

EB minutes

20 February 2025, 6:00 pm CET

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

Excused: Martin

Minutes: Christelle (review Christelle)

Agenda

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (23/01; 06/02)
3. Secretariat Update
4. Advocacy Update
5. To do list
6. FC Agenda
7. Democracy under Pressure
8. Section update
9. AOB
 - a. Spring EB meeting location

Minutes

1. Adoption of draft agenda	<i>Decision: adopted</i>
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (23/01; 06/02)	<i>Decision: written procedure for 23/01 and 06/02.</i>
3. Secretariat Update 3 weeks Simone and Julian have started, they are adapting well. Brigita worked on onboarding Simone, and Christelle, Julian. Júlia's last day is 21 March.	<i>Decision:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Brigita will finish the new funding plan for 2026-2029 together with Aléxandros and Christelle.</i>- <i>Email about operating grant to go on on Monday.</i>

Working on reporting of operating grant 2024 and workplan 2024, preparing for workplan 2025.

Sophie at the EYF¹ training this week. After next week, the Federal Committee (FC) and NGJ² are priorities.

EYF told us in January that they picked our project to visit us and will come to the workplan training in March and present the foundation there.

The EB debriefed the EBFC meeting.

Taskforce Communication chairs communicated their wish to close the taskforce following the EBFC discussion. As statutorily it can only be closed at an FC meeting, it has been added to the draft agenda and will be discussed with the Presidium at the next meeting.

Prioritisation of Secretary General (SG) tasks

Brigita summarises her discussion with Christelle on the prioritisation exercise they did on SG task following last EB discussions:

- reporting on grants/projects, operating and others
- budget for 2026-2029

¹ European Youth Foundation

² Next Generation JEF, ongranting of the operating grant

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - writing projects to get additional funding - FC preparation an next generation JEF - recruitment of intern in March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ways of Europe to be delegated - closing financial year - help Simone to settle in so he can take over finance coordinator tasks <p>Outstanding reimbursement to be done next week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CompletEU - EB <p>Budget 2026-2029</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project development channel now opened to all EB members to - Civic service and European solidarity corps to replace intern - EB discussed priorities to fund for alternative funding to the CERV operating grant. 	
<p>4. Advocacy Update</p> <p>Christelle participated in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Youth policy Dialogue with Commissioners Kos and Micallef <p>The event was very interesting, good contacts with the Commissioner for enlargement directly and with her team, follow up report and direct access to Directorate-General for</p>	<p>Decision:</p>

Enlargement and Eastern Neighbourhood. Commissioner asked to be reached out directly with ideas and initiative as the participants are now “part of her team”.

- the United States of Europe Committee conference
- UEF³ EB meeting
- CSE⁴ State of the Union 2025 Sub-working group on Migration
- US of Europe Action committee meeting

Xesc attended:

- the European Conference on Youth “Democracy in Action” of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and the Youth Department of the Council of Europe in Braga, Portugal (5-7/02);
- the YFJ’s⁵ Quarterly Coordination Meeting (12/02);
- an organisation call for the 2025 edition of the European School on Memories (17/02).

Christelle presented the work of US of Europe committee meeting in october, including the paper defence as well as the work done on the MFF⁶ with CSE through a common detailed paper.

³ Union of European Federalists

⁴ Civil Society Europe

⁵ European Youth Forum

⁶ Multi Financial Framework

<p>She thanked Kati and all board members for the hard push on advocacy lately.</p>	
<p>5. To do list The EB reviews the list of tasks.</p>	<p>Decision:</p>
<p>6. FC Agenda The EB reviewed together the draft agenda prepared by Christelle.</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call for hosting section to be launched. - Christelle to send a new reminder to the Presidium to set a meeting to discuss the agenda before the deadline.
<p>7. Democracy under Pressure Kati prepared communication materials in coordination with Martin. Julian and Júlia prepared the toolkit and background documents. Martin is coordinating other activities for the week with the sections.</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martin to finalise and send the toolkit. - Website to be updated to reflect the updated information.
<p>8. Section update The Executive Board discussed the latest updates on sections.</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -
<p>9. AOB</p> <p>a. Spring EB meeting location The next long EB meeting will take place on 25-27/04 in Ljubljana.</p> <p>b. Solidarity Fund selection EB member The EB selects Alexiane for the solidarity fund selection panel (in which Aléxandros and Brigita automatically seat).</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aléxandros to ask JEF Slovenia if April is ok. - Kati to check when JEF Sweden could meet in the June-September period. - EB to fill in the which weekends are you. - Alexiane to join the Solidarity Fund selection panel.

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The EB meeting closes at 20:35 CET.