

## EB minutes

12 September 2024, 8:30 pm CEST

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

Absent: Hanna

Minutes: Aléxandros (review Martin)

### Agenda

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (22/08)
3. Secretariat Update
4. Advocacy Update
5. To do list
6. Section update
7. AOB
  - a. FC Sofia date
  - b. Ode2Joy

### Minutes

<b>1. Adoption of draft agenda</b>	<b><i>Decision: Agenda adopted</i></b>
<b>2. Adoption of the draft minutes (22/08)</b>	<b><i>Decision: Minutes adopted</i></b>
<b>3. Secretariat Update</b> <b>New Project Coordinator</b> Sophie, starts on 23/09. <b>Project and Policy Intern</b> Julia, starts on 23/09 <b>Finance Officer</b> Pierre leaves at the end of September, goes to work at the finance department of ALDE. <b>Political and communication intern:</b> Lilla's contract comes to an end at the end of September  We need to hire a new finance/admin officer, but we must wait for the reply from project applications for the procedure of the hiring of the new membership officer - maybe we will need to have a combined position or a creative hybrid position.	<b><i>Decision:</i></b> <b><i>- We are hiring as a priority a "Finances and Administration Officer". The position of "Membership and Project Communication Officer" and the position of a new trainee are postponed to after we have a clearer image of our finances for next year, once we have some replied by our project applications.</i></b>

It has happened in the past that JEF was short on cash at the end of the year due to the operating grant being sent with a delay and unexpected costs; waiting to see which projects get approved before recruiting a second position.

**Project answers**

We have not received any answer yet on the pending project applications.

**Brigita** working on: FC, projects (CompleatEU, MYCOMM<sup>1</sup>, MEET<sup>2</sup>, CheckEurope, etc, Words of Europe.): Operating Grant 2025 grant agreement; finishing handovers with Amy and Margarita: deliverables list from Bratislava; EB travels docs; annual budget with Pierre; project budgets; EurHope reporting; interviews; Capacity Building Seminar; meetings; attending Ventotene; interviews; HR and admin.

**4. Advocacy Update**

**Christelle** was a speaker at a panel including European Commission High Representative Josep Borrell and MEP<sup>3</sup> Thijs Reuten. She then cosigned the Ventotene political declaration and revival of the Action Committee for the United States of Europe partnership agreement on Ventotene together with UEF, MEP Thijs Reuten on behalf of the Spinelli group. The partnership was endorsed by Josep Borrell, Klaus Welle (Former Secretary-General of the European Parliament, Martens Centre's Academic Council Chair), and Guy Verhofstadt (former MEP, European Movement International President).

**Decision:**

<sup>1</sup> Migrant & Refugee Youth COMMunication and advocacy for equity and inclusion

<sup>2</sup> Mobilise Europe = Engaging Together - Training series on inclusion, equality & diversity

<sup>3</sup> Member of the European Parliament

**Christelle, Kati** and **Brigita** also spoke on different panels on enlargement/integration, defence/security and climate respectively in Ventotene.

**Christelle** was also:

- interviewed on democratic anxiety and mental health by the journal of the Finnish cultural foundation.
- attended the UEF Taskforce on section creation.
- Started discussions with Pro Publico about connecting to top-tier law firms & public affairs consultancies providing their assistance pro bono publico: free-of-charge in consideration of the societal impact of such activities. Legal contacts can be useful for topics related to Schengen but mostly looking for consultancies; how can we improve our campaigns and the capacities/knowledge of individual JEFers thanks to this contact?

Alexiane presented JEF Europe's EurHope's **consultation** & critical views/provocation views on citizens assemblies, following the invitation from the Democratic Odyssey.

**Martin** presented JEF's response to LGBT propaganda bill in Bulgaria at the monthly meeting of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency and had subsequent meetings and exchanges with partners (JEF Georgia, JEF Hungary, Shame Movement, YDM Vesna<sup>4</sup>, RADA<sup>5</sup>, Bulgarian MPs)

**Xesc** attended:

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<sup>4</sup> Youth Democratic Movement VESNA, Russian friend organisation or JEF

<sup>5</sup> Belarusian youth council

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● JEF France’s Summer University &amp; General Assembly in Toulouse (22-25/08);</li> <li>● Online kick-off event of the EESC<sup>6</sup>’s implementation of the EU Youth Test (3/09);</li> <li>● European Volunteering Capital event in the Brussels office of the Tyrol-Alto Adige office (10/09);</li> <li>● European Youth Forum after-summer party in Brussels (12/09).</li> </ul> <p><b>Xesc</b> and <b>Aléxandros</b> are working together with JEF Germany on Germany’s decision to close all its land borders. The communication around this shared post or press statement is internal and confidential, done on the Policy Channel, until we have a more complete feedback by JEF Germany.</p>	
<p><b>5. To do list</b> EB discusses current to-do list.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p>
<p><b>6. Section update</b> The EB goes over latest news from sections, including the latest meeting with JEF Spain.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Alexiane will present a draft with ideas on how to support JEF Spain and how to work better with them in the future.</b></li> <li>- <b>The EB will discuss ways to make sure that in the future applications to host statutory events are more realistic.</b></li> <li>- <b>Martin is preparing the next International Officer Meeting.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>7. AOB</b></p> <p><b>a. FC Bulgaria</b> Last weekend of April as an option</p> <p><b>b. Ode2Joy</b> Alexiane might have a contact for a funding opportunity. She will keep us updated.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Alexiane to rediscuss with JEF Bulgaria about the date.</b></li> </ul>

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<sup>6</sup> European Economic and Social Committee

The EB meeting closes at 22:23 CEST.