

ETTU Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Online
Wednesday 25th March 2026, 1030-1258 CET

Present:

Pedro Moura (POR), President
Heike Ahlert (GER), Deputy President
Sandra Deaton (ENG), Vice-President for Finances
Sonja Grefberg (FIN), Vice-President
Ina Jozepsone (LAT), Vice-President
Jarosław Kołodziejczyk (AUT), Vice-President
Didier Leroy (BEL), Vice-President
Zoran Primorac (CRO), Vice-President
Frane Kojic (CRO), Athletes' Commission Chair
Pierre Kass, Secretary General
Alen Ivancin, Competition Director (present for item 3)

10.30 1. Welcome of the President and update

The President welcomed the members of the Executive Board and provided an update on the situation with the participation of Russia and Belarus in events following information received from a meeting with the ITTF, and informed on the candidates of the ITTF Athletes Commission. He informed that EOC recently signed the European Games agreement with Türkiye, he will contact Türkiye for ETTU agreements of the 2027 European Games. Mr. Moura informed that the equipment bid for the 2027 European Para Championships has been opened.

10.43 2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

10.45 3. ETTU Europe Tour Presentation by Competition Director

The Competition Director made a presentation on a new proposed competition, the ETTU Europe Tour, as presented during the annual meeting in Montreux.

The Competition Director proposed to launch in 2027.

The EB discussed participation, protection of the top players in terms of qualification and ranking. The EB will take the final decision during its meeting in July at the European Youth Championships.

11.20 4. European Youth Competitions report from the first Working Group meeting

Deputy President Heike Ahlert reported on the first European Youth Competitions' Working Group meeting. The main topic was a potential change from the under 21 to a under 23 championships and the connection with the World Ranking. The championship would be played in June and all matches best of 5 games.

The President will contact the other Continents to see if they have an under 21 event in their continent and if they would like to change it to an under 23 event.

The Youth Top 10 format was also discussed. The date could be moved to either March or April and all matches best of 5 games.

The working group also prefers for the European Youth Championships to be played best of 5 games for all matches.

The competition director was tasked to prepare alternative schedules for the championships based on which different proposals can be submitted to Congress.

The board discussed the wildcards distribution.

A next working group meeting is scheduled for April.

11.40 5. Internal Directive 07 (ID07) – Safeguarding Policy approval

The Executive Board approved the Internal Directive 07 (ID07) – Safeguarding Policy.

11.45 6. ETTU Competition Management school update plan

The board had received a written update plan from the ETTU Competition Management school project group.

Highlighting the phase 1 online sessions:

3 November 2026 18:00 topic: Role of the Competition Manager (General Competition Management)

17 November 2026 18:00 topic: Competition Scheduling & Draw Procedures – Part 1

1 December 2026 18:00 topic: Competition Scheduling & Draw Procedures – Part 2

15 December 2026 18:00 topic: Event Media and Marketing

11.50 7. 2027 and 2028 Hylo ETTU Champions League Men Final 4 host

The 2027 and 2028 Hylo ETTU Champions League Men Final 4 has been awarded to 1. FC Saarbrücken TT to be held in Saarbrücken, Germany.

The President reported about the planned meetings with the clubs and the preparations of the future seasons.

11.57 8. European Mixed Team Ranking

The EB had a lengthy discussion on the principle of the European Mixed Team Ranking.

The President will check with ITTF on when they will release the World Mixed Team ranking. The EB will further discuss it in the meeting in London and will take a final decision at the latest during the European Youth Championships meeting in Portugal.

12.45 9. Next EB meetings

1.5.2026 London – then June tbc

A meeting with the European members of the ITTF Council will be held during the 2026 World Championships and if necessary the President and Deputy President will coordinate for an earlier meeting online.

The next meeting will be held in London on 1st May 2026. The following meeting date will be confirmed at the meeting in London.

12.49 10. Any Other Business

Athletes' Commission Chair Frane Kojic wished to have the item "substitution for European Championships" on the agenda. The Deputy President informed that the reason why ETTU had changed it to the current system was because it is qualification event to ITTF World Championships where substitution is not allowed. Frane Kojic will contact the ITTF Athletes Commission on this matter as it is considered not beneficial for the sport.

Vice President Ina Jozepson mentioned that table tennis will not be part of the 2027 European Youth Olympic Festival. The President will contact the local organising committee on the matter.

12.58 11. Closure

The President thanked all members and closed the meeting.
