

# European Shooting Confederation (ESC)

## XXX Ordinary General Assembly

Place: Yerevan, Armenia

Dates: 24–25 October 2025

### MINUTES

## Day 1 – Friday, 24 October 2025

### **Opening of the Meeting**

The meeting was opened by Secretary General Mrs. Melis Giraud, who delivered a brief welcoming address. Following her remarks, ESC President Mr. Alexander Ratner extended his greetings to all the participants and thanked the Armenian Shooting Federation for hosting the General Assembly.

A minute of silence is observed in memory of the members of the European Shooting family who passed away during the last two years.

After that the President officially declares the General Assembly open.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

The President informs about the proposal of the Presidium to make two minor adjustments in the Agenda:

To begin the Assembly with granting the status of the ESC Associated Member to the Faroe Islands Shooting Federation and to move the item “Honorary Membership” from the end of the first day to the end of the second day. He also informs that in point 17 (Any new business) there will be a presentation of Mr. Jean-Francois Palinkas, President of FITASC.

The delegates from Lichtenstein and Germany ask to consider moving items 12 and 18 of the Agenda to after elections. The motions are withdrawn after discussion and explanations by the President.

In order to conduct the votings the President suggests to approve the Scrutinizers proposed by the Presidium. Namely, Mrs. Elena Allen from GBR, Mrs. Ieva Simsons from LAT, Mrs. Ghislaine Briez from FRA, Mr. Constantin David from MDA and Mr. László Sinka from HUN.

No objections. No other candidatures. The Scrutinizers are unanimously approved.

Voting takes place on the final Agenda.

Result: 63 votes in favor, 0 abstentions, 25 against.

Decision: The final amended Agenda is approved.

## **Affiliation of the Faroe Islands Shooting Federation**

The President provides an explanation regarding the application of the Faroe Islands Shooting Federation to become an Associated Member of the ESC.

Voting takes place.

Decision: Approved with all in favor and 3 abstentions.

The Faroe Islands Shooting Federation becomes an ESC Associated Member.

## **Roll Call**

Following the registration of the delegates the Secretary General Mrs. Giraud confirms the presence of 52 Full Members – 51 represented in person and 1 by proxy as well as 1 Associated Member.

The General Assembly is informed about the proposal of the Presidium to allow 2 Full Members – the national federations of Azerbaijan and the Netherlands – to participate remotely due to extraordinary situations that did not allow them to come to Yerevan (impossibility to obtain visa and respectively flights being cancelled due to the storm Benjamin).

The ESC Legal Adviser Mr. Jean-Pierre Morand gives a thorough explanation of the Presidium's proposal. This is justified given the situation faced by the 2 members who wanted to attend and were objectively prevented by circumstances of Force Majeure nature. The possibility in principle to hold a virtual General Assembly is provided in the Statutes. This possibility can be used in this case specifically to address exceptional circumstances which affected the two concerned members' right to attend the General Assembly.

Following the discussion, voting takes place.

Result: 61 votes in favor, 9 abstentions and 18 against.

Decision: the Presidium's proposal to allow the concerned 2 Full Members – the national federations of Azerbaijan and the Netherlands – to participate remotely due to the extraordinary situations that did not allow them to come to Yerevan – is approved.

Three Full Members do not attend and did not come to register. They are not taking part to the General Assembly:

Austria Shooting Federation Clay Target and Combined

Luxembourg Shooting Federation (FLTAS)

Monaco Shooting Federation

According to the roll call 54 Full Members (out of a potential total of 57 Full Members) representing a total of 95 votes are accordingly registered to take part in the General Assembly.

There is a quorum for any decision.

Note: In the evening of 24 October 2025, emails were received from Luxembourg and Monaco asking for online access to the second day of the General Assembly. In the absence of any objective justification relating the request to any exceptional circumstance having prevented their regular participation or registration, these unsupported and late requests were not taken into consideration.

## **Election of the Committees**

Upon proposal of the Presidium the following Committees are unanimously approved

Election Committee

- Mrs. Elena Allen (GBR), Mrs. Ieva Simsons (LAT), Mr. Constantine David (MDA).

Minutes Committee:

- Mrs. Melis Giraud (Secretary General) and Mr. Petros Kyritsis

## **ESC Activity Report**

The report is presented by Vice-President György Nagy. No questions are raised.

The Secretary General asks the delegates to vote on the approval of the report.

Voting takes place. Results: 80 votes in favor, 4 abstentions, 3 against.

The ESC Activity report is approved.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The report is presented by the Treasurer Mr. Pekka Kuusisto.

Voting takes place. Results: 76 votes in favor, 14 abstentions.

The Treasurer's report is *approved*.

## **Auditors' Report and Discharge of the Presidium**

The report is presented by the ESC Auditor Mr. Siegfried Böck.

Mr. Böck asks to approve the report and to discharge the Presidium.

Voting takes place. Results: 85 votes in favor, 3 abstentions.

The Auditor's report is approved and the Presidium is discharged.

## **President's Report**

The report is presented by the President Mr. Alexander Ratner.

Voting takes place. Results: 75 votes in favor, 14 abstentions.

The President's report is approved.

Following the report, the President awards with the ESC gold medal of appreciation the leaders of six Member Federations for their contribution in the successful activity of the ESC by organizing the major European competitions in 2022-2025:

- Hugues Senger, President of the French Shooting Federation;
- Hubert Kišpal, President of the Croatian Shooting Federation;
- György Nagy, President of the Hungarian Shooting Federation;
- Tomasz Kwiecień, President of the Polish Sport Shooting Federation;
- Jordan Tasevski, President of the Macedonian Sport Shooting Federation;
- Meelis Loit, Secretary General of the Estonian Shooting Sport Federation.

## **Amendments to the ESC Statutes**

Mr. Jean-Pierre Morand, ESC Legal Advisor, presents in detail all the proposed amendments to the ESC Statutes. He gives explanations to each proposed amendment and answers questions.

Concerns are raised only in respect to item 4.3. Discussion takes place and it is agreed upon to add the first sentence of the existing version of the Statutes to the new one to confirm that candidates have to be supported by their own federation. The proposal in regard to the new art. 4.3 is amended accordingly.

Decision: Amendments (including adjustment in 4.3) to the ESC Statutes are unanimously approved.

## **Proposal of the Members to introduce European Championships for under 23 (U-23) age category**

The President informs that six Member Federations (Poland, Ukraine, Türkiye, Latvia, Estonia, Greece) had formally proposed to establish a new age category for the athletes under 23 years (U-23) and to start organizing respective European Championships.

He also says that if the proposal is approved by the delegates, it will demand respective amendments to the General Regulations to be formulated by the Technical Committee and approved by the Presidium.

Voting takes place. Results: 69 votes in favor, 8 abstentions, 11 against.

Decision: The proposal to establish a new age category for the athletes under 23 years (U-23) and to start organizing respective European Championships is approved.

## **Proposals of the Presidium:**

### **Amendments to the ESC General Regulations**

The President points out that all the proposed amendments reflect the reality. They were duly approved by the Presidium and implemented in the competitions.

No questions. No comments.

Voting takes place. Results: 80 votes in favor, 8 abstentions.

Decision: The amendments to the General Regulations are approved.

## **Membership Status of the National Federations of Andorra, Lichtenstein and San Marino Tiro a Segno**

The President says that the Presidium has proposed to transfer three National Federations, namely:

- Andorra Shooting Federation
- Liechtenstein Shooting Federation
- San Marino Tiro a Segno

from Full Membership status to Associated Membership status due to non-participation of their athletes to the minimum number of European Championships according to art. 3.13.2 of the ESC Statutes.

The President invites the delegates of the Members concerned to present their position to the General Assembly before any decision is taken, according to the ESC Statutes.

After the presentations, three separate votings on the proposal of the Presidium take place.

Results:

- Andorra: 28 votes in favor, 10 abstentions, 51 against.
- Lichtenstein: 35 votes in favor, 3 abstentions, 51 against.
- San Marino Tiro a Segno: 31 in favor, 8 abstentions, 51 against.

Decision: The proposals to change the membership status of the 3 concerned members are rejected. Their Membership status does not change.

## **2027 European Championship 25/50/300m/MovingTarget/Shotgun**

The President reminds of the discussions and the decision of the previous ESC General Assembly in 2023.

Further, Mrs. Ghislaine Briez, chair of the Evaluation Commission that visited the shooting range Ruutikangas and the city of Liminka, makes a presentation with a conclusion that there is a big risk in confirming Finland, which is not ready, as host of the Championship, especially because it will be part of the Olympic qualification with quota places allocation for the 2028 Games in Los Angeles. The range is not built yet and many other organizational matters remain unclear.

After that Mr. Vesa Nissinen, President of the FSSF, provides an update on the works done and confirms delays from the original schedule of the construction project.

The proposal is to open a new bidding procedure for the 2027 European Championship 25/50/300m/MovingTarget/Shotgun.

Voting takes place. Results: 64 in favor, 5 abstentions, 22 against.

Decision: to open a new bidding procedure for the 2027 European Championship 25/50/300m/MovingTarget/Shotgun.

## **Qualification system for the 2028 Olympic Games**

The President makes a short presentation explaining the main provisions of the proposed Qualification system for 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles to be approved by the ISSF Executive Committee. The European quotas can be allocated at the 2027-2028 European Championships and 2027 European Games.

The above information is taken in consideration.

## **Membership Fees for 2026–2027**

The President proposes to reduce the Membership fee to €100 per country for the next two years. In cases where there are two federations in the same country, each shall pay €50.

Voting takes place. Results: 85 votes in favor, no abstentions, 4 against.

Decision: the Membership fees for 2026-2027 are 100 Euro per country

## **Day 2 – Saturday, 25 October 2025**

### **Presentation by FITASC President**

Mr. Jean-François Palinkas, FITASC President, delivers a presentation of the joint ESC/FITASC work on the European Commission dossier on lead ammunition for clay target sport shooting, initiated six years ago.

Following the presentation, the ESC President requests a vote of confidence for continuation of the joint ESC/FITASC efforts to protect the interests of the shooting sport vis-a-vis the European Commission dossier on lead ammunition and proposed restrictions.

Voting takes place. Results: 90 in favor, 3 abstentions, 0 against.

### **ESC Strategy for 2026-2029**

The Secretary General proposes to move to the ESC strategy 2026–2029 the presentations of the presidential candidates.

The floor is given first to Mrs. Anna-Karoliina Nissinen. She addresses to the delegates, giving a general presentation of her action plan and strategy and answers questions.

Then the Secretary General invites Mr. Alexander Ratner. He makes a presentation outlining his general strategic plan and proposed course of action and answers questions.

### **Elections**

The Secretary General reminds that according to Art. 6.6.5 of the ESC Statutes, during the election of the President a “chair person pro tempore” must be elected by the General Assembly and informs that the Presidium decided to propose for this position Mr. Pekka Kuusisto.

The Secretary General asks if there is any objection? No objections are raised.

Mr. Pekka Kuusisto is confirmed as “chair person pro tempore”.

Mr. Pekka Kuusisto takes the floor and requests the representatives of “Lumi AGM UK Limited” to proceed with electronic voting.

According to the roll call the total of possible votes is 95.

### **a) Election of the ESC President**

Results of the voting:

- Mr. Alexander Ratner — 56 votes (60.22%)
- Mrs. Anna-Karoliina Nissinen — 37 votes (39.78%)

Mr. Alexander Ratner is re-elected President.

### **b) Election of Vice-Presidents**

Twelve candidates stand for 4 positions. Results of the voting:

- György Nagy (HUN) — 47 votes (50.54%)
- Vessela Letcheva (BUL) — 41 votes (44.09%)
- John Hansen (DEN) — 39 votes (41.94%)
- Nino Salukvadze (GEO) — 35 votes (37.63%)
- Agathi Kasoumi (GRE) – 31 votes (33.33%)
- Melis Giraud (TUR) – 30 votes (32.26%)
- Emin Jafarov (AZE) - 30 votes (32.26%)
- Michael Rohar (ISR) – 29 votes (31.18%)
- Hubert Kispal (CRO) – 27 votes (29.03%)
- Petros Kyritsis (CYP) – 21 votes (22.58%)
- Ljubo Germič (SLO) -21 votes (22.58%)
- Hugues Senges (FRA) – 11 votes (11.83%)

György Nagy (HUN), Vessela Letcheva (BUL), John Hansen (DEN) and Nino Salukvadze (GEO) are elected Vice-Presidents.

### **c) Election of Presidium Members**

Nineteen candidates stand for 11 positions. Results of the voting:

- Susana Pagará de Campos (POR) – 71 votes (76.34%)
- Biserka Vrbek (CRO) – 68 votes (73.12%)
- Hugues Senger (FRA) – 67 votes (72.04%)
- Emin Jafarov (AZE) – 64 votes (68.82%)
- Meelis Loit (EST) – 61 votes (65.59%)
- Bjørn Harald Vik (NOR) – 58 votes (62.37%)
- Tomasz Kwiecień (POL) – 52 votes (55.91%)
- Alexandros Dimakakos (GRE) – 49 votes (52.69%)
- Lucia-Liliana Mihalache (ROU) – 46 votes (49.46%)
- Jordan Tasevski (MKD) – 45 votes (48.39%)
- Egbert IJzerman (NED) – 44 votes (47.31%)
- Walter De Guisti (ITA) – 41 votes (44.09%)

- Maria Yiorkadji Ioannidi (CYP) – 39 votes (41.94%)
- Ljubo Germič (SLO) – 32 votes (34.41%)
- Juha Hirvi (FIN) – 32 votes (34.41%)
- Micheal Rohar (ISR) – 29 votes (31.18%)
- Tamaz Imnaishvili (GEO) – 29 votes (31.18%)
- Stefan Rrufa (ALB) – 29 votes (31.18%)
- Miguel Francés Pumarada (ESP) – 14 votes (15.05%)

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- Egbert IJzerman (NED)

are elected Presidium members.

## **Election of the Technical Committee Chairperson**

The President refers to art. 6.5.2 of the ESC Statutes that allows the conduct of the elections by acclamation when there is only one candidate for a position.

As there is only one candidate for a position of the ESC Technical Committee Chairperson - Mr. Robert Ferenčak, the President asks if any objection is raised by any delegate against the proposal to elect Mr. Ferenčak by acclamation?

No objection is raised.

Mr. Robert Ferenčak is elected the ESC Technical Committee Chairperson by acclamation.

## **Voting on the Organizers of the 2028-2029 European Championships**

The following applications for 2028 have been received:

- ECH 10m (U16/U18): Riga (Latvia)
- ECH 10m (Men/Women): Győr (Hungary) and Granada (Spain)
- ECH 10m (Men Junior/Women Junior): Győr (Hungary) and Granada (Spain)
- ECH Shotgun U-18: Pleven (Bulgaria)
- ECH Shotgun (Men/Women and Men Junior/Women Junior): Nicosia (Cyprus), Osijek (Croatia) and Granada (Spain)
- ECH 25/50m (Men/Women and Men Junior/Women Junior): Osijek (Croatia)

The delegates of the Member Federations of Latvia, Bulgaria, Spain, Cyprus, Croatia and Hungary make presentations to support their applications.

Voting takes place. Results of the votings:

ECH 10m (U16/U18):

Riga (Latvia) is confirmed by acclamation as the only candidature

ECH 10m (Men/Women):

- Győr (Hungary)– 55 votes, Granada (Spain) – 36 votes  
Győr is elected as host city of the Championship

ECH 10m (Men Junior/Women Junior):

- Győr (Hungary)– 61 votes, Granada (Spain) – 27 votes  
Győr is elected as host city of the Championship

ECH Shotgun U-18:

Pleven is confirmed by acclamation as the only candidature

ECH Shotgun (Men/Women and Men Junior/Women Junior ):

- Nicosia – 40 votes, Osijek – 26 votes, Granada – 25 votes.  
Nicosia is elected as host city of the Championship

ECH 25/50m (Men/Women and Men Junior/WomenJunior):

Osijek is confirmed by acclamation as the only candidature

The following applications for 2029 have been received:

- ECH 10m (U16/U18):Osijek (Croatia)
- ECH 10m (Men/Women): Osijek (Croatia)
- ECH 10m (Men Junior/Women Junior): Osijek (Croatia)

Osijek is confirmed by acclamation as the only candidature for the European Championships 10m (U16/U18), 10m (M/W), 10m (MJ/WJ).

- ECH Shotgun U-18: Izmir (Türkiye)

Izmir is confirmed by acclamation as the only candidature for the European Championship Shotgun U-18

- ECH 25/50/300m/MT/Shotgun (Men/Women and Men Junior/Women Junior): Osijek, (Croatia)

Mr. Nissinen asks whether a bid of Finland for 2029 could be considered, (as a replacement for the lost attribution of 2027). Zoran Čelić, delegate of the Croatian Shooting Federation, opposes this proposal since Finland did not submit a bid in time as per ESC General Regulations.

Given the opposition of Croatia and in the absence of a timely submitted bid, the FSSF proposal could not be considered.

Osijek is confirmed by acclamation as the only candidature for the European Championships 10m (U16/U18), 10m (M/W), 10m (MJ/WJ).

## **Honorary Memberships**

Upon recommendation of the Presidium the Honorary Membership is granted to:

- Mrs. Ghislaine Briez
- Mr. Yair Davidovich
- Mr. Petros Kyritsis
- Mr. Tamaz Imnaishvili
- Mr. Pekka Kuusisto

## **Closure of the Assembly**

The President thanks all the delegates for their participation, the constructive discussions and positive decisions wishing them a lot of success in everyday activity.

Special thanks are expressed to the Armenian Shooting Federation for the perfect organization of the General Assembly and the extraordinary hospitality towards everyone who came to Yerevan.

The General Assembly is declared closed.