



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;

11 ● Proud of the achievements of the JEF web magazines, today available in four
12 languages;

13 ● Recognising the work of national and local JEF sections which run their own
14 magazines outside the multilingual JEF web magazine platform;

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

- 18 ● Recognising the academic value of the web magazine, as evidenced by citations
19 of the magazine's articles in academic papers and research work on EU affairs;
- 20 ● Convinced that the JEF web magazine is one of the leading and most well-
21 established youth led platforms for commentary and journalism on EU affairs;
- 22 ● Committed to ensuring a prominent role for the JEF web magazine in the
23 organisation's work and external communications;
- 24 ● Recognising the need for a clear organisational framework and allocation of
25 responsibilities between JEF Europe and the national sections regarding the
26 management of the web magazine;
- 27 ● Noting that the management of a language edition of the web magazine involves
28 tasks such as ensuring that the edition has one or more active Editors, assuming
29 legal responsibility for the contents published by the edition, and offering
30 capacity-building support for the edition;
- 31 ● Recognising that JEF Europe has particularly exercised leadership in managing
32 the English language edition of the web magazine, whereas other language
33 editions might have different kinds of relations with their JEF section of
34 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 (Treffpunkteuropa), and Italian
41 (Eurobull).

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 other language edition has an editorial board which
46 holds responsibility for the functioning of the edition, and that this board
47 might be linked, with different rules or practices, to a national or local JEF
48 section of reference. Where needed, JEF Europe may exchange with these sections

49 on issues 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.**