



Bureau Meeting December 18, 2024 online meeting

Present:

1. Pascal Tesch – President
2. Etienne Van Cann – Vice-President
3. Jacek Slupski – General Secretary
4. Nuala McGarrity - Treasurer

AGENDA

N	Agenda Item
1	Approval of the meeting minutes from last Bureau meeting (2024-12-04)
2	Potential conflict of interest Nikolay Mateev
3	European Cup of Club Champions – call for candidates
4	Festival U-14 – call for candidates
5	Inspection visit - Genova
6	Inspection visit – Antalya
7	Legal Commission meeting in Luxembourg (16-19.01.2025)
8	Referees for FFE - Udine
9	Urgent daily business

1. Approval of the meeting minutes from last Bureau meeting (2024-12-04)

The meeting minutes from the Bureau meeting from 04-12-2024 were unanimously approved.

2. Potential conflict of interest Nikolay Mateev

The bureau members discussed the potential conflict of interests of the EFC Comex member Nikolay Mateev who has been elected FIE Comex member. During the meeting in Munich and at numerous occasions he had announced to step down from the EFC should he be elected at the FIE. After the elections he changed his opinion. While there are no explicit provisions in the statutes it had been a gentleman's agreement in the past to not be present in the two executive boards. Etienne Van Cann informed the Bureau members that following the request of Nikolay Mateev (dated on December 3, 2024) the legal Commission is preparing a legal opinion assessing the situation.

3. European Cup of Club Champions – call for candidates

The bureau members discussed the application form. Jacek Slupski was asked to send out the invitation to MF-s to submit their applications by January 15. Pascal Tesch mentioned the small number of teams participating in the European Cup of Club Champions. For the future we should review the project to increase the ROI.

4. Festival U-14 – call for candidates

The bureau members discussed the description of the second edition of the Festival. Jacek Slupski informed that he consulted the description with the Sport Director Julius Kralik and the Competition Commission. The competition commission wanted to add an opening ceremony as obligation. Pascal Tesch mentioned that nowadays opening ceremonies are no longer wished for as his experience has shown in the past months. They may be useful and well visited in some countries (Italy, example Brindisi) while in other countries they won't have success.

After the discussion Bureau took the following decisions:

1. Approved the last version of the description of the project;
2. The second edition will be held only individually;
3. After evaluation of 2 editions, the Executive Committee will evaluate the project and will propose appropriate changes;
4. To add team tournaments to the Festival from 2026.
5. Leave it to the LOC to decide whether an opening ceremony is useful or not.

6. Inspection visit - Genova

Jacek Slupski informed about the requirement to organise a second inspection visit in Genova. It was decided that potential DT President for Senior European Championships Lena Tallroth – Kock will be designate for the inspection visit along with Sport Director Julious Kralik. Jacek Slupski was asked to join the team to prepare the congress.

7. Inspection visit - Antalya

Pascal Tesch informed the Bureau members about the results of the inspection visit in Antalya. In addition, to improve the effective rundown of the tournament he proposes, after discussions with sport director Julius Kralik and the LOC, to delegate Timon Hagen to operate Fencing Time system during Championships. Bureau members agreed on the proposal.

Bureau members also discussed:

1. Comex meeting in Antalya – it was agreed to organise Comex meeting on 21-22.02.2025. Arrival of Comex members 20.02.2025, return 23.02.2025. In a Comex member wishes to stay longer has to cover costs by himself.
2. Accommodation of Comex members.
3. Layout of diplomas – a proposal was agreed upon
4. Medals for coaches – medals for coaches are reinstated, the fencer decides who gets the “coach medal”
5. Interviews with winners – Vincenzo di Bartolomeo is in charge of a program to increase promotion.

8. Legal Commission meeting in Luxembourg (16-19.01.2025)

It was decided that local help from Luxembourg should support Jacek Slupski in finding appropriate accommodation. This action is free of cost.

9. Referees for FFE - Udine

Jacek Slupski presented a request to use national referees.

The bureau decided to stay with the rules.

Pascal Tesch proposed to allow the use of FIE referees that had been recently retired in application of the 60 year age limit. The bureau accepted this proposal as the EFC has no such provision.

Another solution would be to use C-referees from adjacent countries looking for an opportunity to practice.

Jacek Slupski was asked to prepare the draft response letter.

10. Various

Discussed topics:

1. Pascal Tesch informed that the first meeting of the Working Group dedicated to the new website took place.
2. Jacek Slupski informed that LOC of Genova prepares website dedicated to Championships. Jacek asked Pascal to prepare welcome address to publish on the website.
3. Pascal informed Bureau members about his presences in Budapest, Paris and Antalya.
4. Bureau reviewed invitation for General Assembly received from the EOC. Pascal informed that he is not able to come because of his other duties at the same time.

Meeting minutes drafted by Jacek Slupski.