



EUROPEAN JUDO UNION PRESIDENT REPORT

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**PRESIDENT:
TÓTH LASZLO**



ACTIVITIES & RESULTS FROM MARCH 2021 UNTIL DECEMBER 2022

Dear Presidents, EC members, Partners, dear Friends!

It is my honour and pleasure to summarize the main activities of EJU for the reporting period of March 2021 until December 2022, a time characterized by the ongoing Covid Pandemic and the War in Ukraine.

General matters & congresses

First, I would like to provide you with the chronology of major decisions and changes within EJU during the reporting period:

4th December 2021: The Ordinary Congress of the EJU was held in Istanbul (TUR), where it was decided that the registration of EJU will be transferred from Malta to Austria. Legally, this means that the legal entities in Malta are dissolved, and a new legal entity is created in Austria. From December 2021 EJU is now a non-profit association established under Austrian Association Law, registration-nr. 1663936583.

27th February 2022: After Russia launched a full-scale invasion in Ukraine, EJU President Mr Soloveychik declared his resignation. The Executive Committee nominated unanimously **Mr Otto Kneitinger** as President.

10th March 2022: The EJU Executive Committee meets the second time in 2022 and it was decided that Dr. Martin Poiger is nominated as interim General Secretary (after Mr Gamba had resigned from his position a few days earlier), an extraordinary congress will be held in Vienna on June 17th with the sole purpose of electing a new President and Executive Committee and that all offices in Moscow (Presidential Office & Treasury Office) will be closed latest by end of June 2022.

17th June 2022: The EJU Extraordinary Congress was held in Vienna with 49 out of 51 members attending, and with the sole purpose of holding elections for the President and his team, for the General Secretary and the General Treasurer.

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For all three posts only one candidate had sent an application and so the following persons were elected by acclamation into the EJU Executive Committee:

President	Dr. Laszlo Toth	HUN
Senior Vice President	Mr. Otto Kneitingger	GER
Vice President Sport	Mr. Hrvoje Lindi	CRO
Vice President Education	Mr. Sergei Aschwanden	SUI
General Treasurer	Mr. Envic Galea	MLT
General Secretary	Dr. Martin Poiger	AUT
Head Sport Director	Ms. Catarina Rodrigues	POR
Sport Director	Ms. Urska Zolnir Jugovar	SLO
Sport Director	Mr. Sezer Huysuz	TUR
Sport Director	Mr. Agron Kuka	KOS
Head Referee Director	Mr. Alexandr Jatskevitch	LAT
Marketing Director	Mr. Alexandr Nagibin	UKR
Marketing Director	Mr. Jacek Zawadka	POL
Development Director	Mr. Moshe Ponte	ISR
Education Director	Ms. Kristiina Pekkola	SWE
Education Director	Mr. Ronnie Saez	GBR

10th December 2022: The 74th Ordinary Congress of the EJU was held in Ljubljana (SLO). 46 out of 51 member federations, as well as honorary guests like IJF Vice President and Pan American Judo Confederation President Carlos ZEGARRA PRESSER, were present.

Two days in advance of the Congress, attendants could choose between different educational and marketing classes held by the EJU and some national federations with topics like the IJF EU Judo School project, safe fall, inclusion, best practices in promotional activities or the newest updates regarding EJU live-streaming. The next day saw well-conducted presentations focussing on general administration matters as well as best practises in licensing and membership management in national federations.

Championships & Events

2021

16th – 18th Apr. 2021: European Championships Seniors in Lisbon, Portugal
A total of 359 athletes (210 men, 149 women) from 45 NFs was participating.

17th – 19th Aug. 2021: European Championships Cadets in Riga, Latvia
A total of 391 athletes (215 boys, 176 girls) from 37 NFs was participating.

9th – 12th Sept. 2021: European Championships Juniors in Luxembourg
A total of 351 athletes (210 men, 141 women) from 43 NFs was participating.
In the Mixed team event, 14 teams took part.

5th – 7th Nov. 2021: European Championships U23 in Budapest, Hungary
A total of 297 athletes (171 men, 126 women) from 38 NFs was participating.
In the Mixed team event, which was held the first time, 8 countries took part.



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27th Nov. 2021: European Championships Mixed Team in Ufa, Russia
A total of 16 teams participated, with Georgia winning the title. Netherlands took silver, Russia and Turkey Bronze.

11th Dec. 2021: European Club Championships – Champions League in Paris, France
7 men's and 7 women's Club from 7 countries took part.

11th Dec. 2021: European Club Championships – Europa League in Prague, Czech Republic
13 men's and 4 women's Club from 6 countries took part.

In addition to the Championships, EJU held the following events (calendar still reduced due to the pandemic):

- European Open: 4
- Senior European Cup: 1
- Junior European Cup: 5
- Cadet European Cup: 3
- Training Camps/OTC: 5

2022

29th Apr. – 1st May 2022: European Championships Seniors in Sofia, Bulgaria
A total of 361 athletes (207 men, 154 women) from 40 NFs was participating.

14th – 15th May 2022: European Championships Kata in Rijeka, Croatia
A total of 214 athletes from 17 NFs was participating.

2nd – 5th Jun. 2022: European Championships Veterans in Heraklion, Greece
A total of 236 athletes from 30 NFs was participating.

23rd – 26th Jun. 2022: European Championships Cadets in Porec, Croatia
A total of 420 athletes (231 boys, 189 girls) from 40 NFs was participating.
In the Mixed team event, 14 teams took part.

15th – 18th Sept. 2022: European Championships Juniors in Prague, Czech Republic
A total of 349 athletes (203 men, 146 women) from 39 NFs was participating.
In the Mixed team event, 12 teams took part.

28th – 31st Oct. 2022: European Championships U23 in Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina
A total of 300 athletes (175 men, 125 women) from 40 NFs was participating.
In the Mixed team event, 10 teams took part.

5th – 6th Nov. 2022: European Championships of the Small States in Luxembourg
For the first time upon the initiative of the Luxembourg Judo Federation the European Judo Championships of the Small States were held with 107 athletes. 8 nations from 10 invited were represented. In the Mixed team event 6 teams took part.

12th Nov. 2022: European Judo Championships Senior Mixed Team in Mulhouse, France
14 teams took part, with home team France winning Gold in front of sold-out Arena. Netherlands took Silver, Germany and Turkiye won Bronze.

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26th Nov. 2022: European Club Championships- Champions League in Gori, Georgia
8 men's and 10 women's Club from 7 countries took part.

In addition to the Championships, EJU held the following events:

- European Open: 7
- Senior European Cup: 7
- Junior European Cup: 10
- Cadet European Cup: 11
- Training Camps/OTC: 11

Acknowledgement

I would like to thank all EJU member federations for their trust and support. I am very thankful to my team of Executive Committee, all commissioners, and committees of EJU. The EJU is very grateful to its long-term partners and suppliers for ongoing support of EJU and Judo.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to my two predecessors, Sergey Soloveychik, who served as EJU President for 15 years until his resignation in February 2022, and Mr Otto Kneitingner, who took over the role as interim President from February until June 2022. Further, I thank all EC members and commissioners leaving their positions after the elections in June 2022 and also the colleagues of the former Presidential Office and Treasury Office in Moscow.

Special thanks go to Mr Otto Kneitingner also in his role as Vice President Marketing for developing and executing the EJU Pandemic program, creating a turnover of 1 million Euro in 2022 with the help of and for the benefit of our member Federations and our suppliers.

I extend by gratitude to the International Judo Federation President Mr. Vizer and the team of IJF Executive Members for their friendly cooperation and support. For the coming years we intend to even increase the level of collaboration.

Finally, I am thankful to all members of my newly installed Presidential Office in Budapest, to all members of the EJU Head Office in Vienna and to the Austrian Ministry of Sport for the substantial financial support of the office Vienna.