an opinion and invites everyone to attend. Interested in the process of policymaking with foreign policy. He thinks we can work well together. Finally, Africa should be our priority, as well as learning from others. Needs to not be so Euro-centric.

Jana Gleim (FC Presidium): FC Presidium asks for questions. No questions put forward, so calls for vote

Voted upon with unanimous vote.

11. Presentation of the 2024 budget

- **Robin Mudry** (FC Presidium): Presented the extensive budget for next year. Table uploaded to internal members area to compare both years 2023-2024. FC can see how the money will be distributed in different sections of the organisation. Update from one year to the other salary of the president will not be paid. Increase in venue costs. The budget is provisional.

Q&A

Patrick L. von Wildenrad (Internal auditor): Is it realistic to have an increase in membership fees given we have not had this discussion already.

Robin Mudry (FC Presidium): This is only one specific scenario which might not happen. It depends on the discussion at a future date.

Julius Lajtha (JEF Austria): please give more details on tender and foundation resources
Robin Mudry (Presidium, JEF Czechia): Judit can answer the question.

Judit Lantai (Secretary General, JEF Europe): JEF Europe has been trying to work and getting funding foundations which are all that would be supporting the work of JEF which we already got with the EurHope campaign.

Some are already supporting the EurHope campaign which we hope to build upon relationships in the future for other projects.

FC Presidium announces we need to leave the venue in 15 minutes, so at 3.30pm local time.

12. Vote on the 2024 budget

Presidium: Following a Q&A, proceed to a vote.

Vote passed with unanimity.

13. Announcement of the Spring 2024 FC dates

- Presidium passes the floor to Judit Lantai, Secretary General: Dates 12th to the 14th of April 2024, but this is being discussed with JEF Estonia, there is also possibility to be on the week of 25th of April.

14. Autumn 2024 Federal Committee

a. Presentation of candidates for hosting the Federal Committee

- **Erwan Laurent** (JEF France): Withdrawing our candidacy in favour of JEF Hungary because JEF is about cooperation.
- **Réka Heszterényi** (JEF Hungary) presented the candidacy of JEF Hungary for the FC to happen in Budapest during Hungary's presidency of the Council.

15. AOB

a. Sections' update

- **Not possible due to time constraints**

16. Closing the meeting

- **FC Presidium** closes the meeting and apologises that section updates had to be skipped due to time constraints. Meeting closed at 3.30pm
- **Judit Lantai** (Secretary General, JEF Europe): asks people to share their presentations in the WhatsApp groups due to time constraints.

17. Europe United

Not done due to time constraints.