



Monitoring
Committee
Sections Update
FC Sofia Spring 2025



Context

- In November 2021, we launched a monitoring procedure for JEF Poland for political instability, code of Conduct breaches, lack of a bank account and legally binding statutes.
- In April 2024, we launched a monitoring procedure for JEF Austria for irregular and low JEF activities as well as lack of transparency among others.
- Current members of the monitoring committee are
 - for Poland Christelle Savall (EB), Anna van de Moosdijk (FC), and Caroline Kokholm-Jørgensen (national delegate of JEF Denmark).
 - for Austria are Christelle Savall (EB), Mirko Ondras (FC), and Robin Mudry (Presidium)



Recommendation

- **The Monitoring Committees recommends**
 - **to continue the monitoring procedure for JEF Poland until the section is up and running with the hope to stop it at the next Congress,**
 - **to start the exclusion procedure of JEF Austria from JEF Europe membership which includes the following steps:**
 - Expulsion letter to be sent 6 months before next FC/Congress by recorded delivery
 - Potential JEF Austria hearing before the Federal Committee and the Arbitration Board to present their defence, should they wish to.
 - Opinion requested to the Arbitration Board
 - New report at next FC/Congress and new vote.



Poland



- JEF Poland is now officially registered with a growing number of members – although not diverse – and a new General Assembly. The section is applying for grants, collaborating with other sections and planning a new website and growth strategy.
- The EB has been contacted by several interested people in helping support activities of JEF in Poland. They have been put in contact with JEF poland by Aléxandros, contact person in the EB.
- **Procedure to continue to monitor the process and to support a smooth relaunch of the section.**



Austria 1/5

- At the start of the Spring FC Tartu 2024, **JEF Austria had informed us they would leave JEF Europe if a monitoring procedure was initiated with them.** They had taken statutory steps towards leaving, however they have not sent a registered letter to our Secretariat informing us of their departure (a statutory requirement to start the resignation process) and the situation has not been clarified since.
- JEF Austria had a general assembly in June 2024 and elected a new president. Despite its request, JEF Europe was not invited to it nor had the opportunity to e-meet the new president.
- **JEF Austria paid its membership fees in 2024 but did not submit a member section report.**



Austria 2/5

- **The active local sections of JEF Austria, JEF Steiermark, JEF Upper Austria and JEF Kärnten voted to leave JEF Austria in the past months.**
- No monitoring meeting could take place despite the request for meeting on 17/04, with reminders on 27/05, 30/06, 21/08, 21/09, 16/10, 16/11, 5/01 & 19/01, as JEF Austria **refuses to engage** with the Committee.
- On 23/09, JEF Austria acknowledged receipt, informed us they are “conducting a thorough legal review of the situation with (their) legal advisor”, refuted again the bases of the monitoring process and informed us they will focus on solving internal problems, including with their local sections **before** engaging with JEF Europe.



Austria 3/5

- On 4/02, JEF Austria sent answered our renewed meeting request with:

*“nothing has changed from what we said in our Zoom call with Andreas last year. **Nobody has the time or interest to deal with your unsolicited interference.** Our members prefer to invest their time in constructive work in a positive atmosphere in which we work together and not against each other.*

Internal intrigues and actionism against JEF Europe sections scare away our active members here in Austria and destroy the desire to get involved at European level. Nobody wants to get involved in such a destructive environment and be the target of penalty measures. Your so-called help



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harms us, causes us additional problems that we have to spend additional time solving and is therefore not wanted by our members.

Stop annoying us and stealing our time and do meaningful work instead. There is enough to do to defend our democracy and move Europe forward.

I don't know how many times I have to explain it to you so that you finally understand. With this approach you harming and destroying the organization and the will to cooperate and you are representing the opposite of the values that JEF Europe officials should represent. Stop this nonsensical monitoring procedure, then perhaps you can motivate members to get involved at European level again.”



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Considering

- **JEF Austria is not willing to contribute to the realisation of JEF Europe ideals and aims, nor shows an active commitment in the organisation, or willingness to engage,**
- **the loss of all active local sections,**
- **aggressive communication and ultimatum to not start the monitoring process or they would leave JEF Europe**
- **the initial reasons behind the monitoring process,**

the monitoring committee recommends to the FC to start the process to remove JEF Austria from the membership of JEF Europe.