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01. FROM YOUR ACTING PRESIDENT



Dear friends,

I hope this finds you in good health and that you had a peaceful and happy Holiday Season, wishing all your dreams can come true during 2023.

While 2022 was a year full of challenges, and although there is an ongoing war in our European Continent, we at ETTU feel there is a lot to be excited about in 2023.

After our Extraordinary Congress in Amman JOR, we've sent you our 2023-2028 Strategic Plan asking for your feedback. While we'll try to adjust if necessary, we are already working on our next step, the Implementation Plan where we will present you our projects, planned actions and KPIs.

All ETTU Executive Board members and staff were together in Luxembourg last month and will meet regularly further, to prepare what we would like to be one of the most exciting years of ETTU recent history.

As you all know ETTU has already launched a European Ranking Platform. With this tool, all our European players participating in all ITTF, WTT and ETTU competitions will have the possibility to measure their performance. Being experimental during 2023, our experts will be ready to update and upgrade the platform, to make it as accurate as possible and to meet its purpose.

After the success of ETTU U13 Challenge organised in 2022, we'll have our first European U13 Championships. I wish to highlight ETTU will start the Europe Youth Series (EYS), presenting five events U13 and U15 during 2023. We aim that EYS helps to support the development of our young players from all our European Member Associations but that it will also have a positive impact on gender equality and sustainability challenges European Table Tennis is actually facing. Meanwhile, European Team Championships Stage 1 is at full speed as well as the European Clubs Competitions approaching final stage. And of course, at the end of this month, we'll have the state-of-art Europe Top 16 Cup at fabulous Montreux.

As you see, a lot is going on and still a lot to come during this exciting 2023!
Yours sincerely,



Pedro Moura
ETTU Acting President

02. ETTU STAFF

The ETTU Executive Board has confirmed during its latest meeting on January 25th 2023, the following nominations inside ETTU professional structure:

- Secretary General – Mr. Pierre Kass
- Deputy Secretary General – Ms. Galia Dvorak
- Club Competitions Manager and Executive Assistant – Mrs. Andrea Bjurström
- ETTU Senior Advisor - Mr. Richard Scruton

All ETTU staff members with their contact details available here:

<https://www.ettu.org/en/about-ettu/secretariat---staff/>

03. JOB OPENING

JOB DESCRIPTION

The European Table Tennis Union is seeking a highly motivated and experienced Social Media Community Manager to join our team. The successful candidate will be responsible for growing and engaging the table tennis community through social media, as well as managing and growing the ETTU online presence.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop, manage and implement strategies to grow the table tennis community through social media organically and inorganically.
- Communicate the relevant activities and updates of ETTU in the appropriate channels.
- Create and grow the audience of new and trending social media platforms.
- Create and curate engaging content, such as videos, photos, and written publications adapted to the tone and audience of each platform.
- Write creative captions that tell a story and speak directly to the relevant demographic and respond to questions/queries in a professional and timely manner.
- React quickly and creatively at live events while planning and publishing content across all platforms.

- Understand the inner workings of table tennis tournaments and be able to be in the right place at the right time to capture/post live content at events.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends and developments in social media and community management.
- Analyse and report on social media metrics and KPIs.

QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

- Proven experience as a social media community manager or similar role.
- Strong understanding of Social Media platforms and best practices.
- Excellent writing and communication skills.
- Knowledge of table tennis and understanding of the international competition structure.
- Comprehension of how fans and new audiences consume content.
- Ability to plan, organise and think practically paying attention to small details.
- Fluency in English is mandatory, fluency in other languages is a plus.
- Ability to produce regular, accurate and engaging content to tight deadlines across multiple projects.
- Experience using image and video editing software.

Candidates can send their applications including a motivational letter and curriculum vitae (CV) to registration@ettu.org and projects@ettu.org no later than Friday 10th February 2023.

04. ETTU EVENTS AND HOST CONFIRMATIONS

- **The European Team Championships Stage 2** will be played at **Osijek, Croatia**, from **Friday 5th to Sunday 7th May 2023** with the Men's stage 2 groups (5 groups, 17 teams) and the Women's stage 2 groups (4 groups, 14 teams) and knockout playoff matches.

Group winners and runners-up will qualify for the final stage at Malmö, Sweden.

3rd place teams at the final stage will enter a knockout playoff for 1 Men's place and 2 Women's places at the final stage.

- The ETTU Executive Board awarded the **2023 European U13 Championships** to the Croatian Table Tennis Association to be held in Zagreb, Croatia from **Wednesday 14th to Sunday 18th June 2023**.
- The ETTU Executive Board approved **Linz** as the city for the **2024 European Championships** that will be played from **Tuesday 15th to Sunday 20th October 2024**.
- The ETTU Executive Board confirmed **Croatia, Czech Republic, Greece, Montenegro and Türkiye** as hosts for the **2023 Europe Youth Series**.

26-30.4	Europe Youth Series (Croatian Open)	Osijek - Croatia
13-17.9 (tbc)	Europe Youth Series (Montenegro Open) tbc	Podgorica - Montenegro (tbc)
11-15.10	Europe Youth Series (Czech Open)	Plzen - Czech Republic
25-29.10	Europe Youth Series (Greece Open)	Loutraki - Greece
22-26.11	Europe Youth Series (Türkiye Open)	Nevsehir - Türkiye

05. ETTU EVENTS – OPEN TENDER TO ETTU MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

The following ETTU events have been opened and those with previous deadlines without application have been reopened to the ETTU Member Associations for application:

- **2024 EUROPEAN UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS** (5 days competition between January and March)
- **2024 EUROPEAN OLYMPIC SINGLES QUALIFICATION** (between 6th – 12th May)
- **2025 EUROPE YOUTH TOP 10** (3 days competition between September and November)
- **2025 EUROPEAN UNDER 13 CHAMPIONSHIPS** (5 days competition)

ETTU Member Associations wishing to host one or more of the above listed events are kindly requested to send their initial application (show of interest) to the ETTU by email to registration@ettu.org with copy to competition@ettu.org to arrive not later than **Wednesday 22nd February 2023**.

Initial applications (show of interest) are required in order to be granted the right to later submit final applications.

06. 3rd EUROPEAN GAMES KRAKÓW AND MALOPOLSKA 2023

KEY DATES

- **28th February 2023**, end of the qualifying period.
- **5th March 2023**, the ETTU is to submit proposals to the EOC for the allocation of the Universality places.
- **10th March 2023**, the EOC to confirm, in writing, the allocation of the Universality places to the ETTU.
- **15th March 2023**, the EOC, in agreement with the ETTU, confirms in writing to NOCs the quota places obtained, including the Universality places.
- **25th March 2023**, NOCs to confirm or decline the allocated quota places to the EOC.
- **1st April 2023**, the EOC, in agreement with the ETTU to reallocate any unused quota places.
- **25th April 2023**, NOCs to confirm, in writing, use of reallocated quota places to the EOC.
- **2nd June 2023**, European Games 2023 Sport Entries deadline.
- **21st June – 2nd July, 2023** European Games 2023.

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

- On **15th March 2023**, the EOC, in agreement with the ETTU will inform NOCs in writing of the quota places they have obtained at the Qualification Event.
- By **25th March 2023**, eligible NOCs must inform the EOC, in writing, whether or not they intend to use the allocated quota places and participate in the 2023 European Games.
- By **1st April 2023**, all available quota places will be reallocated.

ELIGIBILITY

- All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).
- Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions including the conditions of participation established by the EOC and the rules of the European Table Tennis Union, may participate in the 2023 European Games.
- There are no age requirements for athletes competing in Table Tennis at the 2023 European Games.
- In addition to Rule 41, all athletes must be registered with ITTF, have a valid ITTF ID including a valid passport of the country whose NOC they are representing, and, on request by ETTU, be able to prove their eligibility to participate in the 2023 European Games.

UNIVERSALITY

1 men's Universality and 1 women's Universality place are available to eligible NOCs.

PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES QUALIFICATION

The gold medallist pair of the Mixed Doubles event will receive automatic qualification for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

TEAM EVENTS

According to the December 2022 ITTF World Team Ranking List, the following 12 men's and 12 women's teams will participate:

- **Men's Team:** Belgium BEL, Croatia CRO, Denmark DEN, France FRA, Germany GER, Great Britain GBR, Poland POL, Portugal POR, Romania ROU, Slovakia SVK, Slovenia SLO, Sweden SWE.
- **Women's Team:** Austria AUT, Czech Republic CZE, France FRA, Germany GER, Hungary HUN, Luxembourg LUX, Poland POL, Portugal POR, Romania ROU, Slovakia SVK, Sweden SWE, Ukraine UKR.

SINGLES EVENTS

- In addition to the 2 quota places per NOC for each of the 12 Men's teams and 12 Women's teams.
- The highest placed athletes, who reach the round of 32, in the 2022 European Championships Men's Singles and Women's Singles events, maximum 2 per NOC.
- Minimum of 1 best ranked athlete, not yet qualified, according to ITTF World Men's Singles and Women's Singles Ranking Lists as of 28th February 2023 will qualify 1 quota place.
- 1 men's Universality place and 1 women's Universality place.
- The total number of athletes taking part in Men's Singles shall therefore reach a maximum of 52 and the total number of athletes taking part in Women's Singles shall therefore reach a maximum of 52.
- The maximum number of athletes per NOC taking part in Men's Singles shall be 2 and in Women's Singles shall be 2.

MIXED DOUBLES EVENT

- The highest-placed athletes, who reach the round of 16, in the 2022 European Championships Mixed Doubles event, maximum 1 per NOC.
- A minimum of 1 best-ranked pair, not yet qualified, according to ITTF World Mixed Doubles Ranking List as of 28th February 2023 will qualify 1 quota place.
- Host NOC pair.
- A maximum 1 pair per NOC taking part in Mixed Doubles.

TEAM MATCH SYSTEM

- A team shall consist of 3 players; each player shall compete in a maximum of 2 individual matches.
- Order of play: 1 Doubles BC v YZ 2 A v X 3 C v Z 4 A v Y 5 B v X

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS (ITOs)

- Jury Chair Igor HELLER NED
- Jury Member Esko HEIKKINEN FIN
- Jury Member Jill PARKER GBR
- Referee Petr BOHUMSKY CZE
- Deputy Referee Isabelle BEUMIER BEL
- Deputy Referee Julio NEPOMUCENO POR
- Umpire Tsvetozar HRISTOV BUL
- Umpire Roman KLECKER CZE
- Umpire Jan VRABEC CZE
- Umpire Mark BECKMANN DEN
- Umpire Joonas KIVIMAKI FIN
- Umpire Kerstin DUCHATZ GER
- Umpire Christoph GEIGER GER
- Umpire Harmesh JUTLE GBR
- Umpire Sanita SVEILE LAT
- Umpire Pol PIERRET LUX
- Umpire Maciej MILINSKI POL
- Umpire Rafal ZLEZARCZYK POL
- Umpire Robert OLENCKI POL
- Umpire Celeste ARAUJO POR
- Umpire Milana KRMEJ SLO
- Umpire Gregor MEŽEK SLO
- Umpire Marian BYSTRICAN SVK
- Umpire Rebecca BERGFELDT SWE
- Umpire Ingrid BOGREN SWE
- Racket Control Thorsten KÜNETH GER

COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

Table Tennis Competition Manager: Marcin Fidala.

EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS UNION

Technical Delegate: Richard Scruton GBR.

SPORT EQUIPMENT

- Table TIBHAR, Smash 28 Showcourt
- Net TIBHAR, Smash
- Ball TIBHAR, 40+ SYNTT NG *** plastic with seam (white)

FLOORING

- TIBHAR, GRIP Europe (black)

COMPETITION FORMAT AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS

The Competition Format and Special Regulations document will provide further information on competition format, draws, ranking lists, late athlete replacement policy, special rules for disqualification, mixed zone, clothing and equipment, jury, racket control procedures and clarifications.

COMPETITION VENUE – HUTNIK ARENA, KRAKÓW

- The competition starts 23rd June
- 9 days of competition
- Singles events 23rd to 27th June
- Mixed Doubles event 23rd to 26th June
- Team events 28th June to 1st July
- 152 athletes
- 5 medal events
- All events (Singles, Mixed Doubles and Team) are sanctioned for both the World Ranking and European Ranking.

07. EUROPEAN RANKING

After extensive internal discussion, taking into consideration the comments and feedback received during the past two years from Member Associations, their respective coaches and players, the ETTU Executive Board has decided to implement the new European Ranking Platform, containing an experimental European Ranking system and rankings.

The goals of the European Ranking Platform are to:

- Give greater importance to top European events.
- Offer more options for mid-level and lower European players to show their level in Europe.
- Stimulate team events in Europe.
- Reward club competitions, the basic income for most European players
- Offer players and clubs options to present themselves and be visible to the press and media.
- For the U15 and U13 players, represent the results of the new Europe Youth Series.

In 2023 the European Ranking will be an experimental system. During 2023, the European Ranking will be used in the following way:

- There will be a monthly published European Ranking for MS, WS, U15 Boys, U15 Girls, U13 Boys and U13 Girls. As there will be no Europe Youth Series for U17 and U19, no European Ranking will be made for these age categories.
- In 2023, the European Ranking for MS and WS will not be used for the seeding list and invitations. For the Europe Top 16 Cup, the European Games and the European Team Championships, World Ranking will be used for invitations (if needed) and seeding lists.
- The European Ranking for U21MS and U21WS will be used for invitations and the seeding list for European U21 Championships in Sarajevo BIH (January 2023 ranking).
- The European Ranking will be used for European Ranking sanctioned events in 2023 (international and regional) if any.
- The European Ranking for U15/U13 will not be used for seeding list for European Championships U13 and U15. World ranking will be used for these Championships.
- The European ranking will be used for seeding at Europe Youth Series events.
- The European ranking will be used for invitations for the U15 Europe Youth Top 10.

In Malmö, during the 2023 European Team Championships (September 2023), ETTU will decide how to proceed with the European Ranking Platform and adopt the final text of the Rulebook on the ETTU Ranking system.

All member Associations/coaches/players are invited to send proposals/suggestions/remarks about this rulebook until **1st August 2023**.

08. STRATEGIC PLAN

Thank you to the member associations for the insightful comments and feedback on the strategic plan. The input has helped us to identify areas for improvement and to refine our approach. As we move forward, we will proceed to make the necessary adjustments to the Strategic Plan to ensure that it is aligned with the needs and expectations of all stakeholders.

The next step in this process will be to create a comprehensive Implementation Plan, complete with specific actions, programs, and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), to ensure that the Strategic Plan is effectively executed.

Here you can find the document: https://www.ettu.org/?proxy=redaktion/About%20ETTU/ETTU_Strategic_Plan_23-28.pdf

09. ETTU CONGRESS 2023 – MALMÖ, SWEDEN

- Please note the **2023 ETTU Congress** will be held in Malmö, Sweden on **Wednesday 13th September 2023**.
- Please note the closing date for receipt of business, propositions and resolutions is **Tuesday 13th June 2023**. Details in writing of propositions and resolutions to be dealt with at the Congress shall reach the Secretary General not later than the given deadline.
- ETTU shall send details of the place, date and time and the business to be transacted, by latest Thursday **13th July 2023**.

10. ONLINE SECURITY - WARNING!

Cyber-attacks are an ongoing concern. Such attacks include phishing emails designed to trick you into visiting malicious sites or downloading malware used to steal data and damage networks. Please see here below a general guidance on how to protect yourself against such malicious emails.

- **DO NOT** open any suspicious email based on the Subject or Sender—delete it before you open it.
- **DO NOT** reply to, open attachments from, or click on URLs from unknown and untrusted sources.
- **DO** check for misspellings, grammatical errors, and abnormal spacing that may be indicative of a phishing email.
- **DO** check links by using your mouse to hover over the hyperlink to determine if the URL makes sense with the sender—e.g., matching the sender name to the URL; whether there's a foreign name or location in the URL.
- **DO** report any suspicious emails—even if you're not sure.
- **DO** use common sense—if it doesn't look right, trust your judgment.

RED FLAGS:

- Does the email ask for any sensitive/personal information (password, credit cards, SSN, etc.)?
- Does the email ask for sensitive information about others?
- Does the email ask you to immediately act or open an attachment to avoid account closure?
- Does the hover-text link match what's in the text?
- Does the address in the 'To' field match the sender of the email?

ETTU SPECIFICS:

ETTU will never ask you:

- for a favour
- for a confidential support/activity
- for a payment to a bank registered outside its seat (Luxembourg)

It is critical that you remain vigilant and knowledgeable about phishing and how to avoid these emails.

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