

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTORAL CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN SPORT FOR ALL UNION (UESpT)

Date: 24 January 2026

Time: Approximately 16:30 - 18:00 CET (following FISpT General Assembly)

Venue: Cosmopolitan Business Hotel, Via Alcide De Gasperi 2, 62012 Civitanova Marche, Italy

Meeting Type: Extraordinary General Meeting and Electoral Congress

1. OPENING AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 Call to Order

The European Sport for All Union Extraordinary General Meeting was called to order at approximately 16:30 CET following the conclusion of the International Sport for All Federation (FISpT) General Assembly and FISpT Congress. Members from non-European FISpT member federations were welcomed as guests to observe the proceedings.

1.2 Context and Relationship to FISpT

The European Sport for All Union (UESpT) operates as the continental confederation for European sport-for-all federations within the FISpT structure. The timing of this General Assembly immediately following the FISpT General Assembly reflected the organizational integration and the strategic importance of establishing a properly constituted European entity capable of accessing European Union funding programs, particularly Erasmus+.

1.3 Master of Ceremony and Translation Services

Mr Tomasini Marco was chosen as Master of Ceremony of the Assembly. Consistent with the FISpT General Assembly format, live translation services were provided through the Worldly platform, enabling simultaneous translation in multiple languages including English, French, Italian, Hungarian, Albanian, and Serbian. The same electronic voting procedure established during the FISpT General Assembly was utilized for UESpT voting.

1.4 Voting Procedure

The electronic voting procedure via QR code was maintained:

- Each vote conducted via QR code displayed on presentation slides
- Three-minute voting window per item
- Electronic submission with email confirmation
- One-minute challenge period after email receipt
- Anonymous from electoral commission perspective
- Abstentions counted toward quorum; null votes did not

2. ATTENDANCE AND VOTING MEMBERS

2.1 Initial Voting Members Present

At the opening of the UESpT Extraordinary General Meeting, the following voting members were registered:

National Members (8 members at opening):

National Member	Delegate	Position	Attendance
Georgian National Federation Sport for All	Maia Azarashvili	President	In Person
FederSwiss Sports for All	Marco Tomasini	President	In Person
Malta Sport for All	Anita Pariani	President	In Person
Federazione Italiana Sport per Tutti	Filippo Maria Capatti	Secretary General	In Person
Ministry of Youth and Sport of Azerbaijan	Nijat Hasanov	Delegate	Online
Sports Union of Slovenia	Patrik Perosa	Secretary General	In Person
Hellas Sport For All	Theodoros Tsaganos	President	Online
Ukraine Active	Oleksandra Boliak	Executive Director	In Person

Table 1: National Members Present at Opening

Individual Members (5 members at opening):

- Marco Tomasini (In Person - also voting as National Member)
- Andrii Boliak (In Person)
- Michele Barbone (In Person)
- Goran Aleksovski (Online)
- Nijat Hasanov (Online - also voting as National Member)

2.2 Additional European Members Following FISpT Approvals

Following the approval of new members during the FISpT General Assembly earlier in the day, additional European federations gained voting rights:

New National Members (5 additional):

- Association Sport for All Serbia (Branko Vujović, President, In Person)
- Fédération Française Sports pour Tous (Charlier Betty, President, In Person)
- Monaco Urban Sport Federation (Danilo Barmaz, Secretary General, In Person)

- Turkish Sport for All Federation (Irfan Kurudirek, General Coordinator, In Person)
- Cyprus Sport for All (Niki Machaira, Delegate, Online)

New Individual Members (11 additional European members):

- Patrik Perosa (In Person - also voting as National Member)
- Anita Pariani (In Person - also voting as National Member)
- Michal Buchel (Online)
- Attila Adamfi (In Person)
- Stavri Bello (In Person)
- Enzo Casadidio (In Person)
- Velibor Serdic (In Person)
- Reka Reichard (In Person)
- Roberto Selci (In Person)
- Oleksandra Boliak (In Person - also voting as National Member)
- Fiona Johnson (In Person)

Total Voting Members: 13 National Members + 16 Individual Members = 29 voting members

Note: Under the UESpT statutes prior to amendments, each National Member held one vote, and each Individual Member held one vote, for a total of 29 votes at the commencement of elections.

3. REMARKS FROM AUTHORITIES

3.1 Opening Remarks by President Michele Barbone

Mr. Michele Barbone, President of the European Sport for All Union and Honorary President of the Italian Sport for All Federation, welcomed delegates to the European General Assembly. He expressed gratitude for the opportunity to reunite European colleagues and emphasized the importance of establishing a properly constituted continental organization.

Key Points:

- Acknowledged longstanding friendships within European sport-for-all movement
- Emphasized strategic importance of European coordination
- Highlighted opportunity for Erasmus+ funding access
- Committed to supporting both European and global sport-for-all development

3.2 Remarks by Mr. Marco Tomasini

Mr. Marco Tomasini, President of the Italian Sport for All Federation and President of FederSwiss Sports for All, emphasized the strategic necessity of establishing a formal European Sport for All Union capable of legal registration in Italy.

Key Strategic Points:

- European registration enables Erasmus+ program eligibility
- Continental organization provides regional advocacy for members
- Coordination with European Olympic Committee (EOC) becomes possible
- Access to European Commission funding for sport-for-all projects
- Platform for cooperation among European national federations

3.3 Moment of Silence

The European General Assembly joined in the earlier moment of silence observed during the FISpT General Assembly in memory of **Mr. Volker Bernardi**, who passed away on 17 August 2025 at the age of 56.

4. ELECTORAL COMMISSION AND ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP

4.1 Appointment of Electoral Commission

Following the precedent established during the FISpT General Assembly, the same Electoral Commission was proposed to oversee the UESpT elections:

Motion: To appoint the Electoral Commission consisting of:

- Ms. Stefania Puglisi
- Mr. Mirko Zattini
- Mr. Piercarlo Pilani

Rationale: Continuity with FISpT process and familiarity with Italian legal requirements for organizational registration.

Vote Result: APPROVED

Status: Electoral Commission appointed

4.2 Election of Assembly President and Secretary

Motion: To elect:

- **President of the Assembly:** Mr. Andrea Robbia
- **Secretary of the Assembly:** Mr. Valeriano Vitellozzi

Rationale: Same individuals who served as FISpT Assembly leadership, ensuring continuity and compliance with Italian legal procedures.

Vote Result: APPROVED

Status: Assembly President and Secretary elected

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5.1 Agenda Presentation

The Secretary presented the agenda items for the European Sport for All Union Extraordinary General Meeting:

1. Greetings from the Authorities

2. Nomination of Electoral Commission and Assembly President and Secretary
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Past Minutes
5. Discharge of the Board and Approval of Financials
6. Approval of New Members
7. Approval of New Statutes and Incorporation in Italy
8. Election of the Board
9. Nomination of Honorary President
10. Other Topics

Vote Result: APPROVED

Status: Agenda adopted as presented

6. APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of the previous UESpT General Assembly.

Vote Result: APPROVED

Status: Previous minutes approved

7. FINANCIAL REPORT AND DISCHARGE OF BOARD

7.1 Financial Position Report

The financial report for the European Sport for All Union paralleled the FISpT financial situation:

Key Points:

- No records existed in the UESpT financial books
- UESpT had no income and no costs during the previous period
- All activities, including website costs, were paid directly by the President of FISpT
- No pending contracts existed
- No debits or pending payments existed
- Zero balance financial position

7.2 Vote on Financial Position and Discharge of Board

Motion: To approve the financial statement showing zero balance and grant full discharge of responsibilities to the outgoing Board.

Vote Result: APPROVED

Status: Financial statement approved and Board fully discharged

The General Assembly expressed appreciation for the financial support provided by FISpT leadership during the previous period.

8. APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS

8.1 New National Members

Motion: To approve the following National Members for the European Sport for All Union:

New Members (6):

1. Fédération Française Sports pour Tous (France)
2. Association Sport for All Serbia (Serbia)
3. Monaco Urban Sport Federation (Monaco)
4. Turkish Sport for All Federation (Turkey)
5. Cyprus Sport for All (Cyprus)
6. Sport for All Federation of Ukraine (name change from Ukraine Active)

Note: These federations had been approved as FISpT members earlier in the day and now sought formal membership in the European continental confederation.

Vote Result: APPROVED

Status: ALL SIX new National Members approved

New Total National Members: 13

8.2 New Individual Members

Motion: To approve the following Individual Members:

New Members (11):

Patrik Perosa, Velibor Serdic, Anita Pariani, Attila Adamfi, Michal Buchel, Stavri Bello, Enzo Casadidio, Reka Reichard, Oleksandra Boliak, Roberto Selci, Fiona Johnson

Vote Result: APPROVED

Status: ALL ELEVEN new Individual Members approved

New Total Individual Members: 16

9. ADOPTION OF NEW STATUTES

9.1 Introduction to Statute Revision

The revised statutes for the European Sport for All Union were presented, aligned with the governance reforms adopted by FISpT earlier in the day. The statutes were developed to enable legal registration in Italy and access to European Union funding programs.

9.2 Major Structural Changes

Headquarters Establishment:

Location: Italy (legal headquarters)

Rationale:

- Enable legal registration as Italian non-profit organization (RUNTS certification)
- Qualify for Erasmus+ funding from European Commission
- Access European Olympic Committee partnerships
- Provide legal framework for continental operations
- Access Italian national funds for non-profit sport organizations

9.3 Governance Principles**Alignment with FISpT Governance:**

- Adoption of IPACS (IOC Partnership for Accountability and Compliance System) principles
- Transparency, integrity, democracy, development and solidarity, financial accountability
- Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) jurisdiction for disputes
- Dual signature requirement for financial documents
- Compliance with Olympic Charter and IOC principles

European-Specific Elements:

- Erasmus+ program eligibility as priority
- European Olympic Committee (EOC) partnership framework
- European Commission cooperation mechanisms
- Support for European national federations in EU funding applications

9.4 Board Structure**Executive Leadership:**

Position	Responsibilities
President	Overall leadership and European representation
First Vice-President	Deputy leadership and specific portfolio
Second Vice-President	Deputy leadership and specific portfolio
General Secretary	Administrative coordination
Treasurer	Financial accountability

Table 2: Executive Leadership Structure

Board Composition:

- Executive positions (President, 2 Vice-Presidents, General Secretary, Treasurer)
- Board members representing National Members (gender balance required)
- Board members representing Individual Members

- Additional appointed members to fill expertise gaps

9.5 Membership Categories

National Members:

- One per European country
- Voting rights in General Assembly
- Must represent national sport-for-all activities

Individual Members:

- European sport-for-all professionals and leaders
- Voting rights in General Assembly
- Personal participation in continental activities

9.6 Mandatory Organizational Policies

The statutes required adoption of:

- Financial rules and regulations
- Electoral procedures
- Member regulations
- Code of ethics
- Disciplinary code
- Safeguarding policies
- Gender equality policies

9.7 Remote Participation

Statutes mandated development of defined rules and regulations for remote participation in General Assemblies, enabling more frequent meetings with reduced expense for members.

9.8 Vote on New Statutes

Motion: To adopt the revised statutes as presented, including headquarters establishment in Italy, IPACS principles adoption, board structure, and governance reforms.

Vote Result: APPROVED

Status: New Statutes adopted

10. ELECTIONS

10.1 Electoral Oversight

The Electoral Commission confirmed validation of all candidature documentation for the European Sport for All Union Board elections.

The candidates are:

President	Board Member	1st Vice President	2nd Vice President	Secretary General
Irfan Kurudirek	Marco Tomasini	Branko Vujović	Maya Azarashvili	Filippo Maria Capatti
	Charlier Béatrice dite Betty			
	Patrik Perosa			
	Fiona Johnson			
	Andrii Boliak			

10.2 Election of the Board

The members voted unanimously for the approval of the candidates per acclamation.

The new board is so composed:

President	Board Member	1st Vice President	2nd Vice President	Secretary General
Irfan Kurudirek	Marco Tomasini	Branko Vujović	Maya Azarashvili	Filippo Maria Capatti
	Charlier Béatrice dite Betty			
	Patrik Perosa			
	Fiona Johnson			
	Andrii Boliak			

11. NOMINATION OF HONORARY PRESIDENT

11.1 Proposal for Honorary President

Motion: To nominate Mr. Michele Barbone as Honorary President of the European Sport for All Union in recognition of his decades of service to the European sport-for-all movement and his leadership as outgoing President.

Rationale:

- Decades of leadership in European sport-for-all
- Former Vice President of Italian National Olympic Committee (three mandates)
- Honorary President of multiple Italian sport federations
- Extensive network throughout European sport movement
- Continued commitment to supporting European Sport for All Union

Vote Result: APPROVED

Status: Mr. Michele Barbone appointed Honorary President

12. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR 2026-2030

12.1 Erasmus+ Application Strategy

Priority Action: Complete legal registration in Italy and submit Erasmus+ accreditation application as soon as possible.

Timeline:

- Q1 2026: Complete Italian RUNTS registration
- Q2 2026: Submit Erasmus+ accreditation application
- Q3-Q4 2026: Develop first Erasmus+ project proposals
- 2027: Launch first funded Erasmus+ projects

12.2 European Olympic Committee Partnership

Objective: Establish Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with European Olympic Committee (EOC).

Benefits:

- Access to EOC networks and National Olympic Committees
- Participation in European sport policy development
- Support for European sport-for-all events
- Coordination with EU Sport Week and other continental initiatives

12.3 Member Support Services**Key Services to Develop:**

- Erasmus+ consortium building and project management support
- European funding application assistance
- Best practice sharing among European members
- Training and education programs
- Event coordination and multi-country sport-for-all activities

12.4 Traditional Sports and Games Focus

Priority: Preserve and promote European traditional sports and games as cultural heritage and sport-for-all activities.

Actions:

- Coordinate with national traditional sports federations
- Develop European traditional sports championships
- Document and preserve traditional games across Europe
- Integrate traditional sports into Erasmus+ projects

12.5 Intergenerational Sport Programming

Focus Area: Sport and intergenerational challenges for young people and older persons.

Rationale:

- Addresses European demographic challenges
- Promotes active aging and youth development

- Aligns with European Commission social inclusion priorities
- Creates opportunities for community cohesion

13. MANDATE TO BOARD TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: To grant the newly elected Board authority to approve the minutes of this Extraordinary General Meeting and Electoral Congress.

Rationale: The next ordinary General Assembly will occur in four years. Preliminary approval by the Board ensures timely documentation, with formal ratification at the next European General Assembly.

Vote Result: APPROVED

Status: Board authorized to approve minutes pending formal ratification at next General Assembly

14. OTHER TOPICS AND MEMBER STATEMENTS

14.1 Statement from French Federation

The Fédération Française Sports pour Tous representative expressed honor in joining the European Sport for All Union family and congratulated all elected officials. The French federation, as one of the founding organizations of the international sport-for-all movement, committed to sharing experience and supporting continental development.

14.2 Statement from Serbian Federation

The Association Sport for All Serbia representative expressed happiness in joining both FISpT and the European Sport for All Union. Commitment to collaboration was offered, with invitation to learn about Serbian sport-for-all activities.

14.3 Coordination with FISpT

The Assembly acknowledged the successful integration of European Sport for All Union within the broader FISpT structure, noting that:

- European members maintain dual membership in UESpT and FISpT
- Continental advocacy occurs through UESpT
- Global advocacy occurs through FISpT
- Financial and programmatic resources can be accessed through both organizations
- Governance standards are aligned across both entities

15. FORMAL CLOSURE

15.1 Declaration of Closure

At approximately 18:00 CET, the President formally declared the European Sport for All Union Extraordinary General Meeting and Electoral Congress closed.

RESOLUTIONS SUMMARY

The European Sport for All Union Extraordinary General Meeting and Electoral Congress adopted the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION UESpT-2026-01: Appointment of Electoral Commission

Status: APPROVED

Members: Stefania Puglisi, Valeriano Vitellozzi, Piercarlo Pilani

RESOLUTION UESpT-2026-02: Election of Assembly President and Secretary

Status: APPROVED

President: Filippo Maria Capatti

Secretary: Andrea Robbia

RESOLUTION UESpT-2026-03: Approval of Agenda

Status: APPROVED

RESOLUTION UESpT-2026-04: Approval of Previous Minutes

Status: APPROVED

RESOLUTION UESpT-2026-05: Approval of Financial Statement and Discharge of Board

Status: APPROVED

Financial Position: Zero balance

Discharge: Full discharge granted to outgoing Board

RESOLUTION UESpT-2026-06: Approval of New National Members

Status: APPROVED

New Members (6): France, Serbia, Monaco, Turkey, Cyprus, Ukraine (name change)

RESOLUTION UESpT-2026-07: Approval of New Individual Members

Status: APPROVED

New Members (11): Patrik Perosa, Velibor Serdic, Anita Pariani, Attila Adamfi, Michal Buchel, Stavri Bello, Enzo Casadidio, Reka Reichard, Oleksandra Boliak, Roberto Selci, Fiona Johnson

RESOLUTION UESpT-2026-08: Adoption of New Statutes

Status: APPROVED

Key Changes: Headquarters establishment in Italy, IPACS principles, European focus, Erasmus+ eligibility framework

RESOLUTION UESpT-2026-09: Election of Board of Directors

Status: APPROVED

Result: Complete board elected for 2026-2030 quadrennium

RESOLUTION UESpT-2026-10: Appointment of Honorary President

Status: APPROVED

Appointed: Michele Barbone

RESOLUTION UESpT-2026-11: Mandate to Board to Approve Minutes

Status: APPROVED

Authority: Board authorized to approve minutes pending ratification at next General Assembly