

EB Minutes - 17 October 2024, 7:30 pm CEST

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

Excused: Aléxandros

Absent:

Minutes: Xesc (review Alexiane)

Agenda

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (19/09, 03/10)
3. Secretariat Update
4. Advocacy Update
5. How we draft our policy positions and advocacy comms
6. Federal Committee update
7. To do list
8. Section update
9. AOB
 - a. Membership growth EB brainstorming

Minutes

1. Adoption of draft agenda	Decision: Adopted
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (19/09, 03/10)	Decision: <i>The minutes from the 19th of September will be adopted by written procedure. The minutes from the 03rd of October will be adopted in 2 weeks.</i>
3. Secretariat Update Brigita is working on different projects, and the FC Budapest preparation . Everything is mostly ready but some logistics still need to be gone through. She is busy writing a lot of reports . For instance, Complet'EU has an additional report to deliver, to justify the project's	Decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Xesc will post the jobs openings on a LinkedIn group focused on diverse job openings.- Christelle will post on Sciences Po career site.- Christelle will send the signup to European hub for civic engagement to Brigita and Sophie.

delayed starting date. Other projects reports for MEET, Words of Europe and MYCOMM are being finalised.

On top of these priorities, since there is no **administrative and financial officer, she is taking over these tasks.**

New staff's integration in the team: Sophie and Juliá have adapted quickly to their role, which is highly positive.

Unfortunately, for the financial and administrative officer, **only 2 applications have been received so far, but they are not suitable for the role.** The job posting went out with YFJ¹'s newsletter on the 17th of October.

Sophie has been **mapping foundations we could apply to for funding.** Civic education orientation might be the easiest to get funding for. Sophie and JÚlia have prepared **a presentation on E@S² and have done a Canva 2-pager draft** on it which will be sent to funders who have **non-specific open calls on a rolling basis.** Regular checks will be conducted to identify calls JEF Europe could potentially be a good fit for.

A key priority is avoiding overburdening the Secretariat. The Board first discusses opening a communication officer position. Lilla could be reached out to, to check if she wants to work for **JEF Europe again.**

- Former secretariat member Lilla will be offered the role of Comms officer, before opening it if she refuses.

4. Advocacy Update

Decision:

¹ European Youth Forum

² Europe at School

Aléxandros

- meets Mel from JEF Germany and they talk with the MEP Benedetta Scuderi (Greens, Spinelli Group),
- talks with Mathias Ecke (SD) to inform him about EurHope and send his office an article related to it.

Xesc :

- Took part in the EESC's³ International section meeting on the Youth Check
- Met Laure Verstraete and Giorgos Papaioannou (YFJ⁴)
- Met Christian Wagner (EU4Youth) on possible Complet'EU collaboration
- Attended the CoR's⁵ Regions Week:
 - ALDA⁶ stand
 - Panel on local democracy

Kati asked the Danish minister of European Affairs about her position about enlargement and treaty change with the upcoming Danish council presidency in mind at JEF Denmark's General Assembly. Her answer to treaty change was a clear no. However, she remembered collaborating with JEF Europe when she was in Lymec and she said that was happy to see JEF.

Martin went to Geneva last week to the Caux Democracy Forum.

None to be taken.

³ European Economic and Social Committee

⁴ European Youth Forum

⁵ European Committee of the Regions

⁶ Association of Local Democracy Agencies

Alexiane was interviewed at the radio in Austria and spoke about JEF, our positions, and our civic education efforts.

The **EB received an invitation to speak at the International Conference on Integration 14 - 15 November 2024 in Estonia.** EB members must answer by email to indicate their interest and availability.

5. How we draft our policy positions and advocacy comms

People who have a lead on a specific topic propose drafts on which EB members can comment, make amendments via Whatsapp. TF⁷ Comms should be in **the loop** all the time for communication topics.

Clear separation needed between what is policy and what is comms. It is important that **the EB is the one deciding on the policy position and that TF Comms only helps communicate those positions.** Besides, it is essential to have a **forecast by the week before of topics and posts for the week after.** When unexpected situations require immediate reaction, then, there will be a clear overview of the scheduled posts. In general it is important to stick **to agreed timelines and define a plan for the week after.** Lastly, it is reminded that posts must respect policy

Decision:

- The Middle East / Southern Neighbourhood portfolio was **created** under Nikos' lead.
- Proposals for an ad hoc communication procedure and another one for normally scheduled posts are **adopted.**

⁷ Taskforce

positions in the **political resolutions adopted during statutory meetings.**

All portfolios overlap. Portfolios are allocated to easily identify the contacts when someone has questions on this. It is the **responsibility of following topics, being the first person to speak at events, the person who signs press releases, and gives quotes.**

After discussion, the following processes are discussed :

A. urgent posts

1. Statement and policy drafted by the EB on Whatsapp. Adopted by 75% majority, so 6 people in favour at minimum. Deadline for reactions start of business the next day and silence is taken as agreement (when posted).
2. Added to Trello and takes primacy over what is there.
3. Picture/graphic to go along done with TF. What kind of pic we use. Done on #communication with TF.
4. 24h timeline from first draft text to being posted.

B. normal/scheduled posts:

1. Add a ticket on Trello by Friday of the week before the proposed day of posting with a proposed day of posting.
2. Statement and policy drafted by the EB. Adopted by 75% majority, so

<p>6 people in favour at minimum. Discussion on #policy.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. 48h time to react from the first draft, so this should be done 48h before noon of the day of posting. 4. Information to the rest of EB on Whatsapp. 5. Picture/graphic to go along done with TF. What kind of a pic discussed with TF. Done on #Communication. 6. 48h time to react from the first draft, so this should be done 48h before noon of the day of posting. 7. Posted on the agreed day. 	
<p>6. Federal Committee update</p> <p>a. Logistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To accommodate the high number of participants, 2 hostels are booked. They are from 15 minutes walking time. -The venue is a school. Every activity will be at the same place. -Catering is about to be secured. <p>b. Documents</p> <p>Budget Finance Report EB highlights</p> <p>c. Solidarity fund</p> <p>Hanna, Alexandros and Brigita are part of the selection committee. 8 people were selected after checking applications. A waiting list has also been defined. The amount offered is up to 250 euros.</p> <p>d. Agenda</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -EB members must fill the documents listed under section b) before the next Board meeting, the 31st of October, to optimally prepare for the FC Budapest. -The Secretariat will prepare the liner detailing the tasks. -Every EB member is invited to check with the taskforce and political committees how the resolutions' uploading are progressing, and whether they need support to add it to the platform.

The agenda is being **quickly run through again (after the EB-FC session)**. Christelle will do the opening speech.

The Secretariat will prepare a liner detailing the EB's tasks to support the secretariat during the FC. Presidium also offered to help.

e. PC and internal resolutions

All draft resolutions handed in..

-A solidarity travel fund to support the participation of JEFers to statutory events

-For a more sustainable JEF

-JEF Pool of Trainers: Human resources for the implementation of non-formal educational activities

-JEF Europe Strategy 2021-2024

f. 4y strategy

The 4 year strategy is lapsing at the FC in Budapest.

The 2024-2028 4-year strategy has been prepared since **the beginning of the summer**. The process started with sections participating in 4 **open calls** to brainstorm about what works in JEF and what we should improve. Moreover, sessions were organised with **EB and FC members**.

The second stage is focused on deepening **5 priorities** that were identified during **thematic sessions**. They gather 8 members each time, from different sections. These sessions' aim is to define goals **to tackle the diagnoses and offer a strong solution**. They take place every Tuesday from 7 PM CET to 8.30 PM. There

<p>will be an in-person session during the FC in Budapest aiming at refining the goals and gathering more ideas on members' expectations.</p> <p>The new strategy will be adopted at the FC in Sofia (April 2025).</p> <p>g. PC2 Chair and TF Elections</p> <p>Christelle talked to Mel and they both agreed that the TF Election should be closed down as it has now fulfilled its mission. Mel doesn't wish to become PC2 chair as she has become President of JEF Germany.</p>	
<p>7. To do list</p>	<p>Decision: None to be taken, except that all EB members are encouraged to write their to-do list.</p>
<p>8. Section update</p>	<p>Decision: This point is postponed to a further EB session.</p>
<p>9. AOB</p> <p>a. Membership growth EB brainstorming</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <p>The first open brainstorming session is scheduled on the 29 October at 7 PM CET. Every EB member is encouraged to join.</p>

The EB meeting closes at 22:20 CEST.