

## EB minutes

06 March 2025, 6:00 pm CET

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

Excused: Aléxandros, Nikos, Hanna

Minutes: Brigita, Christelle (review Alexiane)

### Agenda

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (06/02, 20/02)
3. Funding plan
4. Secretariat Update
5. Advocacy Update
6. Federal Committee meeting in Sofia
7. To do list
8. Section update
9. AOB
  - a. Advisory Council on Youth and YFJ<sup>1</sup> General Assembly

### Minutes

<b>1. Adoption of draft agenda</b>	<b><i>Decision: Adopted</i></b>
<b>2. Adoption of the draft minutes (06/02, 20/02)</b>	<b><i>Decision:</i></b> <b><i>The minutes from 06/02 were adopted, and those from 20/02 are postponed to the next meeting.</i></b>
<b>3. Debrief info sessions about the operating grant</b>  The EB discusses the meeting's key points, and takeaways with the sections on the 5th of March. In order	<b><i>Decision:</i></b> <b><i>Brigita will send an email to the network about the information on OG Erasmus+ and answers to the questions from the info session on</i></b>

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<sup>1</sup> European Youth Forum

<p>to answer to the network's request for complementary information, and a request for transparency: the next steps will be having another info session before the FC Sofia ; sending an email with information about the OG<sup>2</sup> in Erasmus+ ; and the answers to questions.</p>	<p><b><i>the 5th of March.</i></b></p>
<p><b>4. Next funding steps</b></p> <p>Brigita detailed the same funding steps that were presented during the info session to the sections. Early March, project applications were submitted for a total amount of 330,000 euros.</p> <p>Christelle met with Agata from GCE<sup>3</sup> about a potential funding opportunity linked to a foundation on climate and democracy.</p> <p>Christelle and Julian are working on preparing meetings with foundations and companies: they are drafting documents and key points from several campaigns, such as Don't Touch My Schengen, Democracy under Pressure, Europe@School to look for new funders. Another objective is to look for pro bono help for JEF.</p> <p>Brigita will start working on the European Youth Foundation's application: every year, JEF submits a</p>	<p><b><i>Decision:</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Regular updates will be provided by emails to the network, and this point will be added at the following next EB meetings.</i></b></p>

<sup>2</sup> Operating Grant

<sup>3</sup> Generation Climate Europe

<p>work plan, based on one specific theme, and develops activities for the allocated budget. This year, the idea is to focus it on climate change.</p> <p>JEF Europe will apply for the NATO call in November 2025 (although a new Board will supervise the process).</p>	
<p><b>5. Secretariat Update</b></p> <p>JEF Europe's Project Coordinator, Sophie Lopez, resigned and is leaving on the 21st of March.</p>	
<p><b>6. Advocacy Update</b></p> <p>ECR MEPs Erixon, Weimers, and Timgren have submitted an amendment on a discharge report by the Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT): 51 a. <b>Deplores the funding provided in 2023 by the European Parliament to pro-integration activist organisations such as the Young European Federalists</b> and other pro-EU activists; notes with concern that this spending in many cases was intended to get a specific pro-European segment of the electorate (the youth) to go to the polls at the European Elections in 2024."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vote on the report is 17-18/03.</li> <li>• JEF Europe is in touch with CSE, and UEF, the youth outreach unit of the EP and Federalist MEPs</li> </ul>	

and preparing a statement JEF Europe will share with the JEF network ahead of the vote.

Christelle met/took part in :

- Jonna Sandstrom, Cabinet member Commissioner Roswall
- the Intergenerational fairness strategy kickoff of Commissioner Micallef
- organised a call with JEF France to prepare the youth dialogue with Commissioner Séjourné that Laure, JEF France President will take part in,
- The European Correspondent to discuss potential partnerships.

Xesc:

- Joined the networking days of EYF<sup>4</sup> for Brussels-based and other INGYOs<sup>5</sup> (27-28/2);
- Had a catch-up meeting with the contact person for JEF Europe at the board of YFJ (27/2);
- Attended a meeting of the Working group on the Council of Europe's draft Recommendation

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<sup>4</sup> European Youth Foundation

<sup>5</sup> International Non-Governmental Youth Organisations

<p>on desegregation and inclusion policies and practices in the field of education of Roma and Traveller children (28/2);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended a meeting of the Programming Committee on Youth of the EYF (6/3).</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7. Federal Committee meeting in Sofia</b></p> <p>Overview Resolutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4y strategy already sent: Kati and Alexiane explains that they will hold an open call to discuss it before Sofia (19th of March)</li> <li>• PC1 want to let Lisbon resolution lapse, preparing a new resolution ;</li> <li>• PC2 (no update)</li> <li>• PC3 (no update)</li> <li>• Full time president resolution</li> </ul> <p>The Board will work on several documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EB proposal membership fees</li> <li>• EB report</li> <li>• Budget 2025 amended</li> <li>• Finance report</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8. To do list</b></p> <p>The EB goes over its members' To-do lists.</p>	
<p><b>9. Section update</b></p>	

No section update was discussed.	
<p><b>10. AOB</b></p> <p>a. Advisory Council on Youth and YFJ General Assembly</p>	<p><b>Decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Kati will go with Xesc to the GA of YFJ</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Xesc to organise info session on AC<sup>6</sup> on 18/03</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Xesc to send written procedure to pick AC candidate</i></b></li> </ul>

The EB meeting closes at 20:08 CET.

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<sup>6</sup> Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe