

EB Minutes

4 April 2024, 7:30 pm CET

Present: Xesc, Kati, Alexiane, Martin, Nikos, Christelle

Excused:

Minutes: Christelle (review Kati)

Agenda

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (21/03)
3. Secretariat Update
4. Advocacy Update
5. To do list
6. Bank of ideas: Operating grant 2025 brainstorm
7. Federal Committee meeting in Tartu
8. Training amendment platform
9. Democracy under Pressure evaluation
10. Section update
11. Network update
12. AOB
 - a. Date and place of next EB in person meeting
 - b. APA meeting
 - c. YFJ GA (Mollina, May)

Minutes

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| 1. Adoption of draft agenda | <i>Decision: Adopted</i> |
| 2. Adoption of the draft minutes (21/03) | <i>Decision: postponed as the minutes are not cleaned.</i> |
| 3. Secretariat Update New communications and policy assistant Lilla has started in the secretariat. The Secretary General recruitment is ongoing on a rolling basis. There had been four complete applications with all of the requested documents. The EB discussed the applications that had come in and one candidate was decided to be invited for an | <i>Decision:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>EB took note of the updates and discussed the progress and applications for the next Secretary General.</i>- <i>EB members should contact Margarita and Lilla if not done already to set up a meeting and present themselves and what they are working on.</i> |

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| <p>interview. One candidate was decided to be asked for a clarification regarding their application. The call will remain open and the EB is encouraged to contact possible candidates. The sections are also invited to spread the call and EB members could take this up when having the next call with their contact sections.</p> | |
| <p>4. Advocacy Update</p> <p>Christelle spoke at the European elections debate at the Tyrol representation organised together with the University of Innsbrück.</p> <p>Christelle has met</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - with MEP Saskia Bricmont regarding EurHope - with MEP Goerens over lunch regarding EurHope - with Politico regarding the Maastricht Spitzenkandidat meeting. This is a space for collaboration and we can send some JEFers to participate. Additionally JEFers can register online. <p>Christelle discussed collaboration of EurHope with Decider Ensemble in a paper about youth participation.</p> <p>Christelle attended the UEF EB meeting.</p> | <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>EB took note of the advocacy update and meetings and events attended.</i> - <i>All EB members are encouraged to record the meetings and events they attend.</i> |
| <p>5. To do list</p> <p>The EB discussed what is on everyone's to do list on Google tasks. Everyone is encouraged to keep the list up to date so we know what everyone is working on.</p> | <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>EB took note of the to do list.</i> |
| <p>6. Bank of ideas</p> <p>Operating grant 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The discussion should be had with the secretary general present. The agenda point was postponed to the next meeting. | <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>EB decided to postpone the discussion and decision on what should be included in the operating grant application to the next meeting.</i> |

7. Federal Committee meeting in Tartu

EB received an update on the logistics of the upcoming Federal Committee in Tartu.

Logistics update: We have all of the venues confirmed but some of the meals are not confirmed yet. The Federal Committee meeting has not received any sponsorship or in kind contribution secured from local actors, such as the European Parliament Liaison Office..

There is a potential of including Erasmus+ funding from JEF Estonia - but only for about 800 EUR for now. The Federal Committee will go over the planned budget.

Proxy update: EB members should reach out to their contact sections to make sure they have their proxies sorted out and help them pair up with another national section. Directly elected members, should they reach out for help, can be encouraged to proxy their co-chairs.

The following presentations need to be updated for the Federal Committee:

- EB report - Xesc
- Finance presentation - Aléxandros
- Proposal to start a discussion on a possible Increase in membership fees presentation - Aléxandros
- Democracy under Pressure awards - Martin and Kati
- Amendments to budget 2024
 - Judit will be in touch with Aléxandros on this.
- 4y strategy - Kati and Alexiane
- Roll call
- FC slides together with the presidium
 - Christelle will reach out to them.

Decision:

- ***EB took note of the logistics and organisation update for the Federal Committee in Tartu.***
- ***EB decided that it can host the info session and that Christelle and Kati would host this.***
- ***EB decided that the info session would be hosted on Tuesday the 9th of April at 7pm CEST on Zoom.***
- ***EB discussed the documents and presentations that needed to be prepared for the Federal Committee meeting: Aléxandros will coordinate with Judit the presentation of financial documents. Xesc will coordinate the update of the EB report and everyone is asked to fill in their parts by Sunday the 7th.***
- ***EB discussed the preparations and duties of everyone ahead of the FC meeting, including reading the resolutions and preparing possible amendments in advance, as well as making sure that the Political Commission Presidents are trained on the amendments platform.***
- ***EB decided to nominate Martin for the resolutions committee at the FC.***

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| <p>Deadline for EB report completion is Sunday 7th of April so Xesc can finalise it.</p> <p>EB discussed possible questions to be raised during EB report at the FC and preparing beforehand to be able to give proper answers. Christelle to coordinate this.</p> <p>EB members should before the Federal Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Read the resolutions and submit possible amendments within their portfolios. - Contact Persons should set up training for political commission chairs on the amendment platform <p>EB representative in the resolutions committee will be Martin.</p> | |
| <p>8. Training amendment platform Christelle trained the EB in the use of the amendment platform.</p> | <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB took note of Christelle’s training. |
| <p>9. Democracy under Pressure evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The New Federalist contributed with a very long list of articles. - Collaborations happened with European Youth Ambassadors and Vesna through events on status of activists in Belarus and Ukraine, as well as collaborative posts and statements. - Artistic side of the campaign happened through film showings organised by sections. - For the future issues, it would be good to consider the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - earlier planning needed when working with partners - how to use the campaign to build partnerships strategically for political goals and building our network, etc | <p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB took note of the successes of the campaign and new partnerships fostered with the Young European Ambassadors, and continued cooperation with Vesna and the Ukrainian Youth Forum. - EB took note of the need for improvements for next year regarding earlier start of coordination and decided that campaign planning should start already in the autumn of 2024, e.g. at the autumn FC where sections are present. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - how to improve ideation/brainstorming during preparatory calls - The campaign worked very well even while in an election year - There was a great Visegrad collaboration between sections. | |
| <p>10. Section update</p> <p>Christelle explained the content of the call with JEF Austria regarding the future proposal to initiate a monitoring procedure.</p> <p>All EB members are encouraged to update Margarita about the sections they work with to bring her up to speed.</p> | <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>EB took note of the brief by Christelle about her call with JEF Austria.</i> - <i>EB should update Margarita about the status of their contact sections.</i> |
| <p>11. Network update</p> <p>European Youth Forum (YFJ) General Assembly takes place between 16th and 18th of May. Xesc and Christelle met with Rares, who is running for President.</p> <p>Current YFJ board member Nicholas (Finnish Youth Council Allianssi/LYMEC) has announced run for vice president. The EB discussed possible additional candidates that are speculated to be running and if there are any JEFers who will run.</p> <p>EB discussed who to nominate as JEF delegates. There are two spots for JEF representatives. Deadline for registration is 18th of April.</p> | <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>EB took note of the approaching European Youth Forum (YFJ) General Assembly 16th to 18th of May.</i> - <i>EB discussed the state of candidates for the next YFJ board elected in the next General Assembly.</i> - <i>EB took note of the expressions of interest to represent JEF at the General Assembly.</i> |
| <p>12. AOB</p> <p>a. Date and place of next EB in person meeting</p> <p>The next meeting could happen during summer but this will have to be settled to work with everyone's holidays.</p> <p>Current proposals are Greece around Europride in July, before or after Ventotene in Italy or around the start of the university</p> | <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>EB discussed possible times and places for the next in person EB meeting during summer.</i> - <i>Hanna will take on coordination of getting everyone's preferred time and place for the meeting so that everyone can attend.</i> |

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| year in Sweden to support member recruitment. All of the times are challenging for someone. | |
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The EB meeting closes at 23:00 CEST.