

# Infokit Training Days JEF Belgium 2019

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## Venue & Accommodation

Hostel “De Blauwput”  
Martelarenlaan 11A, 3010 Leuven  
(2 minutes away from the train station)

## Code of Conduct

[https://jefbelgium.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Code\\_of\\_Conduct\\_JEF-Belgium.pdf](https://jefbelgium.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Code_of_Conduct_JEF-Belgium.pdf)

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## Emergency numbers

- General organisation: Elisa +49 173 978 49 70
- Workshops: Anna +32 472 560 477
- Pan-European number for all emergencies: 112

## Wifi

Wifi is available in the common areas and seminar rooms.

## Packing list

Please bring a towel if you stay overnight.

## Travel reimbursement

Due to a new grant, it is now possible to get your travel costs reimbursed. After the training days, please send an email with your tickets to [treasurer@jefbelgium.eu](mailto:treasurer@jefbelgium.eu). Subject: “Travel reimbursement TDs 2019”

## Timeline

### Friday

- Till 18:00: Check-in at “De blauwput” hostel in Leuven
- 18:00 - 18:30: Welcoming + Introduction (GROTE ZAAL)
- **18:30 - 19:30: Workshop Round 1**
  - (1A) Federalism? - “help me get started!” (KLEINE ZAAL)
  - (1B) In-depth federalism (GROTE ZAAL)
- **19:30 - 21:30: Dinner out + First idea collection for action**
- 21:30 - 22:00: Treasure Hunt
- 22:00 - open end: Get to know each other

### Saturday

- **08:30 - 09:30: Breakfast at hostel**
- **09:45 - 11:15: Workshop Round 2**
  - (2A) Capacity building & membership outreach (GROTE ZAAL)
  - (2B) Advocacy & activism (KLEINE ZAAL)
- **11:15 - 11:30: Coffee break at hostel**
- **11:30 - 13:00: Workshop Round 3**
  - (3A) Why You Hate Newsletters But Like The News And Love A Letter (BAR)
  - (3B) Raise and spend your first 1,000€ (GROTE ZAAL)
- **13:00 - 14:30: Lunch break at hostel**
- **14:30 - 16:00: Workshop Round 4**
  - (4A) Structures, duties & rights (for local sections) (GROTE ZAAL)
  - (4B) Let's do this ! The know-how of successful Project Management (RESTO ZAAL)
- **16:00 - 16:15: Coffee break at hostel**
- **16:15 - 17:45: Workshop Round 5**
  - (5A) Opportunities in JEF on the European level (GROTE ZAAL)
  - (5B) Federalism applied to current affairs - climate change (RESTO ZAAL)
- **17:45 - 18:15: Debriefing for Saturday & Briefing for Action** (GROTE ZAAL)
- **18:15 - 18:30 Picture**
- **18:30 - 19:30: Dinner at hostel**
- **19:30 - 20:30: Discussion round on how federalism can help us win the challenges of today** (GROTE ZAAL)
- **20:30 - 21:30: Barcamp & group creation** (GROTE ZAAL)
- 21:30 - open end: Get to know each other

### Sunday

- **09:00 - 09:45: Breakfast at hostel**
- **10:00 - 12:00: Plan your action + Presentations of actions** (GROTE ZAAL)
- **12:00 - 12:30: Feedback round** (GROTE ZAAL)
- **TIME FOR ACTION**
- Optional sightseeing tour

## Workshop description

### (1A) Federalism? - “help me get started!



**Speaker:** Christopher Glueck - Chris is active in the federalist movement since 2009 and currently is Vice President of the Union of European Federalists. Between 2015 and 2019 he was President of JEF Europe. Aside from JEF, he has working experience in the British government and the European Parliament, which made him only more convinced that federalism is the only way forward for the EU.

**Description:** A short introduction to federalism as a political system

### (1B) In-depth federalism - different understandings & perspectives

**Speaker:**

Sebastiano Putoto - is a member of the Executive Board of the Young European Federalists (JEF) since 2017, having held executive roles at national and local levels of JEF Belgium before that. Professionally, he has worked on EU economic and monetary affairs, banking and financial services, and the EU budget. He irregularly writes (and more often tweets) about EU institutional reform and democratic governance.



Francesco Violi - PhD candidate at the Canterbury Christ Church University, where he researched federalism and Eurozone governance and cooperated on projects on federalism and post-conflict scenarios. He founded JEF Emilia-Romagna in 2012 and was member of JEF Italy National Board from 2013 to 2015. He moved to Brussels in September 2018 to take part in a Blue Book Traineeship at DG ECFIN. He is currently a co-opted member of the JEF Belgium national board.

**Description:** The workshop will be divided in two parts. In the first part, Francesco will provide an overview of federalist thinking beyond the Ventotene manifesto, trying to define and assess federalism as a theory and normative principle. In the second part, Sebastiano will try to bring participants to discuss some of the most complex questions that relate to federalist theory and practice, in order to stimulate a wider understanding of federalist activism.

## (2A) Capacity building & membership outreach

**Speaker:** Philipp Blum - Philipp is a 28 year old computer scientist from Germany. Formerly he lived in The Netherlands and Finland, before discovering volunteering in 2013. Since that time, he spent (too much) time on projects enabling youngsters in Europe to have a better life (in some way). For 2019, he headed on the Y Vote project, which aimed at enabling youngsters to make an educated vote at the European Parliament elections. Apart from volunteering, you can find him with his camera, in a plane or having a wine.



**Description:** How a thematic and sustainable HR cycle can help your NGO grow

## (2B) Advocacy & activism

**Speaker:**



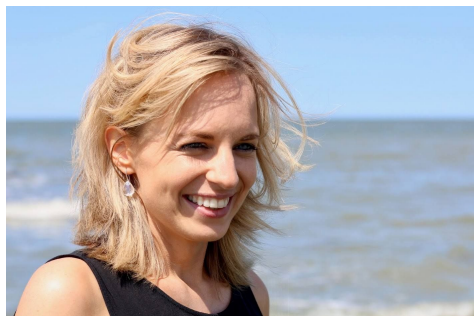
Jesse Colzani - After graduating in Law at the University of Milan, Jesse specialized in EU and international law, while developing a passion for technology and geopolitics. He currently is Legal Affairs Officer at The Good Lobby and is conducting academic research on the legal implications of blockchain technology. Jesse is Italian, although he was born in London and lived across Europe, South America, and the USA.

Giuseppe Airò's - Giuseppe graduated in Political Science at the University of Turin, with a focus on European studies, after earning his bachelor's degree in Genoa. He has a genuine interest in both fields of digital communication and academic research. After writing his thesis on lobbying and participatory democracy in the European Union, he joined The Good Lobby as Communications Officer.



**Description:** What are the biggest main points of a successful advocacy action? How can regular citizens be activists?

### (3A) Why You Hate Newsletters But Like The News And Love A Letter



**Speaker:** Sarah Johanna Dejaegher - Communications Officer at Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship; Former JEF activist (2010 - 2015)

**Description:** Most newsletters are lame and end up in your 'trash' before you've even opened them. Yet, the 'digital letter' could be your most powerful communication instrument. One well-crafted mail can do a much better job at informing, inspiring and activating your audience

than 1000 posts on social media. When done well, mail marketing can give you the highest ROI values. During this workshop, we'll briefly explore together how we can grow our list of subscribers and keep them happy with irresistible email campaigns.

### (3B) Raise and spend your first 1,000€

**Speaker:** Christelle Savall - A dedicated member of JEF since 2012, I was treasurer of JEF-France in 2016-17 where I managed a budget of c. €150,000 and co-organised different seminars. I am now based in Luxembourg where I work for the EIB and volunteer for JEF-Europe on Capacity Building. I love dancing so I look forward to help you find your feet with finances and fundraising!

**Description:** This interactive workshop will give you the know-how to manage the finances of a local section as well as an overview of the main sources of cash and in-kind funding for local sections. We will cover the different tools and rules to manage the finances of a section (including budget and reporting) and review the stages and steps of grant applications whether local or for ERASMUS projects but also learn how to earn money and attract members at the same time!



### (4A) ABC for Local Sections



**Speaker:** Ine Tollenaers - Former JEF Belgium President; since October 2019 JEF Europe FC member. Loves memes.

**Description:** Rights and obligations of local sections of JEF Belgium & tips and tricks on how to run a local section. I promise the workshop will be more fun than it sounds!



## (4B) Let's do this ! The know-how of Successful Project Management

### Speaker:

Hélène Decottigny - I recently read that our generation is more about Meaning than ever. Being a young activist for years, and most notably within JEF, gave me the opportunity to strive for what I find meaningful. Through practice, I developed skills, learned about people and project management and other things that make up the lives of young volunteers. But I also learned a great deal about myself. In the same spirit, I hope that this workshop can contribute to your development, both as a person and an activist.



Catarina Bustorff - I deeply believe we all have our role to play in making the world a slightly better place - being it at local, national or global level - and that through our commitment today we can shape the future in the way we envision it. Therefore, I try to fill my free time with exciting and meaningful initiatives. My knowledge about project management mostly did not come from books and theoretical courses. On the contrary, I have acquired it through multiple on-the-field experiences throughout my engagement within several civil society organisations - and mainly the European Youth Parliament. I am convinced each person has its own style and approach when it comes to envisioning and implementing a project, and I certainly do not hold the key to all of your questions, but hopefully we will be able to answer some of them together.

**Description:** Project & Event Lifecycle management in Youth Organisations is all about empowering the young activist in you. Empowering you by making your work more efficient and relevant than ever. In this workshop, you will be able to reflect on and apply the basic concepts and tools in relation to project management. Amongst others, you will have the opportunity to discover how to manage and motivate the people involved, how to ensure comprehensive planning and smooth execution of the tasks, and finally, how to assure the quality and evaluation of your project. One of the overarching goals will also be to build up “clef-en-main” projects for JEF local sections. The training will be based on experience sharing, self and mutual-learning as well as learning by doing.

## (5A) Opportunities in JEF on the European level

### Speaker:

Emma Farrugia has been a member of JEF (Young European Federalists) since 2011. She previously held the positions of JEF Malta International Officer, JEF Malta President, JEF Europe Executive Board Member and has recently been elected as Vice-President of JEF Europe. She is currently living in Brussels while reading for an LLM in International and European Public Law at KU Leuven.



**Description:** This workshop gives the participants a better understanding of all the work that is being done by the different bodies on the European level and how the organisation functions as a whole. It gives an exhaustive description of all the different areas in which participants could contribute in, and all the different opportunities that they could take advantage of. The aim of this training is to encourage and empower more people to get involved on the European level in order to make decision-making at JEF Europe as inclusive and as pluralistic as possible, which in the end reflects the core values of JEF.

## (5B) Hands-on federalism - applied to current affairs - climate change



**Speaker:** Ola, I am Nicolas Hubert, I am Secretary General of JEF Liège and I will be your humble servant for the workshop on the EU's energy and climate policy. Valorous Liégeois, my unconditional love for the EU and energy affairs has brought me to Brussels, where I currently work for an NGO on greening EU public financing, in particular cohesion funds. I look forward to these training days for tons of nerdy discussions and fun in beautiful Leuven!

**Description:** According to the IPCC Special Report, at current emissions levels, by 2028, mankind will have depleted its remaining carbon budget to limit a temperature increase of less than 1.5°C. As energy accounts for more than 75% of the EU's greenhouse gas emissions, the sector will have to undertake a radical transformation in the coming years. It will undoubtedly be a challenging undertaking

given that energy remains a particularly sensitive area for member states which retain the right to determine their energy mix. On this workshop's agenda: how does the energy sector contribute to climate change? What is the EU doing concretely in the fight against climate breakdown? And what solutions can federalism offer to make our energy systems cleaner, more democratic and more just? Bring your good mood, curiosity and creativity to solve this together!