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01. UPDATE FROM THE ACTING PRESIDENT



Dear friends,

We hope this finds you in good health and that you had a pleasant journey home from Malmö.

It was a pleasure to meet with you all in Sweden for our Congress during the European Team Championships.

I think we can all agree that the 2023 Stupa European Team Championships were spectacular, so ... Let me thank the Swedish Table Tennis Association for the excellent delivery of the event, highlighted by the win of Team Sweden in the men competition. Also, huge congratulations to Team Germany for the title in the women competition. Both teams are already qualified for 2024 Olympic Games.

As you all noticed the standard of organization was very high and showcased the brilliance of our sport to new audiences as the event was being live broadcasted to 22 countries. We also saw firsthand the popularity of table tennis in Europe, with a full venue and excited audience over the last few davs.

Of course, the Championships were also an opportunity for the ETTU family to come together for our Congress. Allow me to say it was a very productive meeting and reinforced the unity of our federation. Both the 2022 Financial results and 2024 Budget were approved as well as all Executive Board proposals to change some ETTU Regulations and the ETTU Constitution. Congress was also an excellent opportunity to showcase all current and near future ETTU activities, all of it aligned with the ETTU Strategic and Implementation Plan.

After Malmö, there was very little time to wait before the next competitions.

The men's and women's Champions League 2023/24 season as well as the men's and women's Europe Cup 2023/24 season are officially underway. We are sure that our club competitions will once again capture the imagination of fans around Europe and bring great drama and excitement.

Also, the 2023 Heidelberg Materials Europe Youth Top 10, held in the amazing Bucharest, Romania, brought together the best 40 European U-15 and U-19 players still in the month of September. The Romanian Table Tennis Federation delivered the usual high standard of organization for this event. Thank you so much!

There is a lot to look forward to between now and the end of the year, with the organization of three events of our new Europe Youth Series, and a lot of hard work needed by all of us to support our sport and our athletes.

I have no doubt we are up to the task, and I am excited to continue to work with you in the months ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Pedro Moura ETTU Acting President























02. FUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

After the approval at the 2023 Congress of the new system of play to be implemented in the 2025 European Team Championships, the following teams have earned direct qualification to the final stage:

WOMEN'S TEAMS MEN'S TEAMS

GERMANY SWEDEN ROMANIA GERMANY FRANCE FRANCE PORTUGAL PORTUGAL BELGIUM ITALY SLOVAKIA CROATIA **SPAIN DENMARK SWEDEN HUNGARY** AUSTRIA AUSTRIA CROATIA **CZECHIA** CZECHIA **ENGLAND** HUNGARY POLAND LUXEMBOURG SLOVAKIA POLAND SLOVENIA **SERBIA ROMANIA UKRAINE UKRAINE** TÜRKIYE **SERBIA WALES ITALY**

ENTRIES

The deadline for entries to the European Team Championships 2025 will be Monday, 30.10.2023.

STAGE 1 HOSTING PROCESS

After receiving the entries ETTU will publish the directives for hosting Stage 1 and open the tender on Monday, 13.11.2023.

Associations are kindly requested to send their final applications to host to ETTU Competition Manager (competition@ettu.org) and to the General Secretariat (<u>registration@ettu.org</u>) no later than Tuesday, 02.01.2024.













03. WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS BUSAN 2024

According to the <u>qualification pathway</u> established for the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals (WTTTC) in Busan 2024, the following European teams have obtained their qualification:

MEN'S TEAMS WOMEN'S TEAMS

SWEDEN GERMANY GERMANY ROMANIA FRANCE FRANCE PORTUGAL **PORTUGAL**

BELGIUM ITALY

CROATIA SLOVAKIA

DENMARK **SPAIN** HUNGARY **SWEDEN** SLOVENIA **HUNGARY**

ENGLAND LUXEMBOURG

POLAND **POLAND SLOVAKIA AUSTRIA**

04. FUROPE YOUTH SERIES 2024

Associations are kindly requested to send their applications to host Europe Youth Series events in 2024 to ETTU Competition Manager (competition@ettu.org) and to General Secretariat (registration@ettu.org) no later than Friday, 20.10.2023.

Please note the following:

- In accordance with the ETTU Congress decision, at the European Youth Championships and European U13 Championships, the European U15 and U13 ranking lists will be used for seeding.
- ETTU will choose a maximum of six events for the 2024 EYS. The main criteria for the hosts' decision will be based on the evaluation of the application.
- The main change in directives for 2024 is that Organizer must provide streaming at their own cost (one table), and an ITTF-approved floor is mandatory on the streaming table.



















- The 2024 EYS calendar will be published at the beginning of November 2023.
- In 2024, EYS shall not clash with WTT Youth Events in Europe. Therefore, possible slots/dates for EYS events are:
 - o Slot 15.01.2024.-04.02.2024.
 - o Slot 17.02.2024. 03.03.2024.
 - o Slot 11.03.2024. 07.04.2024.
 - o Slot 29.04.2024. 12.05.2024.
 - o Slot 17.06.2024.-30.06.2024.
 - o Slot 23.09.2024. 28.10.2024. (The EYS event shall not clash with Europe Youth Top10, whose dates are still to be confirmed)
 - o Slot 25.11.2024.-15.12.2024.

05. EUROPEAN OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION

As established in the Official Qualification System of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, the European Qualification tournament must take place on week 19 in 2024 (6-12 May).

The deadline for the entries will be Monday, 08.04.2024 allowing modifications until three (3) days before the commencement of the tournament.

06. ETTU EUROTALENTS AND SELECTION CAMPS 2024

Associations are kindly requested to send their applications to host ETTU Eurotalents and Selection Camps in 2024 to ETTU Deputy Secretary General/ETTU Development Manager (projects@ettu.org) and to ETTU Administration Officer (ana.ivosevic@ettu.org) no later than Friday, 20.10.2023.



















Please note the following:

- The main criteria for the hosts' decision will be based on the evaluation of the application and avoiding clashing dates with Europe Youth Series Events and WTT Youth Events in Europe.
- Member Associations planning to host a camp alongside a Europe Youth Series Event should mention it in their application.
- ETTU will provide support to each organizer with a total amount of €2,000. This amount includes €1,600 to cover the fees of local coaches and €400 to cover additional organizational costs, such as water, fruits, snacks, etc.
- ETTU will collaborate with the host by assigning a Development Manager or ETTU Consultant Coach to assist with the organization of the camp.

07. ENTRIES EUROPEAN VIRTUAL TABLE TENNIS **CHALLENGE**

Please note the following update on the tournament dates and entry deadlines:

- The tournament will take place from October 22 to November 19 or 26 in virtual mode*, followed by the final phase (starting from the round of 16) on 12th - 14th January in Düsseldorf, Germany.
 - * depending on the total number of registrations.
- Online entries will be accepted until Sunday, 15.10.2023 on the following link http://www.tournaments.elevenvr.net/

More information on the European Virtual Table Tennis Challenge. https://www.ettu.org/en/events/european-virtual-tt-challenge/documents/



















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