

## EB minutes

15 May 2025, 18:00 CEST

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

Excused: Brigita

Minutes: Xesc (review Alexiane)

### **Agenda**

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the draft minutes (17/04, 25-27/04 in-person meeting in Ljubljana)
3. Secretariat and funding update
4. Communication format of advocacy and decision points update by SG
5. Action plan followup: who does what
6. Don't Touch my Schengen
7. Capacity building training
8. Advocacy update
9. To do list
10. Section and membership statement receipt update
11. Next board meeting date and location
12. Any Other Business (AOB)

### **Minutes**

<b>1. Adoption of draft agenda</b>	<b><i>Decision: Adopted</i></b>
<b>2. Adoption of the draft minutes (17/04, 25-27/04 in-person meeting in Ljubljana)</b>	<b><i>Decisions:</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b><i>The minutes of the EB meeting on 17/04 were adopted;</i></b></li><li>- <b><i>The adoption of the minutes of the long EB meeting in Ljubljana (25-27/04) postponed to next EB meeting;</i></b></li><li>- <b><i>EB members to check the draft FC minutes.</i></b></li></ul>

### **3. Secretariat and funding Update**

**Online Congress on June 4th:** only Flavia Sandu (former EB member) and Antonio Argenziano (former President) confirmed that they can join as members of the presidium. An additional presidium member must be found. Knut and Juuso were approached, and they answered that they cannot attend.

**Registrations for the extraordinary FC and the online Congress:** some sections reached out to the Secretariat or EB members to better identify how many delegates they are entitled to send. In the case of sections with more than one delegate, EB contact person should reach out to inform them of the expected number of delegates and ask to rank their designated delegates by order of preference. The number of delegates is still not definitive because multiple sections have not sent their membership numbers nor paid their membership fees, which may affect the final calculation.

**Presidium for the in-person congress in November 2025:** Three out of five have confirmed their presence for the

### **Decisions:**

- ***Decision to reach out to Judit Lantai (former SG<sup>6</sup>) to be a returning officer for the European Congress;***
- ***Reminders about registrations for the Online/extraordinary FC and Online Congress.***

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<sup>6</sup> Secretary General

EuCo<sup>1</sup> in November: Antonio, Flavia and Knut Andre Sande (former EB member). We need a returning officer to be designated, who tends to be the previous Secretary General, so that should be Judit Lantai (SG, 2022-2024).

**Audit:** audit of the OG<sup>2</sup> 2024 was submitted at the end of April. No problem was communicated during the process. The Secretary General is awaiting the Commission's answer.

**Funding:** Erasmus+ Operating grant application was submitted on May 13. However, YFJ<sup>3</sup> highlighted the dangers of mentioning advocacy-related activities in certain ways in the application after that. On May 14th, it was reviewed and re-submitted. Another Operating Grant on higher education will be submitted by the end of the month.

Application for EYF<sup>4</sup> funding for the Peace Camp was submitted by JEF Germany, whom the EB thanks for doing so. JEF Germany also has an EYF account now. Application for a project at EYF special call for Ukraine is the next one JEF Europe is working on.

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<sup>1</sup> European Congress

<sup>2</sup> Operating Grant

<sup>3</sup> European Youth Forum

<sup>4</sup> European Youth Foundation

<p><b>Online FC:</b> the current state of registrations means we won't be reaching quorum yet.</p> <p><b>Secretariat:</b> hiring a new employee has been affected by the recalculation of some salaries due to an increase in minimum wage in the sector in Belgium. We need to recalculate the budget. The Secretary General will soon reach out again to the AER<sup>5</sup> for a new Eurodyssey intern.</p> <p><b>CompleatEU:</b> the online events were moved to the first two weeks of June. The call is posted on the 16th of May.</p>	
<p><b>4. Communication format of advocacy and decision points update by SG</b></p> <p>During the in-person EB meeting in Ljubljana, the EB initiated a discussion on better ways to communicate their decisions and activities.</p> <p>Kati included advocacy updates written in the latest EB minutes, into the last newsletter. The newsletter can highlight certain specific actions of "stakeholder engagement" with significant stakeholders, and listing in a summarised way the other significant actions of representation by the EB.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Advocacy updates will be sent via the newsletter;</b></li> <li>- <b>Next newsletter will feature links to the minutes of the last 2 EB meetings, as well as to the draft minutes of the Spring FC in Sofia.</b></li> </ul>

<sup>5</sup> Assembly of European Regions

<p><b>5. Action plan followup: who does what</b></p> <p>New Action Plan for 2025 was drafted at the EB meeting in Ljubljana (25-27 April).</p>	<p><b>Decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>EB members will go through the Action Plan and identify actions linked to their portfolios;</b></li> <li>- <b>During the first EB meeting after the online FC, the action plan points will be allocated to each EB member for a thorough follow-up.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Don't Touch my Schengen</b></p> <p>Xesc details the info session content and presents the campaign's calendar and the manifesto he is working on. Julian Gassner (Policy Officer) is working on a brochure designed to get funding for the campaign.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Don't Touch my Schengen manifesto to be released on 12 June.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Capacity building training:</b></p> <p>The training will be taking place from the 6th to the 8th of June with a number of 20-25 expected participants. Hotel and food are already booked.</p> <p>The first confirmations will be sent out on the 16th of May. For multiple participants, enrolled in the same national section, the latter will be consulted to identify the top 3 applicants they recommend JEF Europe to choose.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Alexiane will be working on the programme during the weekend and will send a first version on the 19th of May.</b></li> </ul>

<p>TF<sup>7</sup> Capacity Building has declined to contribute to the organisation of this training, due to the chairs' heavy personal workload, but they will potentially review the content and provide feedback.</p>	
<p><b>8. Advocacy Update</b></p> <p>Together with JEF Slovenia, who the EB thanks for the great advocacy program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christelle and Xesc had coffee with the Croatian ambassador to Slovenia at an enlargement conference and discussed treaty change;</li> <li>- Christelle, Xesc and Kati met with Slovenian MP<sup>8</sup> Sara Zibrat;</li> <li>- Christelle, Xesc, Aléxandros and Kati met with the Slovenian youth council together.</li> </ul> <p>The EB attended the European night debate of JEF Slovenia, with Kati as speaker.</p> <p>Christelle and Alexiane met with Commissioner Kadis to discuss EurHope, and in particular fisheries and biodiversity - as well as own resources.</p> <p>Christelle also:</p>	<p><b>Decision: -</b></p>

<sup>7</sup> Task force

<sup>8</sup> Member of Parliament

- took part in the EESC<sup>9</sup> youth advisory council with President Röpke (as a substitute for Alexiane, who had to attend a work meeting);
- met with MEP Benedetta Scuderi about youth policy dialogues and other youth policies together with YFJ and GCE<sup>10</sup>, initiated by JEF;
- published a text about democracy in the EESC civil society newsletter, accessible to read [here](#);
- a UEF<sup>11</sup> EB meeting and a UEF PC3 meeting on defence;
- spoke at the Electionvisions on Eastern Europe online event of CDNEE<sup>12</sup>.

Xesc and Kati attended:

- the General Assembly of YFJ in Brussels (9-10/05), where a [motion on enlargement submitted by JEF](#) was adopted;
- the Europe Day demonstration by EMI<sup>13</sup> in Brussels (9/05).

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<sup>9</sup> European Economic and Social Committee

<sup>10</sup> Generation Climate Europe

<sup>11</sup> Union of European Federalists

<sup>12</sup> Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe

<sup>13</sup> European Movement International

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- delivered a series of Europe at School talks in a school in Palma (29/04);</li> <li>- attended the YFJ policy commissions (29/04);</li> <li>- hosted an info session for Don't Touch My Schengen (4/05);</li> <li>- joined the 3rd edition of the School on European memories in Houjarray (5-8/05);</li> <li>- attended a meeting of the follow-up group to the Democracy Here Democracy Now campaign of CoE<sup>14</sup> in Brussels (12-13/05);</li> <li>- attended the arrival event of the Serbian students in Brussels (12/05);</li> <li>- spoke at the Democracy festival organised by EU and U at the JEF office in Brussels (14/05).</li> </ul> <p><b>Xesc has been reelected as Member of the Advisory Council on Youth!</b></p> <p>Xesc obtained the largest share of votes of any candidate (61 votes out of a possible 71). Clara Föllner (JEF Germany) and Adam Lambe (JEF Ireland) also were elected in representation of their respective national youth councils. The EB warmly congratulated all these successful candidates.</p>	
<p><b>9. To do list</b></p>	<p><b>Decision: -</b></p>

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<sup>14</sup> Council of Europe

<p>The EB goes over their respective tasks.</p>	
<p><b>10. Section and membership statement receipt update</b></p> <p><b>The Arbitration Board</b> submitted on the 15th of May an opinion on the procedure to follow with JEF Austria. An expulsion letter was sent to JEF Austria before the 6-months deadline. The section has not reached out to request a hearing in front of the AB<sup>15</sup> and FC, as they have the right to.</p> <p><b>JEF Netherlands</b> will hold their general assembly soon, electing a new board and voting on multiple resolutions. The section is going to the EYE<sup>16</sup> in Strasbourg.</p> <p><b>JEF UK</b> is organising a big demonstration on Monday May 19th outside the EU-UK summit.</p> <p><b>JEF Spain</b> organised a successful demonstration/march on Europe Day in Madrid. Local and national news featured them.</p> <p><b>JEF Malta</b> took part in a University event organised to celebrate Europe Day.</p>	<p><b>Decision: -</b></p>

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<sup>15</sup> Arbitration Board

<sup>16</sup> European Youth Event

<p>Many more sections organised events during Europe Day and its week and JEF Europe thanks them for their commitment.</p>	
<p><b>11. Next board meeting date and location</b></p> <p>One meeting will take place in Brussels, but the 2nd one will probably not be taking place in Sweden as the President of JEF Sweden will not be there.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><i>EB will continue looking for a date and place to organise the next in person EB meeting.</i></b></li> </ul>
<p><b>12. AOB</b></p> <p>No AOB.</p>	<p><b>Decision: -</b></p>

The EB meeting closes at 20:36 CEST.