

EB minutes

21 March 2024, 7:00 pm CET

Present: Kati, Christelle, Xesc, Nikos, Aléxandros, Hanna, Judit, Martin

Excused: Alexiane

Minutes: Aléxandros (review Martin)

Agenda

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (22/02, 07/03)
3. Secretariat Update
4. Advocacy Update
5. To do list
6. EB-FC debrief and followup status
7. Democracy under Pressure last steps
8. TF overview
9. FC Tartu next steps
 - a. Documents needed
 - b. Tasks
10. Section update
11. Network update
12. AOB
 - a. Law not war initiative
 - b. Online Congress
 - c. YFJ GA (May 16-18)

Minutes

1. Adoption of draft agenda	<i>Decision: Adopted</i>
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (22/02, 07/03)	<i>Decision: Postponed to Sunday/Monday</i>
3. Secretariat Update We received funds of 10.000 Euros by the Evens Foundation for activities related to the European elections. Finances: Two sections have sent their financial statements. A reminder will be sent by March 24th/25th along with additional reminders.	<i>Decision:</i> <i>A second reminder for financial statements will be sent by March 25th.</i>

<p>Staff: Our new Membership Officer, Margarita, has started and made a good first impression.</p> <p>Lila starts next Monday and she will be mentored by Erica.</p> <p>Bank accounts: BNP has created some issues; most importantly canceling the two cards of the old EB without having created the two cards of the current EB. Currently we only have the card of Judit and the card of Pierre.</p> <p>Judit contacted Civil Society Europe to complain together about the situation of the bank cards of associations with Belgian Banks, and got informed about an initiative concerning this issue. JEF can join.</p> <p>Online Congress: until June to adopt the financial statements. Finances will be the main issue and does not need to be a full statutory meeting.</p> <p>June 1st - recount of delegates per country</p> <p>There is still an Internal audit pending, which in the best case should be done during Judits mandate, so before the end of June.</p> <p>Practical/Logistics: The pipes' repair and cleaning during the FC-EB Meeting cost 1,270 euros, to be covered by landlord.</p>	
<p>4. Advocacy Update</p> <p>Christelle spoke at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EESC¹ European elections debate - ECAS² European elections panel - European Commission Study visit of Cypriot youth - JEF UK Invest in Success; Invest in Women: <p>Christelle participated in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EESC working group Defence of democracy package 	<p>Decision:</p>

¹ European Economic and Social Committee

² European Citizen Action Service, NGO

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Election event organised by JEF with Forefront - MEP Ville Niinistö was the guest. - All Together European Parliament networking drink and multiplier event. <p>Christelle was interviewed about the European association status by Ouest France, regional newspaper in France and most read newspaper in France.</p> <p>Christelle and Judit met with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Evens Foundation, one of our donors for EurHope - the CS Federalismo, another of our donors for EurHope. <p>Xesc attended</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mons 10th European Summit of Regions and Cities + YFJ 	
<p>5. To do list</p>	<p><i>Decision: postponed for non FC related tasks</i></p>
<p>6. EB-FC debrief and followup status</p> <p>The EB debriefed on the EB-FC meeting in Brussels and discussed personal impressions, how the meeting format could be improved and what the following steps should be.</p>	<p><i>Decision:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work on EB-FC communication - Check who is familiar with Google Calendar - To brainstorm how to attract more people to PC meetings - Clarify desired outcomes for following meetings
<p>7. Democracy under Pressure (DuP) last steps</p> <p>Martin informed us of the biggest events/activities organised for DuP, happy with the results so far. To consider follow-up with EU-Kraine.</p> <p>Martin noted the campaign went well despite some difficulties. There were new and creative actions related to art. Opening event on Belarus also went well.</p>	<p><i>Decision:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to start planning the campaign earlier this year, likely before Budapest - Brainstorming on EU-Kraine revamp to be done soon - EB members will check if there are any events near and should join them. EB should also each write a letter to a political prisoner from

	<p>Belarus this weekend and take a photo of it for social media, too.</p>
<p>8. TF overview The EB contact persons gave updates on their last meetings with their respective Task Forces and any points raised by TF chairs.</p>	<p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -
<p>9. FC Tartu next steps</p> <p>a. Documents needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB report - finance presentation - increase in membership fees presentation - DuP awards - amendments to budget 2024 - 4y strategy meeting space - roll call - FC slides (presidium) <p>b. Tasks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read resolutions - send monitoring committee resolution - set up training <p>The Welcome address will be done by Xesc in Tartu and by Martin in Budapest.</p> <p>We must do an 1-hour activity on EU elections (for the project Words of Europe).</p> <p>We could do a moving debate on the resolutions like the Luxembourg FC.</p> <p>A new role-call must be done in the FC in Tartu, because there are many new people.</p> <p>Resolution Committee: at least one presidium member per TF/PC has to be there. We must contact the TFs and PCs and confirm that they will attend.</p>	<p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A ranking of sections in accordance to the size of the section in comparison to the population to be made by Aléxandros for the next financial update. - Aléxandros and Judit prepare the documents for the increase of the fees - Judit trains Aléxandros on adjusting the budget and they do it together - Christelle will send a guide to the board for the amendments' platform ahead.

<p>Introduction of the TF and the PCs - we must contact the TFs and PCs and ask them to prepare their introduction.</p> <p>The resolutions have to be in a word/doc document by March 29th - we must contact the PCs about it and ask them to respect this statutory deadline. Earliest is better as Inês will also need some time to upload them.</p> <p>Christelle has already prepared the presentations for the monitoring procedures</p>	
<p>10. Section update</p> <p>Aléxandros is having a call with JEF Czechia on March 22nd, creating a let-us-meet and an excel of contact points for JEF Poland, and arranging a video call with JEF North Macedonia.</p>	
<p>11. Network update</p> <p>Xesc and Aléxandros should contact again the partners from EurHope to arrange the follow-up, as they had offered to meet up and get to know each other better.</p>	
<p>12. AOB</p> <p>a. Law not war initiative</p> <p>The EB discussed the objectives and participating organisations of the campaign co-lead by the World Federalist Movement. No position on joining.</p> <p>b. Online Congress</p> <p>Unclear when accounts will be ready. Need to schedule the internal audit as well.</p> <p>c. YFJ³ GA (May 16-18)</p> <p>JEF Europe has two spots for delegates, Xesc is willing to go, to see which other EB member will join.</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Aléxandros and Xesc should contact them and the World Federalist Movement and learn more about their latest initiative and report on whether we could/should work closer with them.</i>

The EB meeting closes at 21:32 CET.

³ European Youth Forum