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Executive Board Meeting n. 7 – 2025, the nineteenth one of the Executive Board elected on 05.08.2023.

On Thursday, 20th November 2025, at 7.30 p.m., 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), *Jan Ziolkowski* (Tournament Director of Veterans - GER), *Magda Pawlowska* (Technical Director, Responsible for FMJD Calendar - POL), *Rik Keurentjes* (Chairman of Athletes, Trainers and Referees Commission - NED), *Aare Harak* (Chief Auditor – EST), *Ester Van Muijen* (Auditor - NED), *Felix Shepel* (Responsible for Draughts - 64 – UKR) and *Bellita D. Dottor* (General Secretary - ITA).

Agenda:

1. **Opening speech by the President;**
2. **Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting (n. 6/2025);**
3. **European Team Championships 2025;**
4. **EDC Calendar 2026;**
5. **FMJD GA and EDC proposals after EDC GA 2025;**
6. **Other various and possible evaluations.**

As for item **1. Opening speech by the President**, C. A. Bordini greeted the participating Members and after talking about the last FMJD elective General Assembly in Serik (Turkey), he showed the EDC bank account status and then he moved on to the next topic in item **2. Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting (n. 6/2025)**, asking for any possible additions. The minutes which were available both in English, and in French (thanks to J. Demasure), were unanimously approved.

About item **3. European Team Championships 2025** the President took the floor and pointed out the objective reasons for a missed organization in 2025. Despite his appeal to someone's willingness also during the EDC General Assembly in August, no Federations have applied for the organization of the event. He suggested postponing them in 2027, because the calendar 2026 is already so busy. Everybody agreed.

Regarding item **4. EDC Calendar 2026**, about the European and World Veterans Championships, looking back at previous experiences, it was noticed that in the past it had been difficult for players to participate in both championships when arranged in the same year, as pointed out also during the EDC General Assembly 2025.

The proposal, initially discussed with J. Ziolkowski who is both FMJD and EDC responsible for Veteran events and then accepted by everyone in the Board, was to organize the European Veterans Championships in *odd* years and the World Veterans Championships in *even* years, starting from 2027. In 2026, instead, both championships will be played: the European Veterans Championships

will be held in Mildam /Heerenveen (Netherlands) from 21st to 30th March, while the World Veterans Championship is already scheduled and will take place from 20th to 27th September.

About the already planned European Classic, Blitz and Rapid Championships in the Netherlands, they will be held in the Dutch town of Beilen from 10th to 18th October: EC Blitz on 10th, EC Rapid on 11th, EC Classic from 12th to 18th.

For both the above events the President and the established Tournament Directors will define the still missing Agreements, the Rules and Regulations, despite the competence and rules have been defined by email following the EDC Guidelines.

As for Youth and U27 Championships in 2026, both Riga in Latvia and Prague in Czech Republic could be possible countries where the event would be comfortably hosted for the high level of organization and cooperation on one side and long experienced sports events on the other side.

T. Tulva but even other Members will activate soon to look for any available organizers.

About the European Championship of Checkers, the President said that **it is planned from 13th to 15th November, in Foggia (Italy), without any costs for the EDC, as a corollary of the World GAYP Title Match** between the present champion Matteo Bernini vs GM Alexander Moiseyev, challenger, that is already planned from 8th to 13th November 2026. Italy is available to host even the Draughts 64 Championship, in days near that event or during/close to the Italian GGS (the School Youth Games), that will be held in Misano Adriatico, a seaside town near Rimini (Italy) and the Republic of San Marino, from 14th to 17th May, and it is a well experienced place in terms of accommodation and facilities to host very many players.

T. Tulva took the floor focusing on the importance of early registrations to realize the number of possible players, together with the Rules and Regulations, accommodation costs and so on.

The President informed that the EDC funds could pay for the involved Referees' travel costs and salary, while FID (the Italian Draughts Federation) could pay for their accommodation, with fees 50% shared between the EDC and FID, as happened in other championships.

About the percentage fees written in the EDC guidelines for organizers, it was noticed that it is very useful guidance to drive the proposals, but it is even something flexible and adaptable to needs.

With reference to item **5. FMJD GA and EDC proposals after EDC GA 2025**, on mentioning his new role as the Responsible of International Relations in FMJD, C.A. Bordini confirmed, and without doubt, that the new job does not put at risk his EDC Presidency at all, as he promised to the Board before sending his candidature. He will continue the journey, undertaken with even more enthusiasm and determination, with the Board Members, considering that now the relationships and the cooperative work with FMJD should go more smoothly.

In relation to the FMJD GA both the President and T. Tulva agreed about the familiar atmosphere among the participants and the forward-looking action among the president J. Mäggi and the Members of the new Board.

Regarding the elimination of the Young Stars Category, it was the Latvian Draughts Federation that proposed it during the FMJD General Assembly, and it was even approved at that time. Such a decision also answers the issue that arose during the EDC General Assembly. It will become a rule from 2027 onwards.

About item **6. Other various and possible evaluations**, no topics were proposed and discussed.

The following EDC Board meeting was arranged for 23rd December 2025, at 19.30 Rome/Berlin/Brussels/Paris/Amsterdam time.

At about 8.40 p.m. the President thanked the Participants for their time and availability. Then he declared the online meeting closed.

The President of the EDC Board
Carlo A. Bordini