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Luxembourg, 31st March 2022

01. FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dear friends,

We hope this finds you in good health.

Please allow us to begin by reiterating our sincere sympathies for the people of Ukraine. We join the international community in hoping that there can be a swift and peaceful end to the current war.

The ETTU remains committed to helping the Ukrainian Table Tennis community and calls on all members of the European Table Tennis Family to support in any way they can.

At times like these, sport is understandably often far from people's minds, but at the ETTU we have a responsibility to ensure we keep moving forward and continue to serve our sport and our athletes to the best of our ability.

As you all know, on 2nd March ETTU President Igor Levitin took the decision to self-suspend himself from all functions related to his position as ETTU President until further notice. He did so to protect the integrity of the ETTU and its events as well as the wellbeing of its athletes.

In his absence, as per the ETTU Constitution, Deputy President Pedro Moura is serving as Acting President on an interim basis. The Executive Board is working to ensure that the ETTU continues to operate as normal in full compliance with the ETTU Constitution, and our events go ahead as planned.

Our most recent event, the ETTU Top 16 Cup in Montreux was a state-of-the-art event and showcased European table tennis at its very best. Once again, we would like to thank the organisers for their excellent organisation and warm hospitality.

The Top 16 demonstrated the level at which we can host our events and we need to maintain and build on this in the months ahead.

There is no doubt that this is a challenging time. But together we can continue to progress and serve European Table Tennis.

As a Table Tennis family, we stand in solidarity with Ukraine and we are united in our hope that peace will soon return to Europe.

Yours sincerely,
ETTU Executive Board

02. ETTU CONGRESS 2022 - MUNICH, GER

- Please note the Congress will be held in Munich GER on **Saturday 20th August 2022** during the 2022 European Championships.
- Please note the closing date for receipt of business, propositions and resolutions in writing is **Thursday 19th May 2022** (not later than 3 months before Congress).
- Please note the notice and agenda of the meeting will be sent not later than **Friday 17th June 2022** (not later than 2 months before Congress).

03. ETTU ACTING PRESIDENT PEDRO MOURA (POR)

- At its meeting on 30th March 2022 the ETTU Executive Board approved financial compensation for the Acting President, Pedro Moura, while carrying out his duties as ETTU Acting President.

04. 2022 EUROPE UNDER 13 CHALLENGE

- The prospectus for the 2022 Europe Under 13 Challenge, to be held at Podgorica MNE from Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th June 2022, has been published online.

<https://www.ettu.org/en/events/europe-under-13-challenge/general-information/>

- There will be mixed team event (Associations may enter 1 team of 2 boys and 2 girls) and boys singles and girls singles events.
- Athlete eligibility will be as for the European Youth Championships.

05. 2022 EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

- The 2022 European Youth Championships will take place from Wednesday 6th to Friday 15th July 2022 at Štark Arena Belgrade SRB.

06. EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS – DATES for A and B GROUPS

- The following dates for stage 1 A and B groups have been agreed:

A groups (1v3) Wednesday 12th or Thursday 13th October 2022

A groups (2v1) Saturday 15th or Sunday 16th October 2022

A groups (3v2) Wednesday 26th or Thursday 27th October 2022

A groups (3v1) Tuesday 6th or Wednesday 7th or Thursday 8th or Friday 9th or Saturday 10th or Sunday 11th December 2022

A groups (1v2) and (2v3) to be announced (2023)

B groups (round robin) Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th October 2022

07. 2023 EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

- The Executive Board has awarded the 2023 European Youth Championships to the Polish Association (PZTS), to be held in the city of Gliwice, from Friday 14th to Sunday 23rd July 2023.

08. FUTURE ETTU EVENTS – 2023

· The Executive Board will be pleased to receive applications from Associations wishing to host the following events:

2023 EUROPEAN UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS
2023 EUROPE YOUTH TOP 10

· Associations are kindly requested to send their initial applications to the ETTU Secretariat (registration@ettu.org and rcsettu@pt.lu) to arrive not later than **Friday 22nd April 2022**.

09. THE 8th EUROPEAN ATHLETICS YOUNG LEADERS FORUM DURING THE 2022 EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS AT MUNICH

· The European Table Tennis Union is pleased to participate in the 8th European Athletics Young Leaders Forum organised by the Local Organising Committee (LOC) of the European Championships Munich 2022 and European Athletics, to be held in Munich GER, during the European Table Tennis Championships. The Young Leaders Forum will take place from **Friday 19th to Monday 22nd August 2022**.

· Thank you to the Associations nominating candidates for the Young Leaders Forum.

10. HELPING THE UKRAINIAN TABLE TENNIS COMMUNITY

· Following a decision taken by the ETTU Executive Board on 27th February, ETTU is committed to help the Ukrainian Table Tennis community in the best way possible. After establishing contact with the Ukrainian Table Tennis Federation, we have been informed that the most urgent help they seek is from sports clubs and centres in neighbouring countries that can welcome refugee athletes and their families. Therefore, please, we ask you to distribute this announcement among all those members of the Table Tennis Family who are willing to collaborate and send the following information to projects@ettu.org or directly to utf.ukraine@gmail.com :

1. Location and Address
2. Link or photos of receiving facility
3. How many people can be accepted and under what conditions
4. Contact person and mobile number (WhatsApp or Viber)

If you have any questions or have some other mechanisms which you think may help, you can also contact Galia Dvorak, ETTU Special Projects Operations Manager: projects@ettu.org and +34 618440605

· Update from Galia: *earlier this month in collaboration with the Czech Association we hosted 10 Ukrainian players and their parents and coaches at the ETTU Hopes Selection Camp / Eurotalents PreSelection Camp in Havirov. Some of these players are staying longer in Havirov, some moved to Senec to continue practising in the Eurotalents Under 13 Development Camp. The early response from our TT Family has been very positive: we have received several proposals from various clubs, families and Federations.*

Best wishes from the Secretariat and Staff

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The image features a large graphic with the TIBHAR logo at the top right. Below it, there is a collage of social media content. On the left, a Facebook page for TIBHAR is visible, showing a profile picture of a group of people and a post featuring a man in a red shirt. In the center, a website snippet shows a man in a red shirt and the word 'FORTINO'. On the right, an Instagram profile for 'tibhar_crew' is shown, including a bio, a grid of photos, and a list of users followed. At the bottom of the graphic, there are three circular icons: Facebook, Instagram, and a TIBHAR logo, each connected to a QR code by a white line.