



REPORT OF THE ESC PRESIDIUUM **(for the period of October 22nd, 2021 – October 21st, 2023)**

Presidium meetings

During the reported period the ESC Presidium had following meetings:

- Larnaka, Cyprus, October 22nd, 2021
- Zoom Video Communications, November 18th, 2021
- Zoom Video Communications, January 26th, 2022
- Zoom Video Communications, April 5th, 2022
- Larnaka, Cyprus, September 3rd, 2022
- Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, November 30th, 2022
- Zoom Video Communications, February 21st, 2023
- Frankfurt, Germany, April 22nd, 2023
- Wrocław, Poland, June 29th, 2023 (in person + Zoom Video Communications)
- Zoom Video Communication, August 19, 2023
- Baku, Azerbaijan, October 20th, 2023

Agenda of the meetings

The Agenda of the ESC Presidium meeting included following items:

- reports on the activity of the President;
- reports on preparations of European Championships in 2022 – 2024;
- reports on preparations to the III European Games;
- cooperation with Organizers of future European Championships;
- co-operation with the European Olympic Committees on inclusion of Shooting in the program of the III European Games;
- discussions with the European Broadcasting Union for live TV coverage of European Championships;
- appointment of Technical Delegates and Officials to European Championships and the III European Games;
- approval of Organizers of the European Championships;
- relationship with ESC Member Federations;
- relationships with partners and sponsors of the ESC;
- preparations of the 2023 General Assembly;
- co-operation with the ISSF on 2024 Olympic Qualification competitions;
- financial matters;
- approval of sponsorship agreements;
- membership matters;
- legal matters;
- issues of the Technical Committee;
- European Youth League Championships;
- Air Cup;
- European Champions League;
- issues of the Athletes Committee;
- environmental matters.

European Championships

The following European Championships were organized since October 22nd, 2021:

European Championship 10m, Rifle/Pistol/Running Target, Hamar, Norway, March 18th-28th, 2022
482 athletes representing 43 nations.

European Championship 300m, Zagreb, Croatia, July 25th-30th, 2022
55 athletes representing 14 nations.

European Championship Shotgun, Larnaca, Cyprus, August 24th – September 12th, 2022
395 athletes representing 41 nations.

European Championship 25m/50m, Rifle/Pistol, Wrocław, Poland, September 5th-18th, 2022
451 athletes representing 35 nations.

European Championship 10m, Rifle/Pistol/Running Target, Tallinn, Estonia, March 5th-13th, 2023
517 athletes representing 40 nations.

European Championship Shotgun, Osijek, Croatia, September 8th-27th, 2023
415 athletes representing 41 nations.

III European Games

The Shooting on III European Games Kraków-Małopolska was held in Wrocław from June 21st to July 3rd, 2023. 389 athletes from 45 NOC have been registered for the competitions in Wrocław.

The total number of starts in individual events is 635. The total number of events is 30.

The competition featured a high level of participation, with 16 Olympic Champions competing and 12 Quota places distributed for 10 National Olympic Committees. Furthermore, 25 European Games Records were established, and 5 records were equaled during these Games.

135 athletes from 24 NOC won medals of the III European Games.

European Youth League Championship

In 2021 the EYL competitions were not held because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2022 the EYL Final took place in Budapest, Hungary, with 16 teams from 11 nations qualified through the regional qualification rounds. The first four teams in each event received special prizes – SIUS HS10 electronic targets – provided by the sponsor.

In 2023 the EYL Final took place in Tallinn, Estonia, with 20 teams from 15 nations qualified through the regional qualification rounds. The first four teams in each event received special prizes – SIUS HS10 electronic targets – provided by the sponsor. All other Teams got SCATT systems provided by the sponsor.

Lapua European Cup 300m

Qualification rounds for 2021 were organized in Zagreb, Croatia, and in Århus, Denmark, with a Final taking place in Winterthur, Switzerland. A total of 286 athletes participated in the three competitions including the Final.

Qualification rounds for 2022 were organized in Uppsala, Sweden, Århus, Denmark, and in Zagreb, Croatia, with a Final taking place in Zagreb too. A total of 336 athletes participated in the four competitions including the Final.

Qualification rounds for 2023 were organized in Eskilstuna, Sweden, Buchs, Switzerland, and in Århus, Denmark, with a Final taking place in Zagreb, Croatia.

Lapua European Cup 25m

Qualification rounds for 2021 were organized in Århus, Denmark, Tallinn, Estonia, Suhl, Germany, and in Rečica Pri Laškem, Slovenia, with a Final taking place in Châteauroux, France.

Qualification rounds for 2022 were organized in Suhl, Germany, Århus, Denmark, Tallinn, Estonia, and in Rečica Pri Laškem, Slovenia, with a Final taking place in Lisboa, Portugal.

Qualification rounds for 2023 were organized in Suhl, Germany, Öckerö, Sweden, Tallinn, Estonia, and in Rečica Pri Laškem, Slovenia, with a Final taking place in Zagreb, Croatia.

The ESC Air Cup powered by Walther and Capapie

The ESC Air Cup was organised by the ESC Technical Committee with events in Air Pistol, Air Rifle and Running Target. The idea behind is to offer shooters who have not participated in any ISSF/ESC Championships a stepping stone and an opportunity to compete in an international competition via internet from their own club range. It encourages participation and makes the Air Cup a shooting sport for all.

Despite the problems caused by the COVID pandemic, the competition was adapted to allow participation with a final to be shown in a new way with each of the finalists taking part on their home ranges. In the 2020-2021 season there were 536 participants from 40 clubs of 18 countries.

There were 331 participants representing 46 clubs from 18 countries in 2021-2022 ESC Air Cup and 180 participants representing 33 clubs from 15 countries in 2022-2023 ESC Air Cup.

The ESC Air Cup is powered by Walther and Capapie. These two companies are sponsoring the competition and prizes for the winners. Capapie also established the awards for all finalists. The sponsor agreement is for four years long.

PR and Promotion

5 European Championships mentioned above were broadcasted online using ESC video and social media platforms (YouTube, Facebook).

European Championships	Live views	Delayed Views (1 week after the ECH)
European Championship 10m, Rifle/Pistol/Running Target, Hamar, Norway, March 18th-28th, 2022	40 201	58 198
European Championship Shotgun, Larnaca, Cyprus, August 24th – September 12th, 2022	119 434	201 437
European Championship 25m/50m, Rifle/Pistol, Wrocław, Poland, September 5th-18th, 2022	31 355*	53 541*
European Championship 10m, Rifle/Pistol/Running Target, Tallinn, Estonia, March 5th-13th, 2023	56 334	67 065
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**Only Olympic events*

During each Championship a lot of photos were uploaded to the ESC website, Facebook page and Instagram account on a daily basis.

The same services were secured for shooting competitions within the III European Games as well.

The ESC website has been totally reprogrammed and modernized.

About 150 articles were published on the ESC website and shared over social media covering ESC Championships and other official ESC tournaments.

Environmental matters

During this time period, the main focus has been on the request from the European Commission (EC) that the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) prepare a proposal for a restriction of the use of lead in ammunition for hunting, outdoor sports and in fishing. The ESC President met with EC representatives (June 20th, 2023).

Member Federations (MF) received a letter from the ESC (dated August 3rd, 2022) summarising this EC/ECHA process. The ESC has been actively involved in discussions with other members of the European Shooting Sports Forum (ESSF). The ESSF is a platform for shooting organisations and industry to discuss common interest issues. Other ESSF activities and dialogues include an EU study of the “weight” of the shooting sector, and Regulation 258/2012 on import, export and transit measures for firearms, their essential components and ammunition.

The ISSF has shown their support and understanding of the impact of the EU proposals on the ESC and MFs. Also, the ESC Presidium appreciates all MF initiatives, such as contributions during the ECHA consultation period, and discussions with local and national politicians.