



Motion

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Motion text

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3 JEF Europe,

4 ● Affirming its commitment to disseminate federalist perspectives on European
5 and international affairs;

6 ● Highlighting the need for a European-wide public sphere as a key building
7 block of a well functioning European-level democracy;

8 ● Honouring the long history of JEF's magazine, from paper editions of The New
9 Federalist published from the 1970s, to the web magazine launched by JEF France
10 in 2005; ● Proud of the achievements of the JEF web magazines, today available
11 in seven languages and providing an additional multilingual space for articles
12 in other languages [1];

13 ● Recognising the work of national and local JEF sections which run their own
14 magazines outside the multilingual JEF web magazine platform, both online and in
15 print;

16 ● Acknowledging that magazines published by JEF offer a platform for aspiring
17 journalists, and enable JEF volunteers to enhance their journalistic skills and
18 level of reflection on European affairs;

- 19 ● Recognising the academic value of the web magazine, as evidenced by citations
20 of the magazine's articles in academic papers and research work on EU affairs;
- 21 ● Convinced that the JEF web magazine is one of the leading and most well-
22 established youth led platforms for commentary and journalism on EU affairs;
- 23 ● Committed to ensuring a prominent role for the JEF web magazine in the
24 organisation's work and external communications;
- 25 ● Recognising the need for a clear organisational framework and allocation of
26 responsibilities between JEF Europe and the national sections regarding the
27 management of the web magazine;
- 28 ● Noting that the management of a language edition of the web magazine involves
29 tasks such as ensuring that the edition has one or more active Editors, assuming
30 legal responsibility for the contents published by the edition, and offering
31 capacity-building support for the edition;
- 32 ● Recognising that JEF Europe has particularly exercised leadership in managing
33 the English edition of the web magazine, whereas other language editions might
34 have different kinds of relations with their JEF section of reference;
- 35 ● Committed to preserving the editorial independence of all editions of the web
36 magazine;
- 37 ● Convinced of the benefits of close cooperation between the language editions
38 of the web magazine, taking forms such as mutual translation of articles,
39 sharing of resources, and joint editorial initiatives; English (The New
40 Federalist), French (Le Taurillon), German (Treffpunkt Europa), Italian
41 (EuroBull), Finnish/Swedish ((Tähdistö), Romanian (România Europeană).

42 JEF Europe therefore,

43 1. Assumes the responsibility for providing organisational and management
44 support for the English language edition of the web magazine;

45 2. Recognises that every language edition has an editorial board which holds
46 responsibility for the functioning of the edition, and that this board might be
47 linked, with different rules or practices, to a national or local JEF section of
48 reference. Where needed, JEF-Europe may exchange with these sections on issues
49 related to the editions;

- 50 **3. Encourages the participation of national and candidate JEF sections in**
51 **countries where the language of an existing language edition is widely spoken in**
52 **the management of the language editions, subject to an agreement between the**
53 **sections concerned;**
- 54 **4. Recognises that the JEF Europe President should act as the responsible party**
55 **regarding the English language edition of the web magazine and for the**
56 **multilingual space, thereby holding legal responsibility for the publications;**
- 57 **5. Tasks each language edition to define and publicly communicate its policy for**
58 **the assignment of legal responsibility for the contents published in the**
59 **editions, where appropriate with the support of the national sections supporting**
60 **the editions and in line with the jurisdiction applying to the language edition;**
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- 62 **6. Requests that at the beginning of every even year, a meeting of all the**
63 **representatives of the language editions will review the status of the**
64 **publishing software and will appoint responsible people for the technical**
65 **management and, if needed, an upgrade of the publishing software, the costs of**
66 **which will be shared by the language editions impacted;**
- 67 **7. Agrees that a section or group responsible for the management of a language**
68 **edition may, after giving reasonable advance notice, delegate the responsibility**
69 **to JEF Europe;**
- 70 **8. Acknowledges that JEF-France currently holds the technical management of the**
71 **web platform and that for the sake of technical clarity, this should remain so**
72 **until a common work on a new web platform is launched;**
- 73 **9. Resolves that the decisions on the appointment and dismissal of the**
74 **Editor(s)-in-Chief of the English language edition should be made by the JEF**
75 **Europe Executive Board, acting in consultation with the Editor(s)-in-Chief of**
76 **the English language edition and, where appropriate, the JEF Europe Secretariat;**
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- 78 **10. Specifies that the selection of the Editor(s)-in-Chief of the English**
79 **language edition should follow an open and transparent application process;**
- 80 **11. Tasks the Editor(s)-in-Chief of the English language edition with recruiting**
81 **and leading an editorial board for the language edition;**

- 82 **12. Acknowledges that the Editor(s)-in-Chief of the English language edition**
83 **possess editorial independence and responsibility regarding the management of**
84 **the day-to-day affairs of the edition;**
- 85 **13. Commits to appoint a point of contact from within the Executive Board of JEF**
86 **Europe which will be responsible for communication and coordination between JEF**
87 **Europe and the English language edition;**
- 88 **14. Advises the sections or groups responsible for a language edition to define**
89 **the procedures for appointing and dismissing the Editor(s)-in-Chief and the**
90 **editorial boards of their respective language editions, in cases where such a**
91 **procedure is not already in place;**
- 92 **15. Requests the sections responsible for a language edition to inform JEF**
93 **Europe and the Editors-in-Chief of other language editions of the contact**
94 **details of the edition's Editor(s)-in-Chief;**
- 95 **16. Calls for Editors-in-Chief of the language editions to maintain consistent**
96 **lines of communication, and to organise periodical meetings to discuss the**
97 **cooperation between the language editions, facilitated by JEF Europe where**
98 **appropriate;**
- 99 **17. Resolves that decisions on the creation of a new language edition should be**
100 **made by the national or candidate section of the country/countries where the**
101 **language is widely spoken, jointly with JEF Europe;**
- 102 **18. Resolves that the decisions should be made in light of criteria for the**
103 **establishment of a language edition to be defined by the Editors-in-Chief of**
104 **existing language editions, and that Editors-in-Chief of the existing language**
105 **editions should be consulted on the decisions;**
- 106 **19. Resolves that in the absence of a national or candidate section, JEF Europe**
107 **may in duly justified circumstances decide to create a language edition,**
108 **following the process set out above;**
- 109 **20. Decides that where a language edition has fallen inactive, the Editors-in-**
110 **Chief of other language editions may jointly make recommendations to the section**
111 **responsible for the edition and to JEF Europe regarding the course of action to**
112 **be taken;**
- 113 **21. Decides that where the section responsible for the edition is unable to**

114 carry out the tasks related to the management of the language edition, JEF
115 Europe may take on the tasks, while keeping the section informed;

116 22. Commits to continuing its work to identify and offer capacity-building
117 opportunities, including project funding, designed to promote the development of
118 the web magazine;

119 23. Notes that the language editions of the web magazine have the possibility to
120 share announcements via JEF Europe's internal and external communication
121 channels, including JEF newsletters and social media communications;

122 24. Encourages JEF sections to promote the opportunity to read and contribute to
123 the web magazine, and to foster connections between the editorial team members
124 of the language editions, the wider JEF membership, and young people at large;

125 25. Commits to involve the language editions, as appropriate, where JEF Europe
126 becomes aware of an editorial collaboration opportunity with a partner.