

FC BELGRADE

2025-2027 MANDATE

EB Report



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5 EB Priorities

Resilient finances

**Inclusive membership
growth**

Global federalism

EU treaty change

Advocacy for hope



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EB MEETINGS



- 1st online EB meeting
18th November

- 2nd online EB meeting
18th December
- 3rd online EB meeting
5th January
- 4th online EB meeting
14th January
- 5th online EB meeting
28th January
- 6th online EB meeting
11th February
- 7th online EB meeting
25th February
- 8th online EB meeting
11th March

- 9th online EB meeting
25th March
- 10th online EB meeting
8th April



- 1st in-person EB meeting
5-7th December

EBXFC MEETINGS



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WHERE'VE WE BEEN



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STATEMENTS



Representation & External Engagement

- FPF: Presentation in Berlin & panel/advocacy meeting in Brussels
- Lviv: Participation in the closing of the European Capital of Youth
- Istanbul: Panel on participatory democracy & human rights (Human Rights Day, EU consulates)
- Brussels: European Democracy Support Conference
- Paris (Jean Monnet House): Panel and seminar on European defence & federalist agenda
- Brussels: Panel at JEF Brussels event on LGBTQI+ & women in politics





Advocacy & EU Policy Engagement

- Participation in CULT Hearing on Erasmus+ Regulation (2028–2035)
- Meeting with European Youth Forum President Rareș Voicu
- Meeting with MEP Sabrina Repp (Erasmus+, MFF, Youth Strategy)
- Meeting with Hanna Veiler (European Jewish Students Union)
- Meeting with Pulse of Europe Brussels President
- Meeting with European Parliament Director-General for Communication (Christian Mangold)
- Federalist Peace Forum (FPF) – meetings with MEPs, CSOs, EU stakeholders
- Various meetings with members of the Spinelli Group





JEF Events



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Partnerships & Movement Building

- Engagement with UEF:
 - Athens: Federal Committee
 - Barcelona: Congress
 - Board meetings
- Working together with new partners: Meeting with CUNCR & iGreen (climate cooperation), Land Beyond, European Youth Press...
- Establishing contacts with the PPYOs in Brussels
- Starting the work on academic cooperations: Meeting with Maastricht University (FASoS Dean) – academic cooperation
- Starting the work with political foundations: Meeting with FEPS Secretary-General (László Andor), Böll Foundation, ...
- Political foundations



Office move of JEF Europe / Archiving



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Representation and Coordination with Federalist Forces

- EMI assembly 20-21 November, Copenhagen
- UEF FC 21-23 november, Athens
- UEF Congress 20-22 March, Barcelona
- EMI PC1 Citizen participation and Fundamental Rights
- UEF Action Committe for the United States Of Europe
- UEF PC1 Federalist strategies for Treaty Change
- Creation of a Coordination Group



Democracy Under Pressure



not just activism! Political pressure - institutions and Youth wing of the eu political families + Report drafting and publication



Democracy Under Pressure



20 years of DuP event – EP



Working group ----> Dup Statement

**Young european Socialists, Young european Democrats,
Lymec, Young Europeans Greens, Youth PPE**

EUkraine



Hungary Elections



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COE consultative meeting "Strength and resilience of international youth organisations"

1. Introduction
2. Goals & Structure
3. Priority 4-50

Key Questions

1. MISSION - How it connects with others (networks, activities)
2. VISIONS - Where, How, How often
3. How are we connected? (networks, communication, collaboration)
4. Top 3 Challenges that we face now
5. How do we connect to national organisations?
6. How do we work together?
7. BUSINESS PARTNERS
8. STRUCTURE
9. CHALLENGES

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European Youth Centre Budapest
21-23 January 2026

European Youth Forum

Call for Jef candidates

**Structured collaboration with jefers in
The National Youth council**

working group for the YFJ Congress

**mapping and collaborative s with PPYO's
and members organizations**



COMING SOON

Jean Monnet School on Memories

- 4-7 May 2026
- coordinated with partners
- designed the program
- got more fundings for DuP Campaign
- got more JEF participants
- Report & structured collaboration

INTERNATIONAL VENTOTENE SEMINAR
SAVE THE DATES 30/08-04/09



SAKHAROV PRIZE CEREMONY

- HEARD PANELS FROM SAKHAROV PRIZE LAUREATS AND FINALISTS
- MET OTHER CSO REPRESENTATIVES AND FORMED CONNECTIONS FOR FUTURE COOPERATIONS
- MET THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT SOPHIE WILMÉS



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KALMAR SEMINAR

- PARTICIPATED IN A PANEL "NORDIC-BALTIC REGIONAL COOPERATION IN TIMES OF GEOPOLITICAL TENSIONS"



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CLIMDM

- FIRST EVENT CLIMATE ACTION ACADEMY HELD IN ROTTERDAM ON MARCH
- SECOND EVENT PLANNED TO CHIȘINĂU ON JUNE



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WHAT ELSE?

- OBOARDING AND TEAMBUILDING
- COOPERATION WITH SECTIONS
- SUPPORTING PC2 AND TF E&D
- BEING THE MAIN CONTACT FOR THE DEFC
- REPRESENTING JEF IN GCE
- REPRESENTING JEF IN SALTO'S CO-CREATION GROUP ABOUT INCLUSIVE YOUTH PARTICIPATION
- SUPPORTING ON FEDERALIST LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
- WRITING APPLICATIONS



DIVERSIFY INCOME SOURCES

- 1 DONATION CAMPAIGN IN COLLABORATION WITH THE FEMINISTXFEDERALIST PROJECT
- OVERVIEW OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND FUNDING FORESIGHT (5 PRIVATE APPLICATIONS, 9 ERASMUS+ APPLICATIONS, 3-4 CERV APPLICATIONS)
- EMPOWERMENT OF EB AND FC MEMBERS TO SUPPORT PROJECT APPLICATIONS TO LINK FINANCIAL DECISIONS TO POLITICAL PRIORITIES
- FIRST STEPS IN STARTING A NETWORK OF UNIVERSITIES TO JOIN MORE HORIZON EUROPE APPLICATIONS (IDEA OF A FEDERALIST THINK TANK)
- MEETING WITH A POLITICAL FOUNDATION (FNF)



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RISK MANAGEMENT AND TRANSPARENCY

- DRAFTING OF THE INTERNAL RESOLUTION ON FINANCIAL GUIDELINES TO HOST STATUTORY EVENT
- ORGANISATION OF FINANCIAL SITUATION UPDATE WITH THE SECTIONS (JANUARY)
- CREATION OF THE JEF TREASURERS NETWORK WHATSAPP GROUP – PLEASE JOIN
- CREATION OF THE AUDITORS+TREASURER WHATSAPP GROUP
- RISK MITIGATION MEASURES: FREEZE OF EB TRAVELS, FINANCIAL CLOSURE OF 2025, STRUCTURATION OF THE BUDGETARY METHODOLOGY WITH SG.
- STRENGTHENING OF THE SOLIDARITY FUND UNDER FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS



CAPACITY BUILDING

- CO-CREATION OF THE FEDERALIST LEADERSHIP ACADEMY PROGRAMME WITH TF CAPACITY-BUILDING
- COORDINATION OF THE TRAINERS TEAM
- SUPPORT IN THE CLIMATE ACTION ACADEMY IN ROTTERDAM



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POLICY PORTFOLIOS

- EU BUDGET / MFF: PREPARATION OF MORITZ FOR THE MEETING WITH RAPPORTEURS OF ERASMUS IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
- RURAL AREAS: STRENGTHENING OF THE ADVOCACY TIES WITH RURAL YOUTH EUROPE (UPCOMING PROJECT APPLICATION)
- VIDEO ON ABUSE OF COHESION POLICY FUNDS FOR DEMOCRACY UNDER PRESSURE
- COOPERATION WITH THE FEMINISTXFEDERALIST PROJECT AND WORK ON GENDER EQUALITY PROJECT WRITING (CERV DEADLINE)



Federalist Peace Forum (1/2)

- Advocacy Trip in Berlin.
- Event in Beit Jala, Palestine.
- Advocacy Trip to Brussels.



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Federalist Peace Forum (2/2)

- Two online events - a discussion on nationalism and a discussion within the Task Force.
- Upcoming trilateral training program - apply now!
- Outstanding funding applications (Erasmus, COE, Strassbourg Agora)



	01.06.2026
 World federalism	01.06.2026 World federalism
 European Federalism	18.05.2026 European Federalism
 Free trade and movement	04.05.2026 Free trade and movement
 General History	20.04.2026 General History



Task Force for Global Federalism

- Three meetings of the Task Force.
- Establishment of International Ventotene Community
- Funding application with African Federalists
- Formation of working group - join us!



Global Advocacy

- Representation at the Basel Peace Forum Intergenerational Dialogue
- Joining art. 109 coalition
- Advocacy with UN leadership candidates



Policy and Organizational Portfolios

- TNF is rocking it!
- Involvement of PCs and FC in advocacy (to be discussed in EBXFC meeting)
- Multiple statements on policy areas (US-EU relations, Global Peacebuilding, Middle East situation)
- Significant implementation of four years strategy with regards to transparency and internal democracy

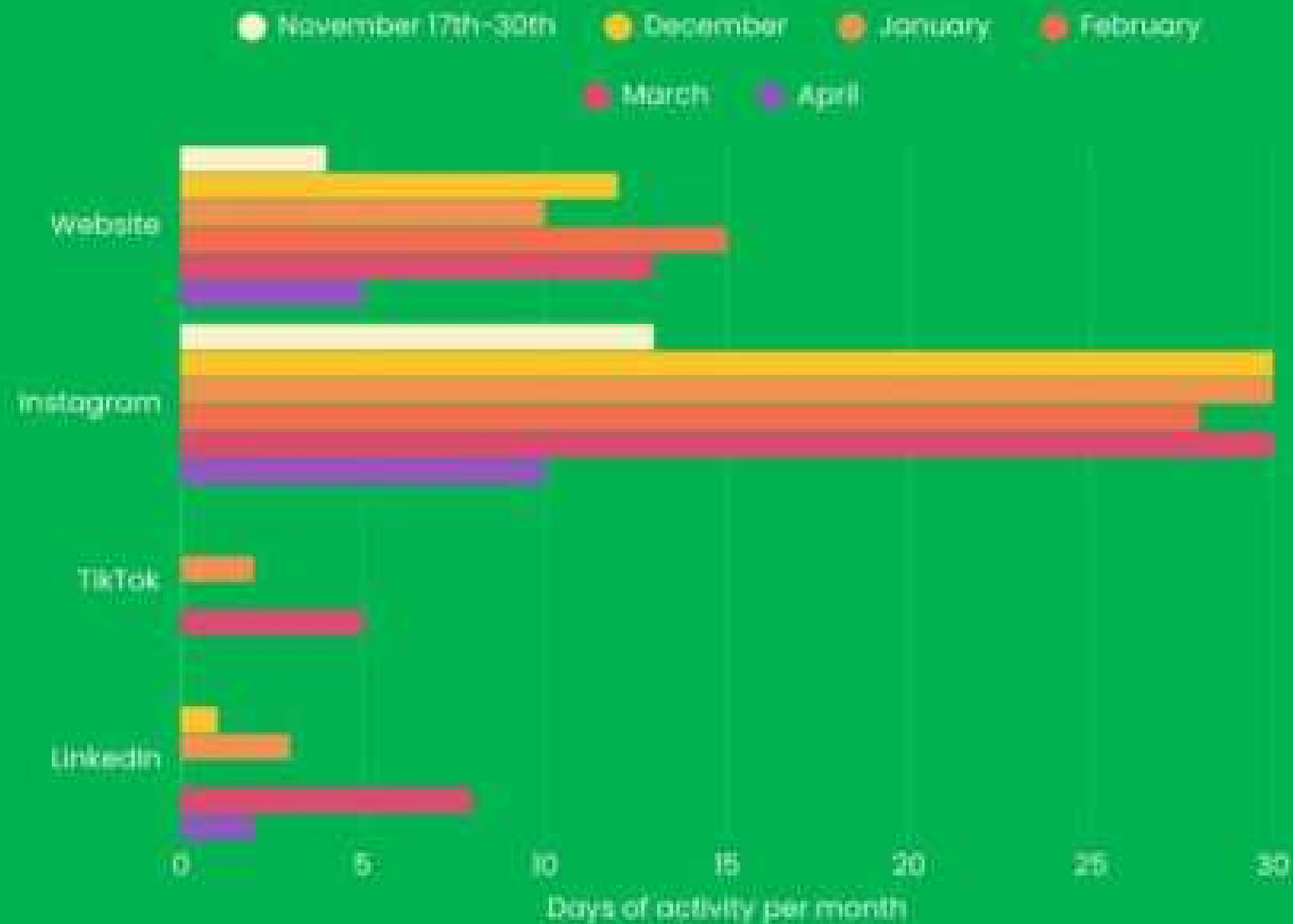


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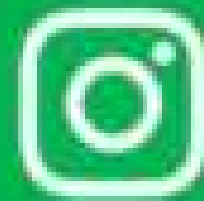
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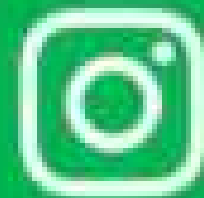
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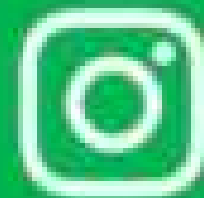


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MORE TOOLS?



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Digital Euro

Economic Competitiveness Portfolio

- Application for a grant on promoting Literacy for Digital Euro
 - The structure would aim to make JEF the main intermediary between technical institutions and civil society in promoting understanding of the Digital Euro, including a media campaign and consultations
 - Regardless of outcome, we will be keeping the structure of the proposal and seeking alternative funding if this call does not work



Meetings

International Trade Portfolio

- Met with different representatives:
 - Business Europe
 - Trade Attaches working in implementation of EU-India FTA
 - Trade Attaches working in implementation of EU-Mercosur
- Potential cooperation with actors on implementation of Draghi competitiveness report
- To be launched: Short-term advocacy for the portfolio: looking ahead at Iceland's referendum in August 2026, effectively promote common trade policy as a primary benefit of EU membership for Iceland



Defence Union

Security & Defence Portfolio

- Received the portfolio as of mid-march 2026.
- Currently planning two activities:
 - An event on the role of youth in defence together with YEPP, potentially including politicians
 - A roundtable discussion from different political party youths on the future of EU defence integration
- Talking with European Security & Defence College (ESDC, under EEAS) on the possibility of conducting series of interviews with their PhD fellows on their work on EU defence and how its related with EU integration



JEF Enlargement – Montenegro

Sections

- Strategic plan for enlarging JEF Montenegro, together with current JEF Montenegro members
 - **Currently:** two active members with experience and willingness, but not residing in Montenegro and who will need to be inactive in the mid-to-long term
- **Plan:**
 - **Short-term:** Coordinate advertisement and recruiting for a new board
 - **Mid-term:** recruit new people and provide funded opportunities and administrative help
- **Current stage:** interest from 5+ individuals in staffing a new EB



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Grants Lab – 1st ed.

- 16 sections involved
- 100+ online meetings held
- 43+ grant applications drafted and submitted
- €1,500,000+ in potential funding for whole network.

Feedback from you:

- Clarity of explanations ★★★★★
- Usefulness of content ★★★★★
- Relevance to section needs ★★★★★
- Quality of materials/templates ★★★★★
- Mentor support ★★★★★
- Overall satisfaction ★★★★★

Indicator	Before	After	Change
Confidence in applying	1.0	3.5	+2.5
Ability to develop ideas	–	4.0	High
Understanding of KA1	–	3.5	Moderate-High
Collaboration capacity	–	4.5	Very High

Grants Lab 2nd ed. will start in June!!!



Projects for JEF Europe

Applied

- 1 applications for FC in Athens
- 2 applications for Erasmus+ capacity building projects (Eastern Neighbourhood; South Mediterranean).
- JEF Europe joined 3 KA220 projects as partners
- 2 CERV applications (ongoing work, deadline - 26.04)

Closed

- NEXT GEN JEF
- RAISE
- CompleEU (in process of reporting)

Ongoing:

- Ways of Europe - CERV
 - 10 micro-grants awarded to sections - €2,500 total
 - 5 upcoming micro-grant opportunities - €1,500 total (€300 each)
- In person EBxFC meeting in Riga

Micro granting procedure and guide/toolkit for sections with templates.



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Advocacy and policy directions

Representation:

- Caux Democracy Forum - Initiative of change
- Baltic Security Conference
- Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe
- CoE Seminar: Strengthening young people's critical thinking in the digital era
- MIJARC Europe
- The European Peer Training Organisation

Policy:

EU Enlargement - new campaign kicks off soon

Eastern partnership - JEF Eastern Neighbourhood - JEF x x

JEF Enlargement:

Coordinating interest groups in Lithuania (5 people) and Armenia (3 people)



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Organisational stabilisation

- Kept the Secretariat running during a period of HR and financial pressure
- Ensured continuity of core operations and delivery under highly demanding conditions
- Helped the organisation avoid major disruption at a particularly fragile moment
- Maintained day-to-day functioning while wider structural and financial issues were being addressed



Organisational stabilisation

- Initiated cooperation with the Heinrich-Böll Foundation, leading to a €10,000 donation supporting CompletEU and the Georgia simulation.
- Drafted the successful EYF Structural Grant application within the first weeks in office, helping secure support for the organisation for the next two years.
- Drafted the post-Congress Erasmus+ Youth SGA (alongside Moritz & Anna), integrating feedback, mitigating risks and strengthening the proposal in a highly competitive process.
- Reworked the Climate & Democracy 2026 budget and accounting structure to match the new templates and financial requirements of EYF.
- Finalised the 2025 CERV Operating Grant reporting, including reconstruction and drafting of 16 deliverables.
- Contributed to securing medium-term financial stability for JEF Europe at a moment of significant uncertainty.
- Managed a substantial volume of administrative and legal follow-up, (Moniteur Belge)



Office transition, cost efficiency and institutional delivery

- Co-led the organisational transition to the new office, including the timely handling of formal notice requirements with subtenants and the master lease landlord, which was critical to avoiding contractual and financial complications.
- Supported the conclusion of the new lease arrangement and coordinated the practical move to the new premises, including repairs, wall restoration, clearance of old furniture, archiving and in-house logistical organisation.
- Helped generate substantial cost savings by carrying out a large share of the move and repair work internally rather than relying on external service providers, demonstrating a high level of operational commitment under budgetary constraints.
- Contributed to the delivery of Congress 2025, one of the most demanding statutory events of the mandate, under difficult logistical conditions and at a moment of wider organisational pressure.



THANK YOU



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