

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of the European Sport for All Union (UESpT)

Date: 11 March 2026

Time: 3:00 PM Rome time

Format: Online meeting via Zoom

Convened by: The President of the European Sport for All Union

Organization: European Sport for All Union (UESpT), the European continental union of the International Sport for All Federation (FISpT), a non-profit, apolitical and anti-racist association dedicated to the promotion of Sport for All and social sport.

Organizational context

UESpT operates as the European continental union of FISpT and promotes a model of sport that is open to all population groups, inclusive, democratic, family-oriented and connected to social development, healthy lifestyles, education and equal opportunities. The Union works to promote Sport for All initiatives, international conferences and events, dialogue with European institutions, and partnerships with sport and civil society bodies.

At the time of this meeting, the Union presented itself as part of the wider Sport for All movement and as an entity working on legal consolidation, partnership development, project participation and future event planning in Europe.

Attendance

The meeting was opened by President **Irfan Kurudirek** at 3:00 PM Italian time in online format.

Present

- Irfan Kurudirek, President
- Branko Vujović, Vice President
- Maya Azarashvili, Vice President
- Filippo Maria Capatti, Secretary General
- Marco Tomasini, Board Member
- Patrik Perosa, Board Member

- Andrii Boliak, Board Member

Absent

- Fiona Johnson, Board Member
- Béatrice Charlier, Board Member

The Chair noted that the Board was duly convened further to the call sent on 3 March 2026, which specified the online format, connection details and draft agenda.

Opening of the meeting

The President welcomed the participants and underlined that UESpT is still a young organization with a strong team and an important role within the European and international Sport for All movement. He emphasized that the meeting represented a key operational step, especially concerning legal establishment in Italy, registration matters, strategic development, communication and expansion of the European network.

The Secretary General and the Board also referred to the organizational communication arrangements recently established for the Board, including the creation of individual Board email accounts, a presidency email and an official mailing list for Board-wide communications.

Approval of agenda

The Board took note of the agenda circulated with the formal convocation, which included:

- Approval of the Minutes of the Assembly
- Mandate to register the association to Mr Selci
- Approval of the bank account
- Congresses 2027–2028
- Partnerships
- Next Board of Directors

During the meeting, the Board also discussed wider operational and strategic items, including previous minutes, legal registration, strategic planning, membership development, communications and commissions, as reflected in the meeting discussion.

The agenda, as integrated by the discussions held, was considered adopted without objection.

Approval of previous minutes and General Assembly minutes

The President invited the Board to consider the approval of the minutes of the previous Board meeting and of the Extraordinary General Assembly minutes. During the discussion, Marco Tomasini informed the Board that one amendment was required in the previous Board minutes, namely the inclusion of Béatrice Charlier in the list of elected Board members, explaining that the omission had been an administrative oversight.

The Board accepted the correction and, with that amendment recorded, approved the minutes of the previous Board meeting. The Board also approved the minutes of the General Assembly / Extraordinary General Assembly as requested in the meeting and in the convocation documents.

Registration and legal establishment in Italy

Marco Tomasini reported extensively on the registration pathway for UESpT in Italy, following consultations with the competent authorities and with the professional advisor involved in the process. He explained that the first operational step would be the personal registration required for the President in Italy for fiscal identification purposes, followed by the formal registration of the association, after which UESpT would immediately obtain its Italian fiscal code and become officially active in the country.

He further clarified that, once registered, UESpT would be able to apply for a PIC number and would then have 30 days to file the necessary documents with the national registry, while remaining already operational from the date of registration. A second phase would concern application to the Italian National Register of the Third Sector (RUNTS), in order to obtain recognition as a certified non-profit entity and strengthen eligibility for national funding opportunities in Italy.

Marco Tomasini also explained that the overall registration costs would be covered by the International Sport for All Federation, in line with the support already announced for administrative development, and that there would be no direct financial burden on UESpT for the registration, taxation and related initial procedures discussed at the meeting.

The Board took note that the historical legal entity previously connected with UESpT in Milan had not properly deposited balance sheets and related documentation, and that, on legal advice, it was considered safer and more appropriate to establish a new legal entity in Italy rather than assume liabilities connected with the earlier structure. The Board acknowledged that this approach would preserve historical continuity while protecting the current officers and Board members from past legal and financial exposure.

Mandate to Roberto Selci

In line with the convocation agenda, which expressly included the “mandate to register the association to Mr Selci,” the Board approved the mandate to **Mr Roberto Selci** for the registration process and related administrative support connected with the legal establishment of UESpT in Italy. During the discussion, Marco Tomasini confirmed that he had already met with consultant Roberto Selci concerning the registration and that the related invoicing would be handled through FISpT support for the administrative process.

The Board therefore formally confirmed and approved the mandate to Roberto Selci for the registration of the association and the completion of the necessary registration-related procedures.

Assistance in the registration phase

The Secretary General, Filippo Maria Capatti, requested that Marco Tomasini assist the organization in the initial phase of registration and completion of the legal formalities in the best possible way. The President stated that he trusted the experience and local knowledge of Marco Tomasini and supported the proposal, stressing the importance of building a sound national identity, bank account and administrative structure before moving forward with broader projects and fundraising.

The Board agreed that Marco Tomasini would continue to assist and coordinate the initial registration and legal implementation steps, in close coordination with the President and the Secretary General.

Banking arrangements

The Board discussed the opening of an Italian bank account as part of the legal and administrative setup required for the full operation of UESpT in Italy and for future access to national funding channels. Marco Tomasini explained that a further in-person step in Italy would be needed for signature formalities and proposed that the minutes record the designation of the officers who would manage the account.

The Board approved the opening of the bank account and agreed that the **President and the Secretary General** would be the authorized signatories for the management of the account, acting jointly as required. The Board also agreed to proceed with **UniCredit** as the proposed banking institution, as it had been identified as offering suitable no-charge conditions for non-profit organizations.

Strategy and organizational development

The President informed the Board that work was underway within his national federation team on a draft strategic action plan for the coming four-year period and announced that a draft would be circulated to

Board members through the UESpT email accounts for comments and further development. He emphasized that UESpT should clarify its strategy before finalizing structures such as commissions, working groups and membership development policies.

Branko Vujović supported this approach and stated that the strategy should come first, as the identification of priorities would then determine which commissions, profiles and expertise would be required. The Board took note of this sequencing and agreed in principle that the strategic plan should guide the next phases of internal structuring.

European partnerships and institutional relations

Marco Tomasini informed the Board that several organizations had already expressed interest in cooperation with UESpT, including the European Olympic Committees, the European Fair Play Movement and Panathlon International, and that ENGSO and HEPA could also represent relevant interlocutors for future collaboration. He also noted that archival research indicated that UESpT historically had links with the Council of Europe and had previously been funded and created in that framework, which could support renewed institutional dialogue.

The President added that further potential partners could include the World Health Organization and national Olympic structures, and that his own contacts in the Turkish Olympic environment could help support UESpT's development. These discussions were consistent with UESpT's mission and activities, which include dialogue with European institutions, educational programs with IOC and EOC, and the organization of sport, health, culture and wellness initiatives.

The Board also recalled that UESpT's official partners include, among others, the International Olympic Committee, Bahrain Olympic Committee, Bahrain Sport for All Association, International Sport for All Federation, International Sport Network Organization, International Sport Organization, Global Esports Federation, International Music Sports Committee and International Dart Federation.

Congresses and major events for 2027–2028

A substantial discussion was held on possible future congresses and flagship initiatives for 2027 and 2028. Branko Vujović informed the Board that Serbia would host Expo Belgrade 2027 and that discussions were underway at national level regarding a Sport for All-related event during the Expo period, with a possible three-day event on 28–30 May 2027 in Belgrade.

He indicated that, if national approval were obtained and his national board agreed, this could become an opportunity to host a FISpT- or UESpT-related congress or international conference connected to Sport

for All. Marco Tomasini then referred to IOC archival material indicating the historical existence of the World Congress on Sport for All under the FISpT framework, and suggested that the Belgrade Expo context might provide an opportunity to revive such an event in the future, subject to further institutional discussion and approvals.

The Board welcomed the information and agreed to continue monitoring the Serbian developments and to revisit the matter when the relevant national approvals and proposals become available.

Membership development and membership fees

The President informed the Board that more than five countries had already shown interest in joining UESpT and that a strategy would be needed for the admission and development of new members, including outreach to countries not yet represented, especially in Northern Europe. The Board discussed the need to define membership categories and a coherent policy for onboarding newcomers.

Branko Vujović also raised the issue of membership fees, noting that UESpT would need financial resources to support communication, visibility tools and operational activities. The President agreed that the matter was important and proposed that, for the next meeting, the President and Secretary General prepare a proposal on membership types and fee levels so that the Board could take a formal decision.

Communication and management of official channels

The President informed the Board that the office wished to begin actively managing the organization's website and social media presence, including the publication of posters, academic content, updates from across Europe and promotional materials on platforms such as LinkedIn, YouTube, TikTok, X and Facebook. Marco Tomasini indicated his willingness to transfer operational access and welcomed support from the President's team, explaining that social media management should now be handled in a more structured way.

This discussion was aligned with the recent creation of the Board's official communication system, including Board email accounts, the official mailing list and the presidency email channel, as explained in the communication letter circulated to Board members. The Board took note and supported the organization of a follow-up technical call to facilitate the transfer and management of access credentials and communication tools.

Support project concerning Ukraine

Marco Tomasini informed the Board of an initiative being prepared by the Italian Sport for All Federation in cooperation with the Ukrainian Ministry of Sports and Mass Sports, involving a visit to Ukraine with

coaches in order to support children and persons affected by the war through grassroots physical activity and social sport actions. He indicated that UESpT patronage might later be requested once the relevant memorandum of understanding was signed and invited Board members to join or support the initiative if interested.

The President welcomed the information and asked to be kept updated on the development of the project.

Internal regulations and bylaws

A question was raised during the meeting as to whether further internal regulations or bylaws were required for the Italian registration. Marco Tomasini clarified that additional bylaws were not required for registration in RUNTS at that stage and that the existing documents were sufficient for the immediate legal process, while supplementary internal regulations could be adopted later if desired.

The Board took note of this clarification.

Resolutions adopted

During the meeting, the Board adopted or confirmed the following decisions:

1. Approval of the agenda as circulated and integrated by the matters discussed during the meeting.
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous Board meeting, subject to correction of the omission of Béatrice Charlier from the list of Board members.
3. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly / Extraordinary General Assembly.
4. Approval of the mandate to **Roberto Selci** for the registration of the association and the completion of the related registration procedures.
5. Approval for Marco Tomasini to assist the President and the Secretary General in the initial legal and registration phase in Italy.
6. Approval of the opening of the bank account for UESpT.
7. Approval that the President and the Secretary General act as the authorized signatories for the bank account, acting jointly.
8. Approval in principle to proceed with **UniCredit** as banking institution for the account opening, subject to the operational completion of the formalities.
9. Agreement to continue work on the strategic plan, membership policy, institutional partnerships, communication structure and future congress planning.

Closing of the meeting

At the conclusion of the discussion, the President noted that the Board had agreed on the first operational steps relating to legal registration, the bank account and organizational development, and expressed satisfaction with the quality and substance of the meeting, including the discussion on the possible Belgrade Expo opportunity. With no further comments raised, the President formally closed the second Board meeting of UESpT.