

EB minutes

27 June 2024, 7:30 pm CEST

Present: Kati (until point 11), Christelle, Brigita, Hanna, Alexiane, Brigita, Judit (points 1-4), Nikos, Alexandros (point 3-4), Martin (from point 6)

Excused: Xesc

Not present: Martin

Minutes: Kati (review Alexiane)

Agenda

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the draft minutes ([30/05](#), [13/06](#))
3. Online Congress feedback
4. Secretariat Update
5. Advocacy Update
6. Internal EB coordination
7. To do list
8. Bank of ideas: finances
9. Ventotene seminar
10. Section update
11. AOB
 - a. JEF masterclass

Minutes

1. Adoption of draft agenda	<i>Decision: The draft agenda was adopted.</i>
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (30/05, 13/06)	<i>Decision: The minutes from the 30th of May and the 13th of June were adopted.</i>
3. Online Congress feedback <i>General considerations:</i> This edition stimulated much more exchanges between EB, FC and sections' delegates, than the last editions did. Most discussions focused on the financial statements , and the 2 core topics were the <u>membership fee increase discussion</u> & the increased importance of searching for co-funding partners for sections hosting statutory events, so JEF Europe can invest more money in other activities benefitting sections . The budget for each of the latter	<i>Decision:</i> <i>No decision needed.</i>

should be as **controlled** as possible, given the financial constraints faced by JEF Europe.

Logistical details:

-reminders to **all delegates**, should be sent before the start of the meeting, including to sections.

Discussions' content:

-The EB is asked to **give even more financial information** and **support** sections in preparing for statutory events.

-Membership numbers did not come in time: in spite of **multiple kind reminders sent by the treasurer**, the deadlines must be met to clarify the **number of delegates per section** in time.

-Same issue applies with registration: the deadlines need to be met **when registering to get the link to attend the zoom call**.

-For future online Congresses : they should be as **technical** as possible, and focused on financial statements, to ensure that the agenda is clear and the **points covered are being decided upon**. Video should be shorter and more to the point.

-Lastly, what the EB collectively gets from the feedback round: discussions are easier when the EB **actively communicates** about what is happening to sections. **Thus, it is important to have regular calls**.

4. Secretariat Update

-**Judit's final day at JEF** was the 27th of June.

-**Alex's last day on 28th June**. Handover was done with Margarita.

Decisions:

- **The Eurodysee intern to be hired will be for policy and projects**
- **The EB decides to hire a project consultant starting autumn 2024 to**

<p>Lilla and Brigita were in Luxembourg for “Check Europe” partners meeting.</p> <p>-Michaela is leaving JEF at the end of July 24.</p> <p>The EB discussed different scenarii regarding the Secretariat’s restructuring process, given the financial constraints. The discussions, dealing with confidential elements, can be summarised as follows:</p> <p>-communication officer’s tasks are seen as important. Lilla will take over them, leaving time for the EB to figure out how to best work with TaskForce Coms & the Secretariat members in charge of communication;</p> <p>-policy officer is conducting crucial tasks to support Christelle in her role as President. Not having a Secretariat member taking this portfolio does not seem realistic.</p>	<p><i>help the EB with projects’ application & private fundings and implementation.</i></p>
<p>5. Advocacy Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kati and Christelle attend the General Assembly of GCE¹. Christelle spoke at a panel on the results of the European elections and Kati presented JEF and our work on climate/environment to other members (14-16/06). - Nikos and Christelle met with the Spinelli Institute to discuss the programme of the Ventotene seminar (16/06). - Martin, Kati and Christelle met with the PhD student JEF had supported with a letter and a partnership a few years ago (initially seen for the 2023 campaign). Her work focuses on 	<p><i>Decision:</i></p> <p><i>No decision needed.</i></p>

¹ Generation Climate Europe

<p>women's rights in Poland. She is currently organising an exhibition in Louvain with a panel and a workshop on February 25 about the result of her research, which will be an introduction to Democracy under Pressure (17/06).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christelle attended UEF's² EB meeting. UEF is preparing together with EM³ France, UEF France and JEF, a street action and conference at the first plenary session of the European Parliament in Strasbourg, on July 24 (24/06). - Xesc attended an informal gathering of the students of the TEPSA (Trans-European Policy Studies Association) Academy on EU Enlargement Policy. 	
<p>6. Internal EB coordination</p> <p>Based on Kati's proposals, the EB discussed how to coordinate with TashForce Comms. Kati, Brigita, Sofie, Benedikte, and Christelle met together to discuss this topic beforehand.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All requests for comms to be added on Trello by Friday morning the week before they should be posted, for Monday posts the deadline is Thursday. 2. If any comments on substance/visuals, these should be done on Slack within 24h of the sketch or draft, in any case the day before posting. 	<p>Decision:</p> <p><i>All points are agreed upon.</i></p>

² Union of European Federalists

³ European Movement

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. If something is to be posted on Monday, the post needs to be done Wednesday before. 4. Channel #Comms-coordination is removed and no longer used. To include everyone, we use the public channel #communications. All discussions and requests here. 5. Discussions on policy stances on #policy channel and how to communicate these on #communication to keep the distinction. 6. Newsletters come every two weeks: if you want to include everything, Lilla sends a doc 24h-ish before and you need to add finished texts there. Pictures are to be added in a separate folder. 7. New whatsapp community: everyone admin: let's use notifications channel for summarising newsletters and big notifications. Single news to JEF networking and EB-FC informal communications. 	
<p>7. To do list</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -EB members must fill the EB representation, EB travel budget and all reporting documents (policy recap) + EB holidays sheet. Filling up the travel budget will help determine how much money is left to book accommodations and potentially, reallocate part of the budget. -Xesc has sent a document that needs to be finalised, as it is an overview of each EB member's role. -During the next EB meeting, one of the agenda points will be section update. It is crucial to have an update on all sections we are contact persons for, and update the EB representation sheet. EB members are 	<p>Decision:</p> <p><i>The EB agrees with the to-do list that needs to be completed for Thursday the 25th of July.</i></p> <p><i>Alexiane will create the EB holidays sheet.</i></p>

<p>invited to also check up with their TaskForces and Political Commissions.</p> <p>.</p> <p>-4 year strategy needs to get going: Gergana, Alexiane and Kati will meet in July to prepare the calls with sections, the EB and the directly-elected Federal Committee. They will prepare a calendar then.</p>	
<p>8. Bank of ideas: finances</p> <p>The EB discussed whether we organise a brainstorm about the membership fee increase online, today, or if it is an in-person subject.</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <p><i>The EB decides to postpone this agenda point to the in-person EB in Bratislava.</i></p>
<p>9. Ventotene seminar</p> <p>-The seminar's preparation was carried out with JEF Italy. Yet, communicating with Spinelli Institute is challenging. JEF argued in favour of inviting young speakers. They were agreed upon by JEF Italy, and JEF Europe. Additionally, UEF has already contacted international speakers.</p> <p>-The programme was reviewed and feedback was provided by JEF Europe and JEF Italy.</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>EB agrees with suggestion on speakers.</i>
<p>10. Section update</p> <p>JEF Austria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update since the monitoring procedure opened in Tartu: JEF Austria has not replied to the latest messages and has not started the resignation process which should be taken into account in the monitoring procedure. - A new president was elected on 15 June 2024. - In any case, the monitoring Committee will report on the situation at the FC in Budapest. 	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Christelle will contact them again to try to meet when she will be in Vienna and get in touch with the new President.</i>

<p>11. AOB</p> <p>a. JEF masterclass to new Accredited Parliamentary Assistants (APA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. This was done after elections 2019.ii. Basically it is a training for APA's on how to do their jobs.iii. It is a good idea to engage with them in the beginning, e.g. a session that benefits our advocacy or other goals.iv. It should be as concise as possible: AMA from an MEP⁴ could work?v. Maybe Nikos can take care of this.	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>The Board agrees to reach out to APAs to suggest this training. Nikos is in charge of preparing the programme with Christelle.</i>
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The EB meeting closes at 22:22 CEST.

⁴ Member of European Parliament