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LIST OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DURING ITS MEETING ON 21-22.02.2025 IN ANTALYA

Information Letter no. 08-2025

Dear Member Federation,

Following the Executive Committee meeting held on 21-22 February 2025, please find below the following decisions which have been taken:

- 1 The Executive Committee ratifies all decisions made by the Bureau (seven items).
- 2 The Executive Committee will collect anonymized data from National Federations to facilitate better-informed decision-making. This data will include but are not limited to number of fencers, gender distribution, categories, and weapon specializations. All collected data will be made publicly accessible. A survey from the referee's commission will be conducted in parallel.
- 3 The Executive Committee authorizes the President to proceed with two Erasmus projects: one focusing on artificial intelligence implementation in grassroots training, and another addressing gender equality initiatives.
- 4 The Executive Committee resolves to include a vote in the Genova Congress agenda regarding Bourges 2028 hosting the Senior European Championships, in conjunction with Bourges 2028 European Capital of Culture, considering the enhanced visibility for fencing. Additionally, a general call for 2027-2028 candidatures will be issued.
- 5 The Executive Committee acknowledges further Istanbul as the 2027 European Games organizer, including fencing in the program. The committee votes to integrate the European Championship within the European Games, pending FIE decision, with a formal Congress vote planned for Genova. If the FIE will not object to Istanbul a vote for 2027 is void.
- 6 The Executive Committee approves the substitution of one referee for the Tallinn event.
- 7 The Executive Committee endorses the inclusion of mandatory referee screens at EFC



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competitions in the handbook.

- 8 The Executive Committee agrees with Vilem Madr that a centralized management of documentation is required. The president explains that this should be done in the teams platform. The members agreed that all documents including reports from commissions, bureau, comex, inspection visits etE.
- 9 The Executive Committee approves the elimination of mandatory seminars for C-grade referees and authorizes corresponding administrative rule modifications, effective from the 2025-2026 season.
- 10 The Executive Committee endorses the adjustments and corrections proposed by the Refereeing Commission, to be implemented in the 2025-2026 season.

The new version of the Administrative Rules has been uploaded on the EFC website:
<https://www.eurofencing.info/documents/rules-statuses>

- 11 The Executive Committee approves the establishment of a refereeing award, the award will be presented at the Genova Congress. Implementation from season 24-25.
- 12 The Executive Committee awards the 2025 Cup of Champions to Heidenheim, with seven votes in favor and one abstention.
- 13 Pending the submission of outstanding documentation, the Executive Committee grants provisional EFC membership to Kosovo Fencing Federation, subject to subsequent Congress approval.
- 14 The SEMI Commission is tasked with developing a proposal for including SEMI delegates in cadet and U14 EFC tournaments. For the current season, SEMI shall identify 2-3 competitions for delegate deployment, with comprehensive reporting requirements.
- 15 The Executive Committee approves Martina Zmaic's proposal to invite Piet Wauters to present his open-source testing/scoring device during the Genova Congress.
- 16 The Executive Committee determines that the Congress shall be conducted exclusively in person.
- 17 The Executive Committee authorizes the Bureau to initiate recruitment for an assistant to the Technical Director, with the intention of presenting a candidate at Congress.
- 18 The Executive Committee assigns Vincenzo de Bartolomeo to establish a four-person working group to develop a program for accessing European Commission subsidies.



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- 19 The Executive Committee authorizes the President to advance the solidarity program for coaches, including mental training and safeguarding components. The committee emphasizes that these courses should be considered supplementary rather than complete training programs. Enhanced promotion efforts will be supported by Vincenzo de Bartolomeo. Course access conditions and key performance indicators will be more precisely defined.
- 20 Regarding Genova 2025 it was decided that:
 - a. Jacek Slupski and Vincenzo de Bartolomeo should negotiate an extension of the hotel reservation deadline
 - b. The general schedule receives approval
 - c. electronic voting is used during Congress
 - d. honorary members are invited
 - e. Giorgio Scarso is invited
- 21 The Executive Committee accepts Nikolay Mattev's resignation as Chairman of the Safeguarding Commission.
- 22 The Executive Committee unanimously elects Nikolay as Chairman of the Training and Fencing Masters Commission.
- 23 The Executive Committee unanimously approves Nuala McGarrity as Chairwoman of the Safeguarding Commission, following the President's nomination and her acceptance. The committee further approves Georgina Usher to manage commission operations, ensuring maximum independence. Georgina Usher's acceptance was confirmed post-meeting.
- 24 The Veterans Commission is tasked with conducting a situation analysis and developing an EVF collaboration plan, due before the Tallinn event.
- 25 The Executive Committee awards the EFC Medal of Honor to Czech fencer Jozef Balzar for saving an official's life during the Doha Grand Prix. Mr. Balzar will be honored as a special guest at the Congress for the medal presentation.
- 26 Mr. Abdurrahman Karatas joined the meeting at the conclusion of day one for a brief exchange with members.
- 27 The Executive Committee mandates Etienne Van Cann to draft new Statutes compliant with Luxembourg law requirements, to be submitted for Congress approval.
- 28 The Executive Committee approves initiating negotiations for EUSA membership.
- 29 The Executive Committee confirms DT members for the Genova Senior Championships.



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30 The Executive Committee establishes the following meeting dates:

- a. Online meeting: May 5, 2025
- b. In-person meeting: June 12, 2025

31 The Executive Committee approves the modified version of the Munich meeting minutes.

Best regards,

Pascal Tesch
President

Jacek Slupski
Secretary General