

## EB minutes

9 January 2025, 7:30 pm CET

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

Excused:

Minutes: Kati (review Martin)

### Agenda

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (6-8/12, 12/12)
3. Secretariat Update
4. EB-FC preparation
5. Advocacy Update
6. To do list
7. Action plan update
8. Political platform
9. Membership statements
10. Section update
  - a. JEF Romania
11. AOB
  - a. Long EB meeting location
  - b. Ukraine charity collaboration
  - c. Democracy under Pressure panel at Spring Federal Committee
  - d. Ratification auditor

### Minutes

<b>1. Adoption of draft agenda</b>	<b>Decision:</b> <i>Adopted with no changes.</i>
<b>2. Adoption of the draft minutes (6-8/12, 12/12)</b>	<b>Decision:</b>
<b>3. Secretariat Update</b>	<b>Decision:</b>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Secretariat returned to work mostly this week, some last week. The first week was quite busy; with reports for WorkPlan 2024, working on the financial audit and reporting of Operating grant 2024, writing the NATO grant application, and a lot of human resources.</li> <li>- Finance and Organizational Coordinator &amp; Policy Officer recruitments ongoing. Ordered IKEA couches that should arrive on Monday next week.</li> <li>- Finance coordinator recruitment has proceeded to interviews with promising candidates. Moving to offer the role to one of them out of three interviewed.</li> <li>- Policy officer got a lot of applications. Next week we will interview candidates.</li> <li>- Secretary General is largely working on the operating grant and project reporting.</li> <li>- Check'd Europe event at the end of January.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. EB-FC preparation</b></p> <p>Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need to choose a Code of Conduct contact person</li> <li>- Aléxandros can volunteer if there is no female read person.</li> <li>- We will check who is coming and to discuss this with the Presidium.</li> <li>- Other topics to discuss with Presidium:</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Christelle sends draft EB-FC agenda to Presidium</i></li> <li>- <i>Christelle speaks with Presidium on 22nd</i></li> <li>- <i>Christelle writes to Arbitration Board after</i></li> </ul>

- split relevant secretariat members with relevant TFs and PCs.
- Agenda will include setting goals for the last half of the mandate, political platform, timeline of upcoming campaigns, working relation between the EB and directly elected FC members, statutes.
- Saturday evening will include a fun activity.
- On Sunday there are sessions between TaskForce(TF)/Political Commissions (PC) and EB contact person and a discussion on the handover and onboarding of the next people in elected role.
- EB discussed how to be present for the PCs and TFs in the individual sessions.

#### TF Communication

- Misunderstanding on the Christmas (on the 24th) and Hanukkah post (on the 25th).
- Disagreement on end of Hungary presidency of the Council draft post.
- The Trello the TF had set up to help plan posts and which we had used to plan all of 2025 was closed by the TF without access to information. A new trello has been set up by the EB and the

<p>first 3 months of 2025 replanned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proposal to discuss with Presidium to reach out to the Arbitration Board to clarify the TF's role and suggest mediation.</li> <li>- Potential solutions will be discussed at the meeting with FC Presidium on 22/01.</li> <li>- Benedikte asked to have a meeting to discuss the situation.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Advocacy Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christelle was invited by the EP to meet the Sakharov Prize finalists in Strasbourg. One finalist accepted to do an interview for TNF.</li> <li>- Xesc and Brigita joined former Secretary Generals (SGs) Tobias Flessenkemper, Valentin Dupouey, and Milosh Ristovski for a former SG gathering (16/12/2024).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EB to think about what to do for the 75 year of Schuman declaration in 2025</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. To do list</b></p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p>
<p><b>7. Action plan update</b></p> <p>Needs to be done by the Federal Committee in Sofia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 Year Strategy</li> <li>- Membership fee proposal</li> <li>- Membership community building campaign</li> <li>- Membership survey analysis</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>EB to check the action plan</i></li> <li>- <i>EB to remind their sections of the membership survey</i></li> </ul>

<p><b>8. Political platform</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christelle read it through during the holidays, not much is outdated or missing per se.</li> <li>- Kati read it too and found a patchwork of different visions over the time.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Kati to summarise her comments by EB-FC meeting</i></li> <li>- <i>EB to read it through and write it</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>9. Membership statements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aléxandros sent the email to sections to request membership fees and asked sections to confirm reading it. 1/3 answered.</li> <li>- All full members need to answer by the end of March.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EB to explain to their sections</li> </ul>
<p><b>10. Section update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JEF Romania: EB took note of the General Assembly of JEF Romania and election of a new presidency of the section.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update the section on the website and mailing lists</li> </ul>
<p><b>11. AOB</b></p> <p><b>a) Long EB meeting 25-27 April: Zagreb, Malmö, Ljubljana or Lisbon?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EB discussed the different options based on the scenarios prepared by Alexiane and what is the most cost-effective and relevant for the section.</li> <li>- Aléxandros raised that JEF Slovenia has been excited to receive us.</li> <li>- Kati will check with JEF Sweden if late April works for them when the new president is elected.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Martin will meet with the Ukrainian student-charity in connection to the EB-FC meeting. Also meeting with Promote Ukraine then.</i></li> <li>- <i>DuP panel discussion at the FC Sofia</i></li> <li>- <i>Promote Ukraine event to be shared on socials</i></li> <li>- <i>Aléxandros will open a form for recruitment of an auditor and inform Patrick about this. This should be set up by the next EB</i></li> </ul>

- Final decision at the next meeting.

**b) Ukraine charity collaboration**

- We could highlight this more on our communications.
- Dasha (ambassador for Lotus Fund) raised an opportunity for partnership.
- Christelle raised that this would make sense for a specific goal and non-military objective.
- Alexandros also suggested the Center for Civil Liberties (DuP?)
- Promote Ukraine asked if we could share their fundraising dinner which takes place in a couple of weeks.

**c) Democracy under Pressure panel at Spring Federal Committee**

Dimitar from JEF Bulgaria suggests it would be relevant timing-wise as it is close to the action week.

**d) Ratification internal auditors**

JEF France noted that two of the auditors are no longer a member and reached out to the Arbitration Board (AB) asking about how to replace them.

*meeting. Xesc will inform JEF France.*

<p>The Ab ruling is to replace only one as the internal auditors are 2 to 3 according to the statutes and for the EB to select the person to ratify into the auditor committee to be voted upon at the next Federal Committee meeting.</p> <p>EB discussed how to open a process to recruit a person in an open manner.</p>	
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The EB meeting closes at 20:53 CET.