

EFF 2024 Race

Voting ends on Monday 1 April 2024 at 23:59 British/Irish time (GMT + 1)

Please read the whole of this ballot, including the candidates' platforms, before voting.

What is EFF?

EFF is the European Fan Fund; its purpose is to create and strengthen bonds between European fans and fandoms. Currently in almost every country there is a fandom that quite often has little or no connection to the broader European fandom. Most fans do concentrate on the "here and now" and are not looking for friends in other countries.

Who may vote?

Voting in the race to send a European fan to Erasmuscon Eurocon in Rotterdam (16th - 19th August 2024) is open to anyone who was active in fandom prior to January 2023, and who contributes at least EUR3, GBP2.60, or the equivalent in other currencies to the fund. Larger contributions are encouraged and will be gratefully accepted. Only one vote per person is allowed. You must sign or otherwise verify your ballot, but your vote will not be made public.

Voting details

Similarly to other Fan Funds (like TAFF and GUFF), the EFF uses a preferential voting system. Voters rank candidates in order of preference. In order to win a candidate must gain over 50% of the votes. If this doesn't happen in the first round of counting, the lowest-ranked candidates will be eliminated from the race and those votes redistributed in subsequent rounds according to the next ranking. This will be repeated until one candidate has a majority of votes.

'Hold over funds': this choice means you don't want to support any of the candidates and want the funds to be saved until next year.

'No preference': this choice means you want one of the candidates to go but you are equally happy with each of them.

Donations

EFF gratefully accepts your freely given money and material for auction. If you're not eligible to vote, or for some reason you don't wish to vote, why not donate anyway? All funds will be used to pay for current and future EFF trips.

Candidates

Each candidate has posted a bond of €12/£10 and promises if elected that, barring force majeure, they will travel to attend Erasmuscon in Rotterdam, Netherlands (16th - 19th August). Candidates have also provided nominations from local and European fans and a short platform, which is displayed below.

How to cast your vote

You can vote online (on this page: <https://forms.gle/TaTU4e5ajnkSmdMZ9>), or by completing and sending this ballot form (PDF) to the administrators, Matylda Naczyńska and Marcin Klak, at europeanfanfund@gmail.com, or at an SF convention where someone is collecting ballots.

Votes are not valid unless accompanied by a contribution of at least EUR3, GBP3, or an equivalent amount in other currencies. You can contribute by one of these methods:

- Using Paypal (choose the option to send money to friends and family if you can):
europeanfanfund@gmail.com
Please note during the payment process (the location varies; typically 'Add a note' or 'Email to recipient') that the payment is for EFF 2024.
- Or provide cash with your ballot at a convention.
- Or, to pay by cheque or bank deposit, contact the administrator for details.

The privacy policy is available online on <https://fandomrover.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/EFF-Privacy-policy-2024.pdf>

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Jane Mondrup

I've been an avid reader of Science Fiction, Fantasy and other speculative genres since a very early age. At some point, I started writing in the genres too, and six years ago, I attended my first convention, Fantasticon in Copenhagen. For the first time in my life, I experienced being out-nerded within the subject of Science Fiction and Fantasy. Exhilarated by this, I went again next year. Then I got into organizing a new convention in my local area in Jutland (Vilde Universer), and for a couple of years, I also joined the Fantasticon committee. In 2022 I went to my first convention abroad, Swecon, and then to Eurocon 2023 in Uppsala.

I love the organizing work and getting to know my wonderful, fellow weirdos of the SFF world. So many exiting things are happening in the genres these years, and I'm grateful to be a part of it. As the EEF delegate at Erasmuscon, I would primarily represent the Danish community, but I have some connections within Scandinavian fandom in a broader sense. I look forward to making new ties to fandom in the rest of Europe and thus contribute to the purpose of the EEF.

Nominators: Jesper Rugård Jensen (DK), Fia Karlsson (SE), Sidsel Pedersen (DK)

Joro Penchev

My name is Joro and I come from Bulgaria where I have spent more than 30 years reading and 20 years writing about science fiction and fantasy. It is a passion but also a mission for me. I am among the main drivers of the venerable ShadowDance fanzine&website; and an organizer of many local festivals, workshops, competitions, games, etc. I work with publishers and media to spread awareness of the importance of the SFF genres and wholeheartedly believe in their important social impact. My first Eurocon was in 2004 in Plovdiv and since the late 2010s I try to visit or help Bulgarian participants in all of them. I help the nominations committee in Bulgaria with programming, draft proposals for ESFS and help popularize the Eurocon. It has however recently become difficult for me to attend and so I would be very grateful for your support. I hope to make friends with many of you on the con whom I still haven't met and do great things in the future together. Finally, I want to thank Fionna O'Sullivan, Francesco Verso and Ivo Alekseev for supporting this bid and for their many contributions to the genre and to fandom. Cheers everyone!

Nominators: Ivalyo Alekseev (BG), Fionna O'Sullivan (IE), Francesco Verso (IT)

About you

Full name:

Email address:

Country:

Please indicate your voting preference below. Use only the numbers 1 to 4 (1 = first choice); do not repeat any numbers. You do not need to number every choice.

Jane Mondrup

Joro Penchev

Hold over funds

No preference

We know we don't know everyone in fandom, and we want to be able to count all eligible votes. If you believe that you are not known to the current administrators (Matylda Naczynska and Marcin 'Alqua' Klak), please add information here to help us to confirm your involvement in fandom. This can be another active fan you think we may know, a convention you attend, your blog, fanzine, local club you are a member of, or anything else you believe may help us.

We may need to contact listed fans/organizations to confirm your involvement in fandom.
