Draft Minutes of the Closing Conference of the “I Choose Europe” Campaign

Short Minutes of Monday 20 January-Final conference of #IChooseEurope

- Milosh, Secretary General of JEF, makes the introduction remarks and introduces the “I choose Europe campaign”. Introduction by Maria, the facilitator.
- Michal explains the different advocacy campaign organised locally by the partners of the project.
- The Speakers of the first panel, different activists explain their experiences and their local campaigns: From activist from Italy present the project carried out to the 18 year old polish activist explains the advocacy trainings carried out in their home countries. From JEF Belgium, they share they experience coordinating the “I choose Europe” campaign in Belgium. She also explains the social media campaign run by JEF Belgium.
- After the interventions of the different activists, the facilitator opened the floor to other activists wishing to share their experiences. Also they have the opportunity to exchange some more views on the campaigns with the speakers.
- The second panel gathers further activists and engages more actively with the public, inviting other activist present to continue sharing their experiences.
- The first day of the Final Conference closes with the reception and dinner, dedicated to thank the effort of the partners and the activists.

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- The Panel-discussion and debate starts at 09:15. Paolo, Secretary General of the UEF, introduces the topic of the Conference on the Future of Europe.
- Introductory interventions from the MEPs.
- Paolo exchange views with MEP Brando Benifei, MEP Damian Boeselager, Daniel Freund, Leonie Martin, President of JEF, and MEP Eva Maydell on the role of the Parliament and the Commission.
- Final thoughts and closing remarks made by President of JEF Leonie Martin on the Conference.
- Debate with the public initiates questions from the public and answers from the MEPs.
- Closing remarks after the questions and end of the Panel debate (10:45).
- Alejandro Cordero, Facilitator of the Simulation exercise, explains the Rules of procedure and the process of drafting the Resolution of the simulated Youth Agora. Simulation exercise is divided in two sessions. Participant have different tools to debate and decide on what issues and priorities on the future of Europe they want to talk about.
- Coffee break
- First session of the Simulation takes place, focusing on the general debate. Participant actively show their priorities for the Future of Europe and propose different sectoria and thematic debates.
- Lunch Break – many participants continue exchanging ideas during the lunch break.
- Second session of the Simulation takes place, after having debated about Youth and Education, Climate action, Institutional Reform and Democratic legitimation the participant divide themselves in working groups to extract conclusion in form of recommendations. A Resolution is drafted and debated. Different Working groups expose their conclusions. To finalise the simulation participants vote on the Draft Resolution, which is passed; simulation exercise ends.
- Alejandro Cordero makes closing remarks highlighting the results of the debate. He also debriefs the exercise by asking participant how did they feel during the exercise, what did they learnt and how would they engage locally from now own to continue spreading the spirit of the “I Choose Europe” campaign and engaging youth with the Conference on the future of Europe.
- MEP Domenec Ruiz Devesa, joins the Conference for the closing Remarks.