



European Draughts Confederation

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Executive Board Meeting n.8 – 2025, the twentieth one of the Executive Board elected on 05.08.2023.

On Tuesday, 23rd December 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), *Jan Ziolkowski* (Tournament Director of Veterans - GER), *Magda Pawlowska* (Technical Director, Responsible for FMJD Calendar - POL), *Aare Harak* (Chief Auditor – EST), *Ester Van Muijen* (Auditor - NED), *Felix Shepel* (Responsible for Draughts - 64 – UKR) and *Bellita D. Dottor* (General Secretary - ITA).

R. Keurentjes and G. Ushakov were excused absences.

Agenda:

- 1. Opening speech by the President;**
- 2. Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting (n. 7/2025);**
- 3. EDC Calendar 2026;**
- 4. Other various and possible evaluations.**

Before opening the meeting, the President C.A. Bordini, A. Harak, T. Tulva and J. Demasure hold a short conversation on FMJD's rating system in 2026, the importance of a constant relationship with the Federations, appreciating the development towards a total online system and the high commitment offered by all the Members involved, even in delicate issues to face such as conflicts and sport.

Then, as for item **1. Opening speech by the President**, C.A. Bordini greeted everyone and went on talking about the IOC recommendation to reinclude, Belarusian and Russian players who belong to youth category, in their corresponding championships. The matter is under FMJD's high consideration as it is still a present and complicated problem to deal with and solve, both regarding the categories close to the adult age (eligible for army recruitment) and the presence of adult coaches or accompanying adult people for Russian and Belarusian young players. A door could be left open for the younger categories of players and probably different conditions could be applied for the Belarusian ones.

In relation to item **2. Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting (n. 7/2025)**, already sent to the Board by email, they were approved without any additions or modifications.

With reference to item **3. EDC Calendar 2026**, at the beginning the focus was on the organization of the European Championship of Checkers and the Draughts 64 Championship in terms of dates, rules and regulations, but also on the availability of referees to be chosen among the ones who can

perfectly manage the rules and have been involved in championships in 2025. About the organizing countries the President confirmed the Italian availability for both: in Foggia as a corollary of the World GAYP Title Match, planned from 8th to 13th Novembre 2026, or in Misano Adriatico (Rimini) during/close to the Italian GGS (the School Youth Games), planned from 14th to 17th May 2026 (both possible places as specified in the minutes n.7): T. Tulva and F. Shepel proposed to work on the last option and the Board agreed. About time control T. Tulva suggested 20' + 10" per move, taking approximately 2 hours per round. He assured Rules and Regulations for the European Championship of Draughts 64 (Brazilian) before the end of the year, cooperating with F. Shepel.

Regarding the European Youth Championships T. Tulva said that he had had a talk with Vladislavs Vesperis who had told him he was waiting for an agreement with Riga University for a possible development of the Championships in Latvia. No other countries expressed their availability. C.A. Bordini shortly talked about some emails exchanged with the Czech Federation that seemed favourably available, in between the lines, for their organization in Prague, in 2027.

As for Veteran Championships J. Ziolkowski took the floor and said that there were objective difficulties in organizing the World Veterans Championships next year in the Netherlands, because of the high costs for accommodation and for guaranteeing free hospitality to winners of the previous championships.

J. Ziolkowski promised everything would be cleared in a short time, getting to work immediately, to find a new organizer.

Given the effective difficulty of finding an available organizer and, to take into consideration, even in a short time, the Executive Board agreed that starting from 2026 there will be an annual alternation of the World (even years) and European Championships (odd years) for Veterans: the World one in 2026, the European one in 2027 and so on.

As for item **4. Other various and possible evaluations**, no topics were proposed and discussed. The next Board Meeting was set for 27th January at 19.30, Rome time.

At about 20.15 the President thanked the participating Members for their time and availability, wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of them and their families. Then he declared the online meeting closed.

The President of the EDC Board
Carlo A. Bordini