

## EB minutes

23 January 2025, 6:00 pm CET

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

Excused: Xesc

Minutes: Hanna (review Christelle)

### Agenda

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (09/01)
3. Secretariat Update
4. EBFC preparation
5. Advocacy Update
6. 4 year strategy
7. To do list
8. Section update
9. AOB
  - a. Next long EB meeting location
  - b. Community building
  - c. EurHope application

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### Minutes

<b>1. Adoption of draft agenda</b>	<b><i>Decision: Adopted</i></b>
<b>2. Adoption of the draft minutes (09/01)</b>	<b><i>Decision: written procedure by Sunday</i></b>
<b>3. Secretariat Update</b> Brigita is super busy with both Operating Grants (the three year framework and the 2026	<b><i>Decision:</i></b> <b><i>- Christelle to prepare Charlemagne prize application together with Make.org</i></b>

year one) and closing the financial year.

She met with Presidium together with Christelle and is preparing for EB-FC meeting and the FC inSofia

The Secretariat is finalizing CheckEurope and starting on Ways of Europe. Working on the Solidarity Fund application for YFJ<sup>1</sup> for membership fees.

Loubna working on NGJ<sup>2</sup> 2025, they had an info session this week. She is looking for ways to cover non-EU travels, as it is normally not allowed, but they may try to make case-to-case exceptions for twinnings. Maybe we could co-fund the travelling fees of a small number of non-EU people through participation fees. There was satisfactory participation in the section info session.

The Congress budget had to be reduced a bit at the request of the funders of the grant we applied for, it has already been sent on time.

Sophie is working on projects (especially CompletEU) and project proposals and

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<sup>1</sup> European Youth Forum

<sup>2</sup> Next Generation JEF, our ongranting schemes to EU registered sections

<p>Workplans 2024 and 2025.</p> <p>Júlia is working on projects and policy tasks, especially as we find out that some project applications we were considering allow for non-EU members to apply (already contacted an organisation of Kosovo).</p> <p>The new Policy Officer and Finance Coordinator start on 5 February.</p> <p>Aléxandros and Nikos are working on a small-scale project about the Federal Peace Forum about Israel and Palestine with the Youth Foundation of CoE<sup>3</sup>, direct communication with Dvir, Younes, Federico, JEF Germany and, soon also JEF Italy.</p> <p>Make.org suggested applying for EurHope to the Charlemagne prize in Belgium. Christelle is working on it with Make.org.</p>	
<p><b>4. EBFC preparation</b></p> <p>The meeting with Presidium went well, the FC Presidium said that they want to have a separate session for the</p>	<p><b>Decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><i>Aléxandros to send to the EB the draft proposals for the membership fees as soon as ready.</i></b></li> </ul>

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<sup>3</sup> Council of Europe

elected FC members, but we explained that it was agreed to avoid separate sessions following the feedback from all at the previous EBFC meeting. They agreed that the elected FC members will have a separate meeting for circa 30 minutes, while the rest of us will have an extended coffee break, and that we will all stick together for the rest of the agenda.

TF Comms regrets Kati not coming to the EBFC meeting and does not wish to attend. Christelle explained that we picked the weekend that worked best for most directly elected FC members, even though we knew that that weekend does not work for Kati specifically.

#### Logistics

We will have buffet at the office instead of restaurants, firstly because it is less expensive and secondly because it is hard to find a restaurant for so many people

#### Agenda points to prep

- membership fees

Aléxandros explains that he will prepare two different resolutions: one on the amount and one on the system and other topics, because we want to be sure that the system is improved even if there is not a majority for the

<p>fee increase. Two separate resolutions, on merch policy and on informal participatory tools will come slightly later. It is four different internal resolutions, but 2 or 3 of them will be small and we just want to avoid confusing topics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4y strategy</li> </ul> <p>postponed</p>	
<p><b>5. Advocacy Update</b></p> <p>Christelle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- met with a member of Commissioner McGrath, Commissioner for Democracy, Justice, the Rule of Law and Consumer Protection to present EurHope's findings</li> <li>- attended YFJ's advocacy session</li> </ul> <p>Statement/Letter to the Parliament, the Commission and more, about the student movement in Serbia, sent by Civil Society Europe: aligned with our principles and the conversations we have had with JEF Serbia so we signed it.</p> <p>A contact from Georgia reached out to us and wants to bring us in contact with opposition politicians in Georgia, we are looking into how serious and structured they are, but if they are</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kati to discuss with UEF about cooperation on social media on the Project 2027 of the SPinelli Group</li> </ul>

<p>really fine, we are interested in it, however only after checking if there is something similar that could get combined or preferred instead .</p> <p>Spinelli Group did a press conference about Project 2027 without coordinating with UEF and JEF prior to publishing. Will be taken up with the President of the Spinelli group by Christelle when she meets him next.</p> <p>Alexiane: attended the first EESC<sup>4</sup>'s Youth Advisory Council.</p> <p>Xesc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisory Council: attended the coordination and support group to the recommendation on Roma youth participation in Strasbourg.</li> <li>• Is at the preparatory meeting of the EYE<sup>5</sup> with the YFJ in Strasbourg.</li> </ul> <p>Brigita and Xesc met the co-spokespersons of FYEG<sup>6</sup> in Brussels (19/1)</p>	
<p><b>6. 4 year strategy</b></p> <p>Kati and Alexiane prepared the first draft of the 4 year strategy based on the discussion with sections.</p>	

<sup>4</sup> European Economic and Social Committee

<sup>5</sup> European Youth Event

<sup>6</sup> Federation of Young European Greens

The structure relies on the consultations that we had held and on the workshops we had in Budapest

There could be more on Communication in the strategy, but we can continue our current communication nevertheless.

It is important to make some minor amendments, to make it fit to be addressed to external partners and potential funders. It also needs 1-2 extra two pages for context, in order to be better understood.

It brings up a lot of the things that need improvement or are being improved, but it does not explain satisfactorily what is working well already, which is absolutely necessary for this document.

Part of the points are on the directly-elected FC members, so might come as a surprise for them at the EBFC, issues described in the strategy are persistent not just this mandate so not personally neither for directly FC nor EB. Current and future directly elected FC members could take ownership on fixing it, can be linked summaries and padlets.

**7. To do list**

***Decision:***

<p>The EB went over the respective tasks of everyone.</p>	
<p><b>8. Section update</b> EB updated each other about the latest news of sections (not minuted).</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p>
<p><b>9. AOB</b></p> <p>a. <u>Next long EB meeting location</u> JEF Sweden's General Assembly is taking place on the 25th of January. They will confirm our EB meeting in Malmö after.</p> <p>b. <u>Community building</u> Very positively received, 1/4 sections came to the call.</p> <p>c. <u>US</u> Kati will reach out to JEF Denmark to see if they want to post about Greenland.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Once information about Sweden, to be agreed by email</li> <li>- EB to check the community building campaign.</li> </ul>

The EB meeting closes at 19:51 CET.