

EB minutes

1-3 March 2024

Brussels, Belgium

Present: Christelle, Xesc, Martin, Aléxandros, Judit (Friday only),

Excused: Hanna, Judit (Saturday, Sunday)

Minutes: Nikos, Martin (review Aléxandros)

1. Opening
2. Code of of Conduct
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Adoption of minutes (8/02)
5. Federalist inspiration (Xesc)
6. Secretariat updates + Financial update
7. SG Interviews
8. SG Conclusion
9. Operating grant and finances of JEF explained
10. How to use JEF database CiviCrm
11. 4y strategy update
12. Networks
13. Section update
14. Action Plan update
15. Campaign communication plans, how to prepare them with the secretariat
16. TF and PC overview
17. Democracy under Pressure
18. EB Video (Martin and Alexiane)
19. AOB

1 March	
<p>1. Opening</p> <p>2. Code of of Conduct</p> <p>3. Adoption of agenda</p> <p>4. Adoption of minutes (8/02)</p> <p>5. Federalist inspiration (Xesc)</p> <p>Xesc shares a quote from the book “Towards a Federal Europe” (Original: L’Europe aux cent drapeaux) by Yann Fouère, which reads as follows:</p> <p><i>“A federal state is something more than an aggregate of the various powers given up by the member countries. A federal society is an entity different and superior to its component parts. A political federation must achieve a genuine synthesis of Europe. To do this it will have to respect and strengthen, while bringing them together, all the various elements which constitute it. The basic principle of federalism is that self-government of the member-states must be the rule and federal government the exception. [...] Only a political</i></p>	<p>Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- adoption of minutes postponed to next online meeting

<p><i>structure which is decentralized and supple enough to fully respect the national units at its base can let the federal government have free scope to develop, without threatening the liberties it is its task to uphold. For a federal government alone can carry out the synthesis of nationalism and internationalism, authority and freedom, first in the European field and later in the whole world.”</i></p> <p>The quote represents how federalism isn't about a centralisation of power, but about maximizing autonomy and encouraging management of problems close to the citizen while tackling broader problems together.</p> <p>6. Secretariat updates + Financial update</p> <p>Margarita, the membership officer will soon start on the 11th of March. Discussion on best methods for onboarding. Wellbeing training for the Secretariat, this was productive so the trainer will be brought again for more sessions</p> <p>The project grant for the follow up to words of europe grant won.</p> <p>A section underspent for MEET, we will reallocate funds to the final event on 8 May.</p>	
<p>Lunch and round of updates</p>	
<p>7. SG Interviews EB interviewed 4 candidates.</p>	
<p>Prep for alumni event</p>	
<p>Alumni event Dinner</p>	
<p>2 March</p>	
<p>8. SG Conclusion EB discussed the different interviews of the day before. The process concluded unsuccessfully. The EB brainstorms how to reopen the call and new people to reach out to, on which job platforms to repost and how to improve the text of the call.</p>	<p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following the results of the recruitment process, the position will be reopened.
<p>Break</p>	
<p>9. Operating grant and finances of JEF explained</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Operating grant and co-financing b. Volunteer time c. Cost eligibility d. Direct and indirect costs e. Budgeting and lump-sum grant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Postponed to next online meeting

f. Cashflow and equity g. Fundraising	
Lunch	
10. How to use JEF database CiviCrm 11. 4y strategy update The strategy will be presented for one hour in Tartu. EB members to discuss the process with their sections in March discussion on timeline and format. Discussion on how to reach out to members of sections beyond national leadership. 12. Networks	Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reach out to YFJ, EMI and UEF informally to discuss if they have insight on us - Kati to send in pdf to sections - Points 10 and 12 postponed
Break	
13. Sections 14. Membership statement update Only Malta sent their statement until now. 15. Action Plan update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Point 13 and 15 postponed
Teambuilding, Dinner and drinks	
3 March	
16. Campaign communication plans, how to prepare them with the secretariat Kati presents the analysis done by Erica of the results of our social media. EB discusses the results. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JEF Comms & graphic profile, i.e. colours, fonts etc - Internal coms 17. TF and PC overview EB discusses deadlines for submission of resolutions and advancement of resolution discussions in PCs. 18. Democracy under Pressure The EB discusses the actions planned with partners (post and events). The week will start off on 18/03 at 6pm CET with Activism under pressure: stories from Belarus. The EB discusses the next steps for visuals and press release.	Decisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB members to reach out again to their section to ensure their participation to Democracy under Pressure - EB to take part in actions of Democracy under Pressure where they reside and write a letter to a political prisoner - Point on TFs postponed
19. EB Video (Martin and Alexiane) 20. AoB and feedback round <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 8/3 women day post Kati explains to the EB the ideas for the women day post.	Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kati will send two written proposals for the 8/3 post.
Lunch and departure	

EB closes at lunchtime on Sunday.