

## EB minutes

13 June 2024, 7:30 pm CEST

Present: Christelle, Xesc, Brigita, Judit, Nikos, Alexiane, Aléxandros, Hanna

Excused: Kati, Martin

Minutes: Aléxandros (review Hanna)

### Agenda

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (16/05, 30/05)
3. Secretariat Update
4. Post-election advocacy
5. Advocacy Update
6. To do list
7. Bank of ideas: EU-kraine
8. Online Congress last steps
9. Section update
10. AOB

### Minutes

<b>1. Adoption of draft agenda</b>	<b><i>Decision: Adopted</i></b>
<b>2. Adoption of the minutes (16/05; 30/05)</b>	<b><i>Decision:</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b><i>Minutes of 16/05 adopted,</i></b></li><li>- <b><i>Minutes of 30/05 postponed until next EB meeting.</i></b></li></ul>
<b>3. Secretariat Update</b> <p>Welcome, Brigita! Brigita started on Monday and its her first EB meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• debrief from EB-staff meeting June 6th</li></ul> <p>Overall positive evaluation of the last meeting between the EB and the staff as a first step in a longer process. Important to take into account the input received during the meeting and use it to work on improvements.</p>	<b><i>Decision:</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b><i>Judit and Brigita will proceed with the preparations for the EB training in Human Resources as soon as possible.</i></b></li></ul>

Judit already contacted a professional to train on Human Resources the EB and the Secretary General. A Human Resources training is definitely useful and this training could be coupled with the 4-year strategy.

Michela is leaving at the end of July.

We need to reflect on the type of officer to be hired instead, such as Project Officer or a Policy Office.

- intern position

We will continue having interns in the future, and we need to reflect more on their role. Our future interns should have an improved frameworked mentoring programme, which we must have planned ahead, if we want to invest in a traineeship programme.

Fundraising is one of the profiles missing from our team in the office, but for the Commission to approve of a freelancer fundraising advisor being paid by our operating grant it would need to be a combined profile with also project execution.

We are waiting for the decision on our grant applications. We have applied for two bigger grants with us as coordinators and a smaller one, where we would also receive 40.000 or 80.000 euros, if it gets approved. They are in addition to our operating grant. We cannot know exactly our needs for project management before we know if we receive these grants, which we should know in September or October. We do however have to start the hiring process earlier as a hiring process starting in October would mean that the team will have its shape again only in December or January.

<p><b>4. Post-election advocacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Next meeting with TaskForce elections</li> </ul> <p>We already got a request by JEF Lithuania on how to operate in an environment with a rise in the far-right.</p> <p>Alexiane will have limited capacities for the next weeks due to the snap elections in France.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Europe we want, Update Europe</li> </ul> <p>We will recover from the intense EurHope campaign now post-elections until we know more about the final composition of the European Parliament and the different committees.</p> <p>We will be mapping important committees and Spinelli group, and who we know (MEPs<sup>1</sup>, APAs<sup>2</sup>), reflection on how to best to that with sections.</p> <p>On pushing the treaty change agenda, we are in discussion with the European Policy Centre and the youth wings of political parties to advocate for the Europe we want and how to upgrade the EU to update Europe.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p>
<p><b>5. Advocacy Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christelle spoke at the election youth panel of EU Democracy Reform Observatory, organised by the European Policy Centre, Bertelsmann Stiftung, King Baudouin Foundation, and Stiftung Mercator.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p>

<sup>1</sup> Members of the European Parliament

<sup>2</sup> Accredited Parliamentary Assistants

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christelle was interviewed by the Brief of Euractiv: <a href="https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/opinion/the-brief-the-kids-are-feral-ist-now/">https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/opinion/the-brief-the-kids-are-feral-ist-now/</a></li> <li>- Christelle spoke with Matteo Gorgoni from the European Policy Centre about collaboration on treaty change efforts.</li> <li>- Christelle attended the election hangover brunch event of Politico,</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. To do list</b></p> <p>We have not received enough applications for the micro-granting of Let's Speak Diversity. The deadline is on Sunday 16th. We expect to not have enough applications by then and therefore agree to extend it until 23 June and send our sections reminders about it early next week. In the reminder we should mention that applications do not have to be completely perfect, but instead we will send feedback and make improvement proposals or counter-proposals, if a good idea is not written as a good application.</p> <p>We will make a detailed section's update by our long EB-meeting,</p> <p>We will update the action plan during the EB meeting in Bratislava. Everyone also has to update EB documents by then.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Deadline for the application of the microgranting for Let's Speak Diversity is extended until 23 June.</b></li> <li>- <b>EB to call sections to prepare for the long section update.</b></li> <li>- <b>EB to fill in all EB documents by long EB meeting.</b></li> <li>- <b>Christelle, Brigita and Aléxandros will have a meeting for updates and planning of finances/fundraising</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Bank of ideas: EU-kraine</b></p> <p>Two year of candiate status for Ukraine and Moldova on 23 June, both negotiations frameworks should be adopted and enlargement conferences kicked off by end of June.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>A press release or post to be done for the kickoff of negotiations/ anniversary of candiate status of Ukraine and Moldova</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>8. Online Congress last steps</b></p> <p>Check that your sections are registered and remind them if not. Overview here:</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p>

<p><a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1y0xEsd7ksWviU2L_BHmGUUff6glfzTJ7mTD02-g6r8w/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1y0xEsd7ksWviU2L_BHmGUUff6glfzTJ7mTD02-g6r8w/edit</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>EB to remind sections about registration of online Congress delegates</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>9. Section update</b></p> <p>Spain: EUR 800 were transferred to JEF Spain in May following the receipt of the request for payment. Aléxandros explained that further payments are no longer possible for financial, legal and practical reasons.</p> <p>Ireland: Christelle has talked with JEF Ireland (Sorcha) and agreed on a way to move forward. In order to find a solution in this situation, Christelle will pay half the debated funds (approximately 160 euros) to JEF Ireland on behalf of JEF Europe with her own funds as a donation to JEF Europe. We have mixed feelings about an EB member paying with their own money for a communication misunderstanding of finances to a national section, but there is no practical alternative. We are not allowed to give them funds from an EU project as the debated funds regard travel coverage for non-EU residents. We do not have enough equity to be able to give them extra money from our own reserves, and the previously discussed money from the liquidation of 'Friends of JEF' has not reached us yet. This donation will happen with the understanding that JEF Ireland continues to fully in JEF activities moving forward.</p>	<p><b>Decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Alexiane will write a draft email for the EB to go through before it will be sent to JEF Spain to close this case and start working on trust-building measures between JEF Spain and JEF Europe.</b></li> <li>- <b>Christelle will donate half the debated refunds to JEF Ireland for the participation of UK citizens at the MEET<sup>3</sup> event of JEF Ireland in February 2024. We will clarify that this is a one-time thing and that she is doing it in the name of the whole board to make sure that the national section remains able to deliver activity. Hanna will write a draft email for Christelle to modify and send.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>10. AOB</b></p> <p>Nikos reminds everyone to comment on the draft statement on the situation in Gaza so it can be published.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> </ul>

The EB meeting closes at 22:30 CEST.

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<sup>3</sup> Mobilising Europe Engaging Together