

## EB minutes

19 September 2024, 7:30 pm CEST

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

Excused: Kati, Hanna

Minutes: Alexiane, Xesc (review Aléxandros)

### Agenda

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (09/12)
3. Secretariat Update
4. Advocacy Update
5. To do list
6. Section update
7. FC Agenda and registrations
8. Ode to joyful money
9. AOB
  - a. European Youth Forum General Assembly
  - b. World day of peace
  - c. Federalist Academy
  - d. Four-year strategy
  - e. EB meeting in Athens

### Minutes

<b>1. Adoption of draft agenda</b>	<b>Decision:</b> <i>Adopted</i>
<b>2. Adoption of the draft minutes (09/12)</b>	<b>Decision:</b> <i>Postponed to next EB meeting (3/10)</i>
<b>3. Secretariat Update</b> a. Sophie and Julia Next Monday they will be starting work and they'll be in the Federal Committee in Budapest. b. Lilla and Pierre last days Next week will be their last days at the office. c. European Movement Belgium (EMB) subrenting our office EMB would like to have regular meetings in the office, an address for mail, etc. 150 euros	<b>Decision:</b> - <b>EB to meet individually with new staff members</b>

per month as an open-ended contract as they are waiting to get an intern that would share office space with our secretariat and then we would renegotiate the contract.

- d. working on Capacity Building Seminar, Federal Committee, other projects and budgets, lots of Human Resources and admin.

Alexiane has been supporting a lot Brigita on this aspect. Brigita works also on other projects as after the holidays the work is restarting, with a load of work on Human Resources due to the renovation of staff in the secretariat.

- e. Meeting with Youth For Inclusive Europe

Kati and Brigita had a meeting with this NGO yesterday in which Klajdi (JEF UK member) is involved. They approached us to have a meeting to talk about their idea to branch out with other NGOs and collaborate, possibly with a joint project application or the organisation of an event in Brussels. Brainstorming and talks are still ongoing.

There was a meeting with the Federal Committee (FC) Presidium last week which went very well and in which there was common understanding that for the FC in Budapest the tone and events of the FC in Tartu cannot be repeated. There have been intensive conversations concerning the FC in Budapest. Given the level of staff change in the secretariat, there was a conversation on the communication of feedback on the secretariat.

JEF Georgia: checked with Christelle if we wanted to get help to relaunch Solidarity Corps.

**4. Advocacy Update**

Christelle:

***Decision:***

- attended the board meeting of UEF Europe. 2 h 45 (!). They discussed Treaty change: petition to the EP for the one year of parliament proposal.

Multiannual Financial Framework advocacy for new resources is key.

Upcoming AFCO<sup>1</sup> resolution listing 3 things from the European Parliament that need answer from the European Council including treaty change and electoral law

Sven Simon was positive as AFCO president he will send a letter first.

What to do for one year anniversary?

Next federal steps: short-term steps; we could do something around that for JEF.

Christelle signed up JEF to be a youth rapporteur on industrial policy, cohesion fund, Draghi report, and reforms, for the European Social and Economic Council (the EESC). The selection criteria of the youth rapporteurs are not very clear and she will followup on that.

Xesc attended the Houjarray Foresight Talks 2024 organised by the Association Jean Monnet in the Jean Monnet House (13-15/09).

Martin:

- attended the regular civic space meeting of Fundamental Right Agency (19.09)
- Martin will prepare a timeline for the bill & main arguments used to pass the foreign agent bills to be shared with the network of FRA.
- took part in a parliamentary commission discussion in the Bulgarian National Assembly with Bulgarian Civil Society Organisations to oppose the foreign agents bill (19.09). However, Revival made them

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<sup>1</sup> AFCO Constitutional Affairs Committee of the EP

<p>wait for more than 1 hour and after CSOs left only then did Revival start the meeting. To us Revival's strategy is unclear. Do they instrumentalise the CSO's presence or do they want to create opportunities for propaganda against them? The meeting without CSOs happened for 2 h 30 minutes. The bill did not pass the Commission vote. Parliament will be dismissed next week and then Revival will try to get the bill passed again, with the new parliamentary members.</p> <p>The election day is 27th of October, so the campaign will be launched around the 27th of September.</p> <p>Revival may use this bill to fuel their campaign. We are carefully watching the events.</p>	
<p><b>5. To do list</b> The EB went over the current tasks.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b> -</p>
<p><b>6. Section update</b> EB discussed the latest section updates (not minuted).</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p>
<p><b>7. FC Agenda and registrations</b> <b>W Agenda FC Budapest 2024.docx</b> EB goes over the agenda of the FC and will remind sections to register because we only have 60% of quorum and the deadline is...the 30th of September.</p> <p>Solidarity fund - 9 people already applied. More people are expected to apply soon. EB discusses a rolling-basis to select the EB member that will be on the selection committee together with the <i>Secretary General and treasurer.</i></p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><i>Presentation of Aléxandros next time to ensure that every EB knows the role of being in the Solidarity Fund Committee to decide on solidarity fund allocation.</i></b></li> </ul>

<p>Federal Committee Sofia date? Check with Bulgaria if 25-27th of April works. The elections might impact the FC, but we cannot know for sure.</p> <p>Presidium - Jana cannot come unfortunately to Budapest. Thereafter, we must recruit someone else to take her spot and chair the meeting, Communication with the FC about it.</p>	
<p><b>8. Ode2Joy: project proposal</b></p> <p>Alexiane presents a grant application idea that JEF could join around the Ode to Joy anthem that involves civic education.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>EB to look at the proposal tomorrow by end-day</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>9. AOB</b></p> <p><b>a. European Youth Forum (YFJ) General Assembly</b></p> <p>22-23/11 in Ghent  1 voting delegate for JEF and one extra delegate  18/10 is the deadline for submitting a resolution on enlargement</p> <p>YFJ will make a statement on Schengen and they asked Xesc for advice on points to tackle. He gave some advice and shared the text of JEF's own statement.</p> <p><b>b. World Day of Peace</b></p> <p>EB discusses using this day for advocacy on what happens in the Middle East? Further discussion needed and will take place in a written form.</p> <p>Aléxandros will speak on that day at an event in Frankfurt with IPYG Germany, ca. 300 participants.</p> <p>Trying to make a little post on peace. Link it with the federalist academy?</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Xesc to draft a resolution on enlargement to submit to the European Youth Forum General Assembly</b></li> <li>- <b>Nikos and Xesc to work on a draft post for world day of peace</b></li> </ul>

Consulting our sections about their thoughts about the federalist academy in the next few weeks..

**c. 4y strategy update**

Remind the missing sections to attend the last brainstorming call on the 24th of September, from 6 to 7 PM. Thematic workshops will start on the 1st of October.

**d. Foreign agent bill : common post with JEF Bulgaria**

Collaborative post with JEF Europe & JEF Bulgaria upcoming

**e. EB meetings in Athens**

Have we all booked our tickets ?

The EB meeting closes at 21:58 CEST.