

## EB meeting

25-27 April, 2025

Ljubljana, Slovenia

Friday	
13:20 - 15:00	Meeting with young MEPs and Parliament visit
15:00 - 16:00	Meeting with President and International Officer of National Youth Council of Slovenia
16:00 - 18:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Opening</li><li>2. Code of of Conduct (contact persons Kati &amp; Aléxandros)</li><li>3. Adoption of agenda</li><li>4. Adoption of minutes (17/04)</li><li>5. Update networks (UEF, EMI, YFJ, Advisory Council, YAC Advisory council EESC, GCE, CSE, FRA, EaP, WFM)</li></ol>
18:00 -	European night event of JEF Slovenia
Saturday	
09:00 - 12:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>6. Code of of Conduct (contact persons Kati &amp; Aléxandros)</li><li>7. Review of EB member cooptation applications and selection</li></ol>
12:30 - 14:30	<i>Lunch and round of personal updates</i>
15:30-17:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>8. EB photo</li><li>9. Fundraising and finance update, implementing the 4y strategy finance part</li></ol>
17:30 - 17:45	<i>Break</i>
17:45 - 20:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>10. Federalist inspirations (Nikos)</li><li>11. Federalist Academy update and Recruitment and community building campaign</li><li>12. Don't Touch My Schengen planning</li><li>13. Membership statement update</li></ol>
20:00	Dinner
Sunday	

09:00 - 11:00	14. 4y strategy implementation brainstorming, update of the action plan based on the new 4y strategy
11:00-11:15	<i>Break</i>
11:15-13:00	<p>15. EB feedback round</p> <p>16. AoB<sup>1</sup> and Conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Who is doing federalist inspiration next time?</li> <li>b. Next EB meeting</li> <li>c. Next speaking arrangements: Caux and CDNEE &amp; YAC's meeting on the 29th of April.</li> </ul>
13:00	<i>Lunch and departures</i>

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<sup>1</sup> Any other Business

## EB minutes

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

Excused: Hanna (point 9)

Minutes: Christelle, Alexiane (review)

<b>1. Adoption of agenda</b>	<b><i>Decision: Adopted</i></b>
<b>2. Adoption of minutes (17/04)</b>	<b><i>Decision: postponed to next meeting.</i></b>
<b>3. Update from the networks (UEF<sup>2</sup>, EMI<sup>3</sup>, YFJ<sup>4</sup>, Advisory Council, Youth Advisory Council of the EESC<sup>5</sup>, GCE<sup>6</sup>, CSE<sup>7</sup>, FRA<sup>8</sup>, EaP<sup>9</sup> Civil Society Forum, WFM<sup>10</sup>, EU Youth stakeholder group)</b>  <b>Union of European Federalists</b> Their Secretary General, part of the staff, one VP and the treasurer resigned. More information will be provided at UEF's Board meeting on the 05th of May. A new VP might not be coopted.  A Federal Committee is held on the 20th to the 22nd of June, to ratify the treasurer, as well as the Secretary General, provided that the recruitment is fruitful.	<b><i>Decisions:</i></b>  <b><i>- inform the members that represent JEF Europe to attend UEF's FC about the latter's current political and administrative situation</i></b>  <b><i>- JEF Europe to do an open call to nominate the GCE team member</i></b>

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<sup>2</sup> Union of European Federalists

<sup>3</sup> European Movement International

<sup>4</sup> European Youth Forum

<sup>5</sup> European Economic and Social Committee

<sup>6</sup> Generation Climate Europe

<sup>7</sup> Civil Society Europe

<sup>8</sup> Fundamental Rights' Agency

<sup>9</sup> Eastern Partnership

<sup>10</sup> World Federalist Movement

There are tense relationships in the board, especially between the president and the outgoing Secretary General.

### **European Movement International**

Kati will go to the EMI's Europe Day demonstration in Brussels.

### **European Youth Forum / YFJ**

Their General Assembly will be held from the 8th to the 9th of May.

JEF submitted a motion about enlargement supported by the national youth councils of Ukraine, Moldova and North Macedonia.

We cosigned a motion on Erasmus plus for non-EU member states.

The Advisory Council on Youth (AC) elections will also take place at the same time. Xesc is rerunning. He received good feedback from the interviews he had with the voting blocks.

Clara Föller and Adam Lambe, from JEF Germany and JEF Ireland respectively, are also running on behalf of their respective National Youth Councils.

The last AC statutory meeting was organised at the beginning of the month, and the new guidelines of EYF<sup>11</sup> funding was one of the topics on the agenda.

For information, a ministerial conference on youth in Malta will take place in November.

**Youth Advisory Council - European Economic and Social Committee**

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<sup>11</sup> European Youth Foundation

Alexiane attended the launch, beginning of February. JEF has been represented at each meeting since (monthly meetings). In between them, JEF Europe makes contributions to the President's agenda (Alexiane, Julian and Christelle regularly work on this), pushing for enlargement, rule of law, democracy, and more topical themes, such as AI, research, housing and green economy, to infuse JEF's political positions & the EurHope agenda.

### **Generation Climate Europe (GCE)**

They are planning their work plan for next year, and Hanna has given feedback. JEF Europe must also nominate someone for their board until May 12th (One-year term). The call will be launched by email and published on the website.

For information, the current president, Agata, is not rerunning.

### **Civil Society Europe (CSE)**

Brigita, Judit and Christelle need to meet to discuss the upcoming General Assembly of CSE which will take place on the 19th of June. The extraordinary general assembly in April to update their budget and discuss the Multiannual financial framework.

### **Fundamental Rights Agency / Eastern Partnership (EaP)**

Alexiane has taken over this portfolio, following Martin's resignation. Alexiane will be invited to the FRA meetings and will be briefed in May. In addition, Julian (JEF's policy officer) is going to their monthly meetings.

### **World Federalist Movement**

Alyn invited JEF Europe to the Basel seminar

on peace, and Alexiane will be a speaker.

JEF Europe was also invited by Rebecca Shoot, the Executive Director of Citizens for Global Solutions (CGS), the main United States member organization of World Federalist Movement.

Rebecca is organizing the 2025 CGS Summit from May 16th to the 17th, which will include a panel at that moment on youth engagement and advocacy. JEF Europe got invited but after the EB's answer, no follow-up was given.

**EU Youth stakeholder group**

Christelle went to the first in-person meeting (annual in-person and then regularly online). The topics covered are: youth dialogue reform, and youth policy strategy.

**4. Review of EB member cooptation applications and selection**

The EB discussed the 4 applications received. All applicants were qualified and talented and the EB thanks them for their application. When making the decision, the EB followed the criteria we had set in the call. With a group of qualified and motivated applicants, the decision was a difficult one and the Executive Board had a thorough discussion on this decision.

Reinis has shown strong commitment to federalism and JEF Europe and a long term vision for the organization in his application. He has varied organizational and political experience in Latvia and the Netherlands. Additionally, Reinis has shown active participation in different projects and meetings of JEF Europe and re-granting

**Decisions:**

- **The EB decides to propose Reinis Gijls for cooptation at the extraordinary FC on 4 June.**
- **Christelle sends a message to the FC Presidium, and emails directly elected members, and sections to inform the decision.**

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<b>5. EB photo</b>	<b>Decision: -</b>
<p><b>6. Fundraising and finance update, implementing the 4y strategy finance part</b></p> <p>The EB brainstormed and updated their action plan for 2025 based on the new strategy.</p>	<b>Decision: -</b>
<b>7. Federalist inspirations (Nikos)</b>	<b>Decision: -</b>
<p><b>8. Federalist Academy update and Recruitment and community building campaign</b></p> <p>Federalist Academy will organise a few sessions online during the summer, as well as one session to be celebrated during the Capacity Building training in Brussels in June.</p> <p>Volunteer recruitment and community-building campaign:</p> <p>The campaign's launch is delayed and it suffers from two unfortunate events:</p> <p>Due to the packed agenda and prolonged discussions at the FC Sofia, the final game could not take place, as it was announced and planned. The preparation material will be included in the campaign kit.</p> <p>The launch was delayed due to the loss of 80% of the Taskforce capacity building's drive. Loubna, Alexiane and Christelle are actively writing the guide, which was supposed to be a summary of these resources, almost from scratch, taking much longer than expected.</p> <p>The EB members are expected to contribute</p>	<p><b>Decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><i>Xesc will work on redesigning the Don't Touch my Schengen campaign logo with Loubna;</i></b></li> <li>- <b><i>Xesc and Julian working on the Don't Touch my Schengen website page, its infokit and the brochure for private funding together with Christelle.</i></b></li> </ul>

<p>on their own campaign's pages, to best reflect their work and their experience of the specific campaigns activities.</p>	
<p><b>9. Don't Touch My Schengen planning</b></p> <p>From the 8th to the 14th of June, Europe will celebrate the 40th anniversary of signing Schengen, on the model of Democracy Under Pressure.</p> <p>Local sections located close to borders are invited to hold an event on the border and especially to do cross border activities with the sections from the other side, sections away from a border can make a symbolic barrier.</p> <p>Sunday next week there will be an info-session on Don't Touch My Schengen. From now on, our statements on Schengen and freedom of movement will be branded with the campaign.</p> <p>A series of posts towards August will be created to mark the 75th anniversary of "break border". The post will be written in French and German, based on the topics brainstormed last year in Bratislava (check minutes from the 4th of August).</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Xesc and Nikos will present the online session plan of the Federalist Academy at next online EB meeting.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>10. Membership statement update</b></p> <p>Aléxandros gives an update. 17 sections still need to send their members list and statements. So far, all of the sections' statements received are growing, while there are three countries with declining numbers (Czechia, Denmark and Germany).</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>EB to complete the Volunteer and membership guide for the recruitment campaign by Friday the 2nd of May.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>11. 4y strategy implementation brainstorming, update of the action</b></p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Each EB member is</b></li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>plan based on the new 4y strategy</b></p> <p>The EB brainstormed and updated their action plan for 2025 based on the new strategy.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>responsible for following the actions falling under their portfolio.</b></p>
<p><b>12. EB feedback round</b></p>	<p><b>Decision: -</b></p>
<p><b>13. AoB<sup>12</sup> and Conclusions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Who is doing federalist inspiration next time?</li> <li>b. Next EB meeting</li> <li>c. Next panel speaking arrangements: Citizens for Global Solutions and CDNEE &amp; YAC's meeting on the 29th of April.</li> <li>d. Capacity Building seminar dates: 6th to the 8th of June.,</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Kati will be the next federalist inspiration;</i></li> <li>- <i>Next EB meeting in-person will be decided once everyone fills in the document ;</i></li> <li>- <i>Alexiane will check with EESC to replace Martin as an alternate, notably to attend the next YAC's meeting;</i></li> <li>- <i>Xesc will speak to the Citizens for Global Solutions panel online;</i></li> <li>- <i>Christelle will attend the CDNEE panel;</i></li> <li>- <i>Capacity Building training is on the 6-8 June and the call will be launched mid-may by Loubna.</i></li> </ul>

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<sup>12</sup> Any other Business