

ETTU Executive Board Meeting

Online

Wednesday 15th November 2023, 1030-1215 CET

Present:

Pedro Moura (POR), (Acting President)
Heike Ahlert (GER), (Acting Deputy-President)
Sandra Deaton (ENG), (Vice-President for Finances)
Sonja Grefberg (FIN), (Vice-President)
Ina Jozepsone (LAT), (Vice-President)
Miguel Vicens (FRA), (Vice-President)
Chiara Colantoni (ITA), (Athletes Commission Chair)
Pierre Kass (Secretary General)
Galia Dvorak (Deputy Secretary General)

10.30 1. Welcome of the Acting President and update

The Acting President welcomed the Executive Board members and updated on the current matters including communication to ITTF on the 2024 calendar, the clash with WTT events and the Champions League Final 4, negotiation process with ETTU's stakeholders, the visit to the Austrian TTF centenary celebration in Vienna on 17th November and the planned meeting with the European Championships Management, followed by a meeting with the Swiss TTA in Geneva on 22nd November, the planned meeting with the Italian TTF and on a meeting with a staff member.

11.00 2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda has been adopted.

11.01 3. Minutes of the previous Executive Board Meeting (30.10.2023) – sent by email on 30.10.2023

The minutes of the previous Executive Board Meeting have been agreed.

11.02 4. Update by General Secretariat

- suppliers and partners

The General Secretariat informed the Board about a meeting with a potential new supplier pool member to start in 2024.

The EB was informed that the GS had a meeting with Donic who are ready to prolong the ETTU Ball sponsorship agreement for the European Championships which will come to term end of 2025.

As the ETTC stage 1 in 2025, previously played with home and away matches but in future played in tournament mode, was not included in the ball sponsorship agreement except provision of balls but without advertisement rights, it was proposed to Donic to enlarge their agreement including event advertisement against either provision of equipment (surrounds A/Bboards for all 12 courts) or against a fee.

A proposal will be prepared to them. Donic would like to consider this in addition to the agreement prolongation.

- international calendar – feedback MAs qualified for ITTF Mixed Team World Cup 2023

With the ITTF notification provided less than two months before the competition has created significant challenges.

ETTU had contacted the European national Associations qualified for the ITTF Mixed Team World Cup and the clubs that have selected players, including these clubs' opponents. Feedback from all MAs with qualified teams was that most will have to compete with their second, if not third team. With all ECLW clubs ETTU could arrange for rescheduling of all matches initially scheduled that then clashed with the ITTF competition.

- 2024 planning events and EB attendance

The Executive Board received a link to an online events schedule with the events and attendance information which will be constantly updated.

- 2024 working week Skopje

The EB was introduced with a draft plan of the working week as follows:

25.1.2024 10:00-12:30 / 14:00-18:00 Executive Board meeting including youth events presentations:

10:30-11:15 Europe Youth Top 10

14:30-15:15 European Under 13 Championships (potential more applications then add schedule)

25.1.2024 14:00-18:00 staff without GS participation, preparation time (separate meeting room at disposal)

26.1.2024 09:45-12:45 staff meeting and preparation of the meeting on 28th.

26.1.2024 14:15-15:30 staff self assessment / evaluation (always 1 staff with the SG and VPF)

26.1.2024 14:00-15:30 EB members with their respective (responsible) Committee Chairs preparation of the meeting with the EB on 27th.

26.1.2024 16:00-19:00 staff without GS meeting

26.1.2024 16:00-19:30 Senior events presentation to EB:

16:00-16:45 2025 European Team Championships Stage 1 (potential more applications then reschedule)

17:00-18:00 2025 Europe Top 16 Cup

18:15-19:15 2025 European Team Championships Final Stage

27.1.2024 10:00-12:30 / 13:30-16:30 Executive Board meeting with Committee Chairs presenting their activity from Congress 2023 to Congress 2024, their plan for their Committee's long term future and proposal of Committee terms of reference.

27.1.2024 time tbc by CM Competition Manager meeting with Assigned Competition Managers meeting (separate from the EB and CC meeting)

28.1.2024 10:00-13:00 Executive Board and staff meeting with staff presentations to the EB

- EPC Webinar and ETTU Governance Webinar

The Deputy Secretary General informed on two Webinars scheduled at the end of 2023:

A Webinar on Para Table Tennis organised by EPC in conjunction with ETTU and led by ETTU Para Committee Member Karen Tonge has been scheduled for 29th November.

A Webinar on Good Governance led by IOC speakers Gloria Viseras and Nadia Bonjour and the participation of TT England as a Study Case has been scheduled on 13th December.

- Gender Equality Committee

The Gender Equality Committee had its first meeting since the addition of the new members on Monday 13th November and agreed to meet monthly and to create an action plan.

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5. Internal Directives

- ID01 Reimbursements ETTU (update version)

The Executive Board approved the updated version of ID01 Reimbursements ETTU.

- ID03 Code of Conduct

The proposed ID03 Code of Conduct has been sent to the ETTU Senior Advisor who suggested improvements in the wording that give clarity and do not affect the content.

The Executive Board approved ID03 Code of Conduct.

- ID04 Portrayal

The proposed ID04 Portrayal has been sent to the ETTU Senior Advisor and to the Chair of the ETTU Gender Equality Committee who provided their feedback. The ETTU Senior Advisor suggested to include a wider group of ETTU Members.

The Executive Board approved ID04 Portrayal including the addition of EB and Committee members in the stakeholders to whom the directive is to be addressed.

11.42 6. 2025 European Team Championships Stage 1 Directives

The Executive Board approved the 2025 European Team Championships Stage 1 Directives.

11.46 7. Finances update

The Vice-President Finances updated the Board on the current financial status for 2023 including a forecast for 2024. The investment back into the membership was, as also during the latest Congress explained with the TV production of the 2023 European Championships Final Stage as well as the financial support to hosts and delegates of the Europe Youth Series.

The Board was informed about the meeting with ITTF on Governance grant, development and their restructure.

The Vice-President Finances pointed out that a strategic financial plan for the next 5 years will be established once finalisation of the major partnership agreements.

12.00 8. Any other Business

Ms. Ahlert informed that ETTU's Honorary Member Dieter Steffen passed away. ETTU Executive Boards is presenting its condolences to his family and friends.

Ms. Deaton informed about the ongoing conversations with ITTF regarding the 2026 World Championships.

Ms. Ahlert questioned the number of free ITTF Council members' hospitality dates at the 2024 WTTC.

12.15 9. Closure

In closing, the Acting President thanked all members for their contribution.
