



# European Fencing Confederation Confédération Européenne d'Esime

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Dear Member Federations,

in recent years we have been seeing a lack of young saber referees, who can perform a function of referee at European Championships in all age categories. Responding to the problem EFC Comex created a new project aimed at increasing the number and quality of saber referees.

Although from the top referees that FIE announces every year, 80 percent are from the European Confederation are generally lacking the required number of referees to respond to changes in the international calendar and the rising quantity of international competitions in Europe. At each of these competitions EFC will designate one or two experienced supervisors (Vasil Milenchev and Vladislav Shamis). They will observe and select referees with potential for development. The EFC will recommend National Federation to support these referees in their international career for a period of one year. During this year the selected referees will work closely with the supervisors.

### **Basic assumptions:**

- **Motivation:** Increasing the quantity and quality of young and talented sabre referees in Europe.
- **Expected result:** After each season, 3 – 6 sabre referees who are not currently members of the FIE Masters List, with the support of the EFC and the elite referees from the zone should be given a chance to participate in FIE competitions for Junior and Satellite World Cups.
- **Project Manager:** Vice President of the EFC Nikolay Mateev.

Best regards,

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