



## Welcome to FEJS General Assembly Helsinki 2019

We are happy to invite you to the FEJS General Assembly 2019. The GA will take place in Helsinki Finland from 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> of October.

### *Location*

**Helsinki**, the capital of Finland is the northernmost capital within the European Union. The city is known for its Jugend and contemporary architecture, design district packed with top Nordic design and many public saunas. With over a hundred kilometres of shoreline and 300 islands in its archipelago, the sea is a dominant element in Helsinki.

Finland is one of the top countries in the World Press Freedom Index. For six years Finland was number one and has remained among the top countries being second after Norway in the 2019 index.

The lectures will be held on **Pasila campus of Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences**. Haaga-Helia has five campuses of which Pasila is the biggest one. It is located next to Helsinki convention centre and the school cooperates with the convention centre with students volunteering for events such as Slush and Nordic Business Forum.

Pasila is a major hub for public transportation with access to almost everywhere in the city. It is only a five-minute train ride away from Helsinki city centre.

### *Topic*

**Covering Climate Change in the Media**. Climate change is a wide topic and it affects almost everything around us. With new studies constantly being published and the world changing rapidly, it is important for journalists to have a comprehensive knowledge of the topic and a wide range of tools at their disposal when reporting on the topic.

What are some of the most common stumbling blocks a journalist should avoid when covering climate change? How does a reporter or media solely focused on climate issues operate? And how to visualize such an abstract topic? These are some of the questions we will explore with lecturers that are experienced experts in their field.

**General Assembly** is the main institute of FEJS, and time will be devoted to discussing and deciding on things regarding the FEJS international organization and future plans. This includes voting for new members of the Executive Board, Secretariat and locations for future events: GA 2020 and AC 2021. **If you are considering running for any position or organizing a future event, don't hesitate to contact the current EB for more information.**



## *Application & Participation*

The event will take place between **October 17<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**.

Deadline to apply is the **20<sup>th</sup> of August**.

[Please apply here.](#)

The participation fee for the event is **150 euros**, which covers food, accommodation and all the activities in the program. **Your travel expenses will not be covered by this fee.**

Once your participation has been accepted, you must pay a deposit of 80 euros to the FEJS bank account by the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. You will be provided with the bank account details upon notification of acceptance.

If you have to cancel for any reason, please do so by the 10<sup>th</sup> of September and your deposit will be refunded. If you cancel after September 10<sup>th</sup>, we will unfortunately be unable to refund your deposit. The remaining 70 euros should be paid at the event.

## *Solidarity fund*

You can also apply for the solidarity fund, which can cover up to 70 % of your travel expenses. The deadline for applying for the solidarity fund is the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. Any applications submitted later will be ignored.

[Please apply for the solidarity fund here.](#)

The money for the fund is gathered at our events through the auctioning of country delegation presents brought by participants from each country. At every event we host an auction, in which together we raise money to help our own members attend our events. We will conduct the auction again at the GA, so don't forget to bring auction items for your country's presents.

## *Contact*

If you have any questions regarding the event, location or travels, members of the Organizing Committee **Eveliina Aarnos, Jannika Melkko and Vilma Timonen** will answer them. The OC can be contacted via email at [gahelsinki2019@gmail.com](mailto:gahelsinki2019@gmail.com).

If you have any questions regarding payment, the solidarity fund, your application or participation, do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat of FEJS International at [fejssec@gmail.com](mailto:fejssec@gmail.com). With urgent questions please contact **Maja Pavlin** directly at [pavlinmaja14@gmail.com](mailto:pavlinmaja14@gmail.com).

With general questions about FEJS please contact the Executive Board of FEJS International at [eb@fejsint.org](mailto:eb@fejsint.org).

## Funders

For the GA we have received two grants, one from Finnish C. V. Åkerlund Foundation and one from European Evens Foundation.

**C. V. Åkerlund Foundation** actively supports the development of expertise and education in the field of media. Its fundamental mission is to fund master's theses, study trips, courses and research projects. The foundation disburses hundreds of thousands of euros as grants and scholarships annually.

**Evens Foundation** aims to contribute to rethinking and building a European reality committed to the values of diversity, freedom, responsibility and solidarity. As part of this mission the foundation initiates and supports projects that empower journalists and media as key drivers for democratic, sustainable and peaceful development. They promote ethical, quality journalism as well as journalistic involvement in creating critical media and media recipients.



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