



# Motion

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**Title:** On the management of the multilingual JEF web magazine

## 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, thereby holding  
56 legal responsibility for the publication;

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 the social media platforms, discussing possible changes,  
65 and working in partnership with the JEF Europe Executive Board - and in  
66 particular, the Treasurer - to implement said changes.;

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, due to being out of date and difficult to update, JEF  
72 Europe will investigate the feasibility of moving to a new web platform;

73 9. Resolves that the decisions on the appointment and dismissal of the Editorial  
74 Board of the English language edition should be made by the JEF Europe Executive  
75 Board, acting in consultation with the Editor(s)-in-Chief of the English  
76 language edition and, where appropriate, the JEF Europe Secretariat;

77 10. Specifies that the selection of the Editor(s)-in-Chief of the English  
78 language edition should follow an open and transparent application process;

79 11. Tasks the Editor(s)-in-Chief of the English language edition with  
80 interviewing for the Editorial Board of the edition;

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

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

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

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

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

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