



# For a more sustainable JEF

**Proposer:** Presidium and EB (decided on: 14 March 2025)

JEF Europe as a network strives to be more environmentally friendly. Recognising the role of young people in leading climate action and that our approach should inspire both current and future members to prioritise sustainability.

## **JEF Europe,**

- Reaffirming the urgency of climate action and the need for continuous improvement in how JEF Europe operates sustainably;
  - Emphasising the importance of climate action and the positive effect our combined efforts can make;
  - Recognising the environmental impact of JEF activities;
  - Acknowledging the different challenges JEF sections might face on the road to becoming more environmentally friendly;
  - Taking into consideration the outcome of the internal survey conducted within JEF sections.

## **JEF Europe, therefore,**

1. Invites sections to stay connected to the European level of JEF and give input on this topic;
2. Invites its members to have sessions on the topic;
3. Has created a best practices toolkit (for organisers and participants) on sustainability based on input from sections;
4. Aims to be a climate neutral organisation;



5. Advises its member organisations to form partnerships and contacts with climate-oriented organisations and networks in their countries to organise events and raise member organisations' capacity in becoming climate neutral;
6. Wishes to exchange information and gain insight from other organisations in terms of reducing carbon footprint.

**As of right now, JEF would recommend to the sections to:**

7. Minimise single-use materials at events and meetings;
8. When possible opt for locally sourced, preferably plant-based food at events while limiting food waste;
9. Include more digitised practices in daily operations of the section;
10. Encourage more sustainable means of transportation, such as train, bus, carpooling etc. to travel to and during JEF events;
11. Choose event locations accessible by public transport;
12. Strive to lower digital carbon footprint (e.g. avoid the use of blurry or special backgrounds during online meetings, use environmentally friendly search engines, delete junk emails);
13. Encourage merchandise from sustainable sources/providers.