



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

15-16 April 2023

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Executive Board meeting took place on 15-16 April 2023 in Rome (ITA) kindly hosted by the Italian Archery Federation.

All the members attended the conference call, except the first Vice President Mr Vladimir Esheev and the Board Member Sabrina Steffens.

The following Executive Board members and non-board members attended the meeting:

President	Mario Scarzella
Vice President	Hakan Cakiroglu
Board Members	Hilda Gibson, Jean-Michel Cleroy, Darko Uidl, Daniel Pavlov, Arnoud Strijbis
Finance Board Chairman	Christian Laforest
Secretary General	Alessandra Colasante

The meeting had the following Agenda:

0.0 Agenda

1.0 Report by the President

2.0 Last Council Meeting minutes approval

3.0 Budget

3.1 Budget 2022 general accounts updated

3.1.1 Budget charges 2022

3.1.1.1 Budget Products 2022

3.2 Final Report 2022 by the Treasurer

3.2.1 Final Report 2022 by the Auditor

3.3 Budget 2023

- 3.3.1 Budget products and charges 2023
- 3.3.2 Budget 2023 General accounts updated

4.0 European competitions

- 4.1 Opening of the bids for 2025-26 European competitions – Field and 3D rotation
- 4.2 Calendar of 2024 events
- 4.3 TD appointments at 2024 events and TDs' uniform
- 4.4 2023 European Indoor Championship in Samsun costs and reimbursement
- 4.5 2024 European Youth Ch in ROU change of venue
- 4.6 Bid for 2025 E.Indoor Ch in Samsun received from TUR
- 4.7 Bid for 2026 E.Indoor Ch in Samsun received from TUR
- 4.8 Bid for 2026 E.Outdoor Ch in Antalya received from TUR
- 4.9 Bid for 2026 E.Youth Ch in Arnhem received from NED
- 4.10 Bid for 2025 E.Indoor Ch in Sofia or Plovdiv received from BUL
- 4.11 Bid for 2026 E.Indoor Ch in Sofia or Plovdiv received from BUL

5.0 Grand Prix

- 5.1 Bid for 2025 Grand Prix in Antalya received from TUR
- 5.1.1 Bid for 2025 Grand Prix in Arnhem received from NED
- 5.1.2 Bid for 2025 Grand Prix in Sofia or Plovdiv received from BUL
- 5.2 Bid for 2026 Grand Prix in Antalya received from TUR
- 5.2.1 Bid for 2026 Grand Prix in Sofia or Plovdiv received from BUL
- 5.3 Last version of the rules to be published
- 5.4 TD Final Report Lillehall Grand Prix by Arnoud Strijbis

6.0 Youth Cup

- 6.1 TD Inspection Report Youth Cup 1st leg in Catez by Wolfgang Halvax
- 6.2 Bid for 2025 Youth Cup in Arnhem received from NED
- 6.3 Bid for 2025 Youth Cup in Sofia or Ruse received from BUL
- 6.4 Bid for 2026 Youth Cup in Sofia or Ruse received from BUL

7.0 Para Archery

- 7.1 Nove Mesto Para Cup 1st leg TD Inspection Report by Hilda Gibson
- 7.1.1 Proposal - Retention of 30 Euro capitation fee from Para Archery Cup leg 1st for Finals
- 7.2 Rotterdam Para Ch. contract (WAREOS and double registration)
- 7.3 Rotterdam TD Inspection Report by Dominique Ohlmann
- 7.4 Nove Mesto Para Cup Finals TD Inspection Report by Dominique Ohlmann

8.0 Judges Committee

- 8.1 WAE Judges Conference
- 8.3 Approval of the European Games Jury of Appeal
- 8.4 WA Youth Judges in WAE

9.0 Projects submitted to WA

- 9.1 Para Archery Development
- 9.2 Run Archery Project
- 9.3 WAE Judge Conference
- 9.4 Youth Cup Organization and new participants
- 9.5 Strategic Plan development
- 9.6 Continental Training camp for Youth in Europe (O.S. funding)
- 9.7 Ianseio advanced course (WA)

10.0 Run Archery

- 10.1 Run Archery TD Inspection Visit by Dominique Ohlmann
- 10.2 Bid from Archery GB for Run Archery Cup 2024

11.0 Club Team Cup

- 11.1 Bid from TUR for Club Teams Cup 2025 in Antalya
- 11.2 Bid from TUR for Club Teams Cup 2026 in Antalya
- 11.3 Bid from BUL for Club Teams Cup 2025 in Plovdiv or Ruse
- 11.4 Bid from BUL for Club Teams Cup 2026 in Plovdiv or Ruse

12.0 European Games 2023

- 12.1 List of proposed wild cards to EOC
- 12.2 List of allocated quota

13.0 WAE Web Media Responsible – presentation and contract

14.0 Insurance

15.0 Next meeting date

1. Report by the President

The President warmly welcomed all the members in attendance at this meeting held in Fitarco headquarter.

Firstly, he talked about the situation of Russia and Belarus after the last IOC statement recommending that Individual Neutral Athletes might return to international sports competitions only in an individual and neutral capacity, and not in any way as a representative of the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus and their NOC. While, teams of athletes with a Russian or Belarussian passport could not be considered.

The President spent some touched words about the dramatic earthquake in Turkey, and the 2023 European Indoor Championships cancelled. He thanked the Turkish Archery Federation for the total reimbursement to all the Federations of the accommodation and fees, while they could not afford the reimbursement of the continental Judges. WAE is overing such expenses, it is quite a long process because the most of the Judges are still waiting for the reimbursement from Turkish Airlines, so in some cases we don't know yet which is the amount that WAE should cover.

I wish to talk about the Justice and Ethic Liaison, who must still be appointed because, unfortunately, Paul Paulsen for personal reasons had to refused such a duty. We should now appoint another person; I would like to propose you the name of Klaus Lindau.

As far as the budget is concerned, I wish to stress on the main difference about the financial support we receive from World Archery. As you know we don't get the memberships fees anymore, but a base contribution of 5000 Euro.

We have submitted to World Archery 5 projects but we don't yet if they are all approved and fully supported.

Later on at the relevant item in the agenda, we'll talk about the European camp for Youth, which is a new valuable project financially covered by Olympic Solidarity.

This year for the first time WA has opened to Continental Associations the possibility to apply for one of the projects run under the "knowledge sharing programme". We applied for the Ianseo Seminar Advanced that would be addressed to some WAE Member Associations. It is a 4days on-site event, including one day of competition, for Organizers who already have adequate prior experience at managing results in competitions.

During such a meeting, we'll deal with the European Games quota places gained in Monaco and Lillehall, and the list of wild cards, exactly 10 spots, proposed to EOC. I take the occasion to thank Archery GB for the excellent organization of Lillehall Grand Prix and quota tournament for the European Games.

Concerning Para Archery, I wish to mention the participation of Visually Impaired archers to our events. In particular, in Nove Mesto Para Cup only 5 VI archers have been registered and 3 of them are from Italy. We must absolutely find a solution to increase the VI participation, probably by matching the two categories 1 and 2-3 all wearing blindfolds.

Finally, he thanked the Committees for their skilled cooperation and work for the development of Archery, the capable and trained Continental Judges, Mr Christian Laforest for his always valuable and appreciated cooperation, and Alessandra Colasante for her appreciated work and support.

2. Approval of the last EB meeting minutes

The last meeting minutes were approved.

3. Budget

The Chairman Mr Christian La Forest took the floor for the budget explanations. He presented the general accounting 2022 as well as the 2023 budget provisions.

The Final Report on 2022 accounts by the Treasurer and by the Auditor were read and approved. The 2023 provisional budget was approved.

4. European competitions

The Board decided to open the bidding process for 2025 and 2026 events according to the following list, and decided not to change the Field and 3D Championships' rotation so that the European Field Championships will be held in 2025 and the European 3D Championships.

The 2024 European 3D Championships was still opened for bidding.

In 2025 the following events were opened for bidding:

- European Para Archery Cup Circuit (May/June)
- European Para Archery Cup Circuit August/Sep
- European Para Archery Cup Final (September)
- European Field Championships (September)
- European Run Archery Cup (10-12 October)

While, in 2026 the following events were opened for bidding:

- European Para Archery Cup Circuit (Apr/May)
- European Para Archery Championships (August/September)
- European Para Archery Cup Final (September)
- European 3D Championships (September)
- European Run Archery Cup (9-11 October)

The host city of the 2024 European Indoor Championships was changed from Porec to Varazdin where a wonderful new Arena will be the venue. The Championships will be run from 13 to 18 February 2024 and Mr Daniel Pavlov (BUL) was appointed as Technical Delegate of the event.

Also the host city of the European Youth Championships in Romania was changed. The venue will be in Ploiesti, instead of Bucharest, and it will be held on 8-15 July. Mr Daniel Pavlov was named as Mentor of the Technical Delegate Mr Endre Vik Larsen (NOR), member of the Youth Committee.

In the discussion about the 2024 calendar, it was stated that 2024 WAE Congress will be held on 2 June in Essen, GER, at the eve of the European Outdoor Championships scheduled on 3-9 June, with Mrs Eva Thesen as Technical Delegate.

- Concerning the uniform for TDs, it was decided to supply the Technical Delegates at the next 2023 events with the white t-shirt and white jacket previously ordered for WAE officials by adding the word Technical Delegates printed on the back.
- As a consequence of the cancellation of the 2023 European Indoor Championships in Samsun, due to the catastrophic earthquake, the Board approved to reimburse each appointed Judge with the amount not reimbursed by the airlines after the tickets' cancellation.

The Board allocated the following events:

- 2025 European Indoor Championships was allocated to Turkish Archery Federation and will be held in Samsun, TUR, from 17 to 23 February 2025
- 2026 European Indoor Championships was allocated to Bulgarian Archery Federation and will be held in Sofia, BUL, from 16 to 21 February 2026
- 2026 European Outdoor Championships was allocated to Turkish Archery Federation and will be held in Antalya, TUR, on 25-31 May. At the same time WAE Congress 2026 was allocated as well and scheduled on 24 May in Antalya, TUR.
- 2026 European Youth Championships was allocated to The Netherlands Archery Federation and will be held in Arnhem - NED on 20-26 July

The following TDs were appointed at 2024 events:

- Maria Kyrillopoulou (GRE) was appointed as Technical Delegate at the Youth Cup in Sofia, BUL, to be held from 15 to 21 April
- Maya Shalaby (SLO) was named as Technical Delegate and Darko Uidl (CRO) as Mentor at the Grand Prix in Arnhem, NED, to be held on 6-11 May.
- Arnoud Strijbis was appointed as Technical Delegate at the the European Para Archery Championships to be held on 20-26 May in Rome, ITA.
- Rolf Volungholen (SWE) was appointed as Technical Delegate and Hilda Gibson (GBR) as Mentor at the Para Cup and World Ranking Event in Nove Mesto, CZE, to be held from 22 to 30 June.
- Marco Carpignano was appointed as Technical Delegate at the European Club Teams Cup will be held on 5-6 October in Ruse, BUL.
- Dominique Ohlmann was appointed as Technical Delegate at the European Run Archery Cup to be held on 12-13 October in Nottingham, GBR.

5. Grand Prix

The Board examined the submitted bids and allocated the following events:

- 2025 European Grand Prix - first leg - was allocated to Turkish Archery Federation and will be held in Antalya, TUR, on 22-27 April 2025
- 2025 European Grand Prix – second leg - was allocated to The Netherlands Archery Federation and will be held in Arnhem, NED, on 21-27 July (dates to be confirmed)
- 2026 European Grand Prix was allocated to Turkish Archery Federation and will be held in Antalya, TUR, on 20-26 April 2026

The amended version of the Grand Prix rules was approved in order to be published.

The Final Report of Lilleshall GP from the TD Arnoud Stribbis was read and discussed.

6. Youth Cup

The Inspection Report of the Youth Cup 1st leg in Catez from the TD Wolfgang Halvax was read and discussed.

The Board examined the submitted bids and allocated the following events:

- 2025 European Youth Cup 1st leg was allocated to Bulgarian Archery Federation and will be held in Sofia, BUL, in May.
- 2025 European Youth Cup 2nd leg was allocated to The Netherlands Archery Federation and will be held in Arnhem - NED on 28 July – 2 August (dates to be confirmed)
- 2026 European Youth Cup was allocated to Bulgarian Archery Federation and will be held in Sofia on April or May 2026.

7. Para Archery

- The Inspection Report of Para Cup 1st leg in Nove Mesto from the TD Hilda Gibson was read and discussed. The Board accepted the proposal that the capitation fee paid at this event were held in Nove Mesto in view of the organization of the Euro Para Archery Cup Final also being hosted in Nove Mesto in September 2023. This would avoid any financial transfer fees to be paid.
- The Board after receiving the bid/WRE form from CZE and LOC of Nove Mesto nad Metuji, agreed to allocate the 2024 Para European Cup 2nd leg and WRE to Nove Mesto from 22 to 30 June. While confirming that no Para Cup Finals will be held in 2024 as Paralympic years.
- The Inspection Report by Dominique Ohlmann on Rotterdam European Para Championships was read and discussed. Referring to the contract, it raised the issue linked to the use of two different systems for registration. The LOC pushed for using at least for accommodation and transportation the registration system of the EPC, while the use of WAREOS was kept as mandatory entries and classifications for each registered MAs.
- The Inspection Report by Dominique Ohlmann on Nove Mesto Para Cup Finals was read and discussed.

8.0 Judges Committee

- The Board discussed the proposal of the Judge Committee to hold a Conference for continental Judges in 2023, according to the project submitted to WA. The most probably date would be in the month of October or November.
- The Board confirmed the decision to have the three members of WAE Judge Committee as members of the European Games Jury of Appeal
- WAE Judge Committee clarified the status of the World Archery Youth Judge (WA YJ) who automatically qualifies as a Continental Judge, according to Article 9.5 of the WA rules:

In accordance to WAE Constitution there is a limit of 9 Continental Judges (including WA Judges) with a minimum of 3 females per Member Association. This would mean that MAs who already have 9 Continental Judges or do not have the right gender split would not be able to have any additional Youth Judges. Neither WA or WAE want to restrict younger Judges coming through, so the Judge Committees have worked together to find a solution.

In World Archery Europe anyone qualifying as a WA Youth Judge will sit outside of the Continental Judge scheme. So, they will not be included in the 9 Judge limit and gender split and they will not automatically hold the title of Continental Judge. However, the WAE Judge Committee will maintain them on their records and may invite them to apply for Continental Tournaments. They will be classed as a Continental Judge at any events that they are appointed to. There is no need for any WA YJ to attend a Continental Judge Seminar unless they want to qualify as a WAE Continental Judge in their own right, at which point they will be subject to the rules as per the WAE Constitution.

Should a WA Youth Judge wants to progress and apply for an WA International Judge Candidate Seminar they can. But if they pass, they will be classed in the limit of 9 Continental Judges (including WA Judges) with a minimum of 3 females per Member Association. Any application for an IJC Seminar must be signed off by the WAE Judge Committee and as such they may withheld authorising the application until a space is available.

9.0 Projects submitted to WA

The Board looked through the following projects submitted to WA for the request of financial support of the current year: Para Archery Development, Run Archery Project, WAE Judge Conference, Youth Cup Organization and new participants, Strategic Plan development
In addition, WAE applied for the Ianseo advanced course, managed by WA, opened to European MAs.

10. Run Archery

The Run Archery TD Inspection Visit by Dominique Ohlmann was read and discussed

The Board allocated to Archery GB the Run Archery Cup 2024 to be held on 11-13 October in Nottingham

11. Club Team Cup

After having examined the bids, the Board allocated the following events:

2025 European Club Teams Cup was allocated to Turkish Archery Federation and will be held in Antalya, TUR, on 4-5 October.

2026 European Club Teams Cup was allocated to Bulgarian Archery Federation and will be held in Ruse, BUL, on 3-4 October.

It was confirmed the previous decision to cancel WAE prize money at the European Club Teams Cup starting from 2024 edition.

12. European Games 2023

The Board review through the general recap of the allocated places for the European Games 2023 gained and the list of wild cards to be proposed to EOC

13. WAE Web Media Responsible

Mr Giulio Borzacchini joined the meeting in order to present himself to the Executive Board after having being appointed as WAE Media Responsible. His contract for the current year is confirmed.

14. Insurance

It was decided to confirm the same insurance for another year.

15. Next meeting date

The next Executive Board Meeting will be held on 28-29 October 2023 in Belgrade, Serbia.