



European Draughts Confederation

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Executive Board Meeting n. 2 – 2025, the fourteenth one of the Executive Board elected on 05.08.2023.

On Tuesday, 18th March 2025, at 19.30 the Executive Board met online by means of Zoom Video Conferencing Application, in the presence of *Carlo A. Bordini* (EDC President - ITA), *Tarmo Tulva* (Vice President and Tournament Director - EST), *Johan Demasure* (Deputy Vice President and Director of Youth and Under 27 Tournaments – BEL), *Magda Pawlowska* (Technical Director, Responsible for FMJD Calendar - POL), *Jan Ziolkowski* (Tournament Director of Veterans - GER), *Ester Van Muijen* (Auditor - NED), *Rik Keurentjes* (Charman of Athletes, Trainers and Referees Commission - NED) connected via radio, *Aare Harak* (Auditor – EST) and *Bellita D. Dottor* (General Secretary - ITA).

Feliks Shepel and Glib Ushakov were absent.

Agenda:

- 1. Opening speech by the President (with status of current EDC annual fees paid);**
- 2. Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting (n. 1/2025);**
- 3. European Championships 2025:**
 - 3.1. status of application EC Under 27 and veterans**
 - 3.2. juries d'appel**
 - 3.3. EC of Teams organization**
- 5. Other various and possible evaluations.**

Regarding item **1. Opening speech by the President (with status of current EDC annual fees paid)**, C.A. Bordini greeted the participants and thanked them for their dedicated availability. Then he shared the screen of his computer with everyone, showing the EDC Bank Account. Previously he had already sent the EDC Members the 2024 balance that still included the amount due to FID (Italian Draughts Federation) for accommodation and meal costs during the European Draughts Championship organized in Chianciano Terme (Italy) last year. He continued mentioning the payment of annual fees: all countries paid except Italy (going to do), Germany, France, Portugal (renunciation to register in 2025), Azerbaijan (doubtful payment this year). The President was visibly satisfied with the EDC updated Bank Account (21.355,42 euros) if only he thought of the initial zero fund for EDC.

As for item n. **2. Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting (n. 1/2025)**, without any additions, they were accepted in full. C.A. Bordini wanted to thank J. Demasure for the French version of them and anybody else cooperating with the Executive Board.

About item **3. European Championships 2025**, the President opened the discussion on the upcoming Championships (Blitz and Rapid in Brussels-Belgium, Veterans and Under 27 in Kemer-Antalya-Turkey), to be updated in terms of participants.

Once more J. Demasure insisted on expected financial difficulties in covering costs. Most of the group even talked about the high flight costs because of some necessary stopovers to arrive in Antalya, and consequently more expensive for players.

The President added that in the presence of financial difficulties some reimbursements could be potentially given by some EDC financial renunciations in favour of one or both.

About **3.1. status of application EC Under 27 and veterans**, it was taken note of the few players on the list and that the cost of flights to Turkey has increased too much compared to the past. Players are having difficulties participating there, while in the past it was very cheap.

About **3.2. juries d'appel the Board agreed about the following list:**

Veterans and U27

Main Referee: Jan Zioltkowski (Germany)

Jury:

President of the Jury : Bartosz Socha (Poland)

Members: Aare Harak (Estonia); Johan Demasure

European Championships blitz

Main Referee: Johan Demasure (Belgium)

Jury:

President of the Jury : Magda Pawlowska (Poland)

Members: Aare Harak (Estonia); Jan Zioltkowski (Germany)

European Championships classic, rapid and blitz for youth

Main Referee: Johan Demasure

Jury:

President of the Jury : Frank Teer (Netherlands)

Members: Aare Harak (Estonia); Jan Zioltkowski (Germany)

As regards the European Youth Championship in Chianciano Terme (Italy) in August, M. Pawlowska expressed her availability as Referee and the discussion went on talking about other suggested Referees and Assistants. It continued on arranging an official date (on 3rd August) for the EDC General Assembly, taking place every 2 years. That means changing the previous schedule a little bit.

About **3.3. EC of Teams organization**, it was urgent to schedule the date in December 2025, but an organizer is still missing, and it is hard to imagine accepting I.Ismailov's proposal to organize them in Turkish land, considering the few players registered for the EC Under 27 and Veterans there, in Turkey.

Concerning item **4. Draughts 64: Rules and Regulations, EC 2025**, T. Tulva said that F. Shepel had already had the specific Rules and Regulations at his disposal, ready to be exchanged and discussed with V. Vesperis, FMJD General Secretary.

As for item **5. Other various and possible evaluations**, they were developed through other items that are not of relevant mention.

The following EDC Board Meeting was unanimously arranged for 6th May 2025, at 19.30 Rome/Berlin/Brussels/Paris/Amsterdam time.

At about 20.50 the President thanked the Participants for their time and availability, declaring the online meeting closed.

The President of the EDC Board
Carlo A. Bordini