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1 Presidential Report

European Boxing 1st Ordinary Congress 2026
Budapest, Hungary

The following remarks are based on the President's address to the European Boxing 1st Ordinary Congress, held in Budapest in November 2026.

1.1 Welcome and Introduction



Dear National Boxing Federations, Dear Guests, Dear Local Organising Committee of the Hungarian Boxing Federation, Dear European Boxing Executive Board, Dear Committee and Commission Members and Staff.

Welcome to the first Ordinary Congress of European Boxing.

As President of European Boxing, I am proud to stand before you today at our very first Ordinary Congress. It is a pleasure to see so many of you here, both in the venue and online.

1.2 General Information

In less than 18 months since our Inaugural Congress in Prague in March 2025, we have achieved a great deal:

Eight European Championships with exceptionally high participation, not only in the number of athletes but also in the number of National Federations taking part – and let us not forget the Continental dual match between the Pan-Americas and European Boxing in Budapest, and the European Boxing U23 Championships in Croatia.

On top of this, we have taken major steps for our top priority, the athletes, by introducing an aligned integrity process in the field of play to ensure fairness. Further development is still needed, but the process is under way and has already shown some positive results.

We have built an independent, healthy and sustainable Confederation and organisation, focused on integrity and run through a democratic process under the umbrella of World Boxing, with the overall aim of keeping boxing within the Olympic Movement.

Many things happened for the very first time. Some were predictable and some were unforeseen. Some arose as we grew in the number of National Federations and athletes attending our Championships and events. Some issues came from cultural diversity, and some came from outside European Boxing, due to the political environment across the European continent, which European Boxing cannot control. Other issues were simply misunderstandings about procedures and motions.

Did we make a few mistakes? Yes, probably. Did we correct them? Yes, I can assure you of that. All decisions have been made, and will continue to be made, with the best intentions and guided by our European Boxing values, principles, mission and vision.

The European Boxing Executive Board and the members of our committees, commissions and working groups have worked very hard to bring us to where we are today. Monthly meetings have been held in a positive atmosphere, with a shared sense of responsibility for athletes and integrity, and a desire for continuous development in every area of a new, healthy and sustainable Confederation.



1.3 New Initiatives

Olympic Recognition after LA 2028

As European Boxing grows in members and activities across our continent, it is essential that we focus on developing good governance principles and transparency in all decision-making processes, to achieve full recognition.

Governance Commission

The aim of this Commission is to support our strategic plan on governance going forward.

It is not only European Boxing's management and leadership that must strive to improve governance. The whole Confederation needs to improve – from European Boxing down to its National Federations, and from each National Federation down to its own members and stakeholders.

There is no quick fix here – it is hard work, and changing culture and behaviour requires education. But it is very important if we want to keep boxing on the Olympic programme after LA 2028.

We will therefore establish a Commission dedicated to education and insights, to implement modern governance principles and values. Its scope of work will include support from external governance experts from the European Union, universities and the IOC's governance department.

The intention of these highly important initiatives is not to control any National Federation, but to build a common culture with access to education programmes across our whole Confederation, so that we share the same expectations on modern governance principles and performance culture.



Women in European Boxing Commission

Diversity in sport is one of the key elements of governance, and we intend to involve women even more than today in our male-dominated boxing world. An initiative to create a *Women in European Boxing Commission* will be established over the coming months. The aim is to include women from a wide range of National Federations with backgrounds as boxers, referees and judges, medical staff, officials or leaders in boxing.

I hope that you, as National Federations, will support potential candidates from your own federations to be involved in this development. The more diversity we have across our National Federations, the stronger the outcome of this work will be for everyone in European Boxing.

European Boxing Family Foundation

A commission tasked with finding potential financial support – from sponsors, government funding, European Union funds and private equity funds – for smaller National Federations in countries with limited government support, as well as other National Federations in need, to develop Olympic boxing from grassroots to elite level within the Olympic Movement.

If any of you here today would like to be part of European Boxing's future development through one of these three Commissions, please contact our Secretary General or me personally after this Congress.



1.4 Presidential Reflections

Over the past 18 months, I have often received calls and emails asking why we no longer do things the way they were done in the past. I believe the answer is very clear: change was, and still is, necessary for boxing to be part of the Olympic Movement, which is one of the key pillars of both European Boxing's and World Boxing's missions.

European Boxing welcomes National Federations that share the same values and commitment to Olympic boxing. No National Federation is obliged to be part of European Boxing; membership is fully voluntary, through an application to World Boxing and then to European Boxing. Once members, National Federations are strongly encouraged to keep themselves informed and up to date on the current requirements, rules, statutes and membership obligations.

At World Boxing and European Boxing, we are spending too much time and energy on a few National Federations that are not aligned, and whose current leadership shows no interest in becoming aligned.

European Boxing is built on core democratic principles, and that is how decisions are made on every topic. For those of you who believe that I, as President, make all the decisions, I must disappoint you. Our statutes set out the rules and regulations that govern our decision-making process.

In the past few months, I have received many calls and emails about the number of open letters being circulated. Some have even been sent to many people outside our organisation, some of whom are not in good standing within the Olympic Movement.

Let me be straight and clear on this subject. Open letters are, in general, very welcome when they come with positive intentions and constructive communication. However, if open letters are based on rumours, false allegations or misunderstandings, with clear bad intentions and personal motives to damage the reputation of any individual or of our Confederation, appropriate action will follow.

Therefore, on behalf of the entire European Boxing community, the Executive Board, Committees, Commissions and staff, I invite you to use our annual Congress. It is the time and place for every member to be heard, with access to the floor to present their own motions, suggest changes and contribute to the development of our common European Boxing Confederation.

A final reflection, unrelated to the previous subject. Unfortunately, not everyone in the global boxing community wants European Boxing to succeed on its journey with World Boxing to keep boxing safe within the Olympic environment.

After our Inaugural Congress in March 2025, several legal objections and allegations were raised concerning the identity of European Boxing. These not only created a great deal of work, but also had a negative financial impact through the cost of external legal support.

For strategic reasons, I cannot go into all the topics and cases here, but I must inform you that we will soon be changing our current European Boxing identity and logo, to protect the organisation's brand and identity as a whole. We will keep you updated as soon as the new identity is finalised for long-term use.

1.5 Presidential Conclusion & Final Remarks

Dear National Federation members, the success of European Boxing's development so far has been achieved with the support of many stakeholders.

My sincere thanks and appreciation go to:

The host federations of our Championships: Czech Republic Boxing Association, Boxing Association of Montenegro, Hungarian Boxing Association, German Boxing Federation, Bulgarian Boxing Association, Serbian Boxing Association, Turkey Boxing Federation, Croatia Boxing Association.

The European Boxing sponsors, who believed in European Boxing and have supported us from the very start.

The World Boxing President, Secretary General, staff and Executive Board, for their partnership in our shared mission to keep boxing within the Olympic Movement.

My colleagues on the European Boxing Executive Board, the members of our Committees, Commissions and Working Groups, and our valuable staff, for their extraordinary contribution.

A final word to all European Boxing National Federation members: the important pathway to the LA 2028 Olympic Games begins shortly, in 2027. The first quota places will be distributed in April at the 2027 World Championships in Astana, then in June 2027 at the European Games in Istanbul, and finally in 2028 at two World Qualifiers in Hungary and Italy – the last opportunities to qualify for LA 2028.

I hope you have all noticed the unique opportunity European Boxing members have to qualify on three occasions on the European continent.

Last but not least, from me personally to all of you: please keep reaching out and supporting our common future, as we develop our beloved sport of boxing within the Olympic Movement in the best interests of our athletes.

European Boxing Unite!

Yours in Boxing

President
Lars Brovil



2 Activity Report

2.1 Introduction

Following World Boxing's establishment in 2023, a World Boxing Continental Commission including Lars Brovil, Len Huard and Martin Volke began preparing a European continental federation.

An Interim Board of European Boxing then prepared the organisational and statutory foundations for the new federation and its Inaugural Congress.

The Inaugural Congress took place in Prague on 23 March 2025. It ratified the Statutes and elected the leadership.

World Boxing achieved two major Olympic milestones in 2025: provisional IOC recognition on 26 February and the IOC Session's decision on 20 March to include boxing at Los Angeles 2028. World Boxing will organise the qualification pathway and Olympic boxing tournament.

Looking ahead, full IOC recognition is targeted for an IOC Session decision in 2027 or 2028, subject to IOC approval; no date is confirmed. The IOC has announced that the Brisbane 2032 sports programme will be decided in April 2027.



2.2 Partners 2025

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2.3 Executive Board

NAME	NATION	POSITION
Lars Brovil	Denmark	President
Marketa Vochoska Handlova	Czech Republic	Vice President
Len Huard	Netherlands	Vice President
Almar Ogmundsson	Iceland	Vice President
Nikolina Juric	Croatia	Board Member
Kirsi Korpaeus	Finland	Board Member
Istvan Kovacs	Hungary	Board Member
Mouloud Bouziane	France	Board Member
Martin Volke	Germany	Chair Sport and Competition
David McDonagh	Norway	Chair Medical and Anti-Doping
Enrico Apa	Italy	Chair Referees and Judges

Executive Board meetings in 2025

DATE	FORMAT
5 April 2025	Online
11 May 2025	Online
8 June 2025	Online
8 July 2025	Online
11 August 2025	Online
8 September 2025	Online
18 October 2025	In person – Budva, Montenegro
10 November 2025	Online
26 November 2025	Online
3 December 2025	Online
22 December 2025	Online



Financial reporting

The 2025 financial statements and independent auditor's report are to be added separately. This activity report does not state a financial result or audit opinion.

2.4 Sport & Competition Committee

NAME	NATION	POSITION
Martin Volke	Germany	Chairman
Walter Borghino	Italy	Member
Roman Slagowski	Poland	Member
Ertan Öner	Türkiye	Member
Jeremie Besson	Netherlands	Member
Milena Videnova	Bulgaria	Member
Henrik Tavio	Finland	Member
Pavel Hynek	Czech Republic	Member



Technical Delegate Course

A Technical Delegate Course took place in Berlin, Germany, from 14 to 18 December 2025, with speakers from World Boxing, the IOC and PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC).

Main activities of the Committee in 2025

- Prepared the 2025 Bidding Guidelines at short notice.
- Coordinated the European Championships in the absence of full-time staff.
- Developed a competition structure for international tournaments.
- Developed a concept for a Technical Delegate course.
- Coordinated International Technical Officials.
- Defined the U15 weight categories.

Sport and Competition Committee meetings in 2025

DATE	FORMAT
24 April 2025	Online
19 May 2025	Online
9 June 2025	In person – Eindhoven, Netherlands
18 July 2025	Online
18 August 2025	Online
8 September 2025	In person – Liverpool, United Kingdom
3–6 October 2025	In person – Ostrava, Czech Republic
22 November 2025	In person – Rome, Italy, during the World Boxing Congress
2 December 2025	Online



2.5 R&J Committee

NAME	NATION	POSITION
Enrico Apa	Italy	Chairman
Barbara Sanko	Poland	Member
Thomas Smid	Czech Republic	Member
Michael Norford	England	Member
Dr. Piroska Beki	Hungary	Member

Main activities

In 2025, the R&J Committee planned several licensing courses to support the development of officials. Implementation remained pending World Boxing's authorisation for European Boxing to deliver the courses.

At the U17 European Championships in Kienbaum, the R&J evaluation system developed by the IOC and World Boxing was officially used for the first time at a European championship.



2.6 Medical Committee

NAME	NATION	POSITION
Dr David McDonagh	Norway	Chairman
Dr Ed van Wijk	Netherlands	Member
Dr Angelika Fischer	Germany	Member
Dr Maksym Maslyanyy	Ukraine	Member
Dr Massimiliano Bianco	Italy	Member

Main activities

- Appointed ringside doctors for the European Championships.
- Developed a training programme for Ringside Doctors.
- Advised on medical certification and gender testing procedures.

First Ringside Doctors Course

Oslo, 6–7 September 2025

24 doctors | **13** countries

Dr David McDonagh led the course, supported by the Norwegian Boxing Federation. Five of the 24 participants were women. The Medical Commission also invited National Federations to nominate doctors for a European ringside doctor pool.



2.7 European Championships

Championship participation

CATEGORY	HOST CITY	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	NATIONS
U19	Ostrava	189	105	294	33
U15	Budva	238	131	369	32
U23	Budapest	174	95	269	33
U17	Kienbaum	232	150	382	29
Total	**4 championships**	**833**	**481**	**1,314**	—

Figures reflect published event reports or draw-stage entries.
The total counts championship entries; it is not a count of unique athletes.
Nation totals are not added because countries competed in several events.
Female athletes accounted for 36.6% of the combined entries.





EUROPEAN BOXING U19 CHAMPIONSHIPS
OSTRAVA 2025
CZECH REPUBLIC

EUROPEAN BOXING U15 CHAMPIONSHIPS
BUDVA 2025
MONTENEGRO

EUROPEAN BOXING U23 CHAMPIONSHIPS
BUDAPEST 2025
HUNGARY

EUROPEAN BOXING U17 CHAMPIONSHIPS
GERMANY 2025

Ostrava hosted the first European Boxing championship. Budva followed in October, Budapest in November and Kienbaum in December.

Preparation for 2026

On 1 December 2025, European Boxing announced Sofia as the host of its first Elite European Championships, scheduled for 15–26 September 2026.

Priorities for the next year were professional administration, championship delivery and further medical and technical education.



2.8 World Boxing Championships Liverpool

RANK	CONTINENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL	SHARE
1	Asia	16	6	17	39	48.75%
2	**Europe**	**2**	**9**	**16**	**27**	**33.75%**
3	Americas	1	4	6	11	13.75%
4	Oceania	1	1	1	3	3.75%
5	Africa	0	0	0	0	0.00%

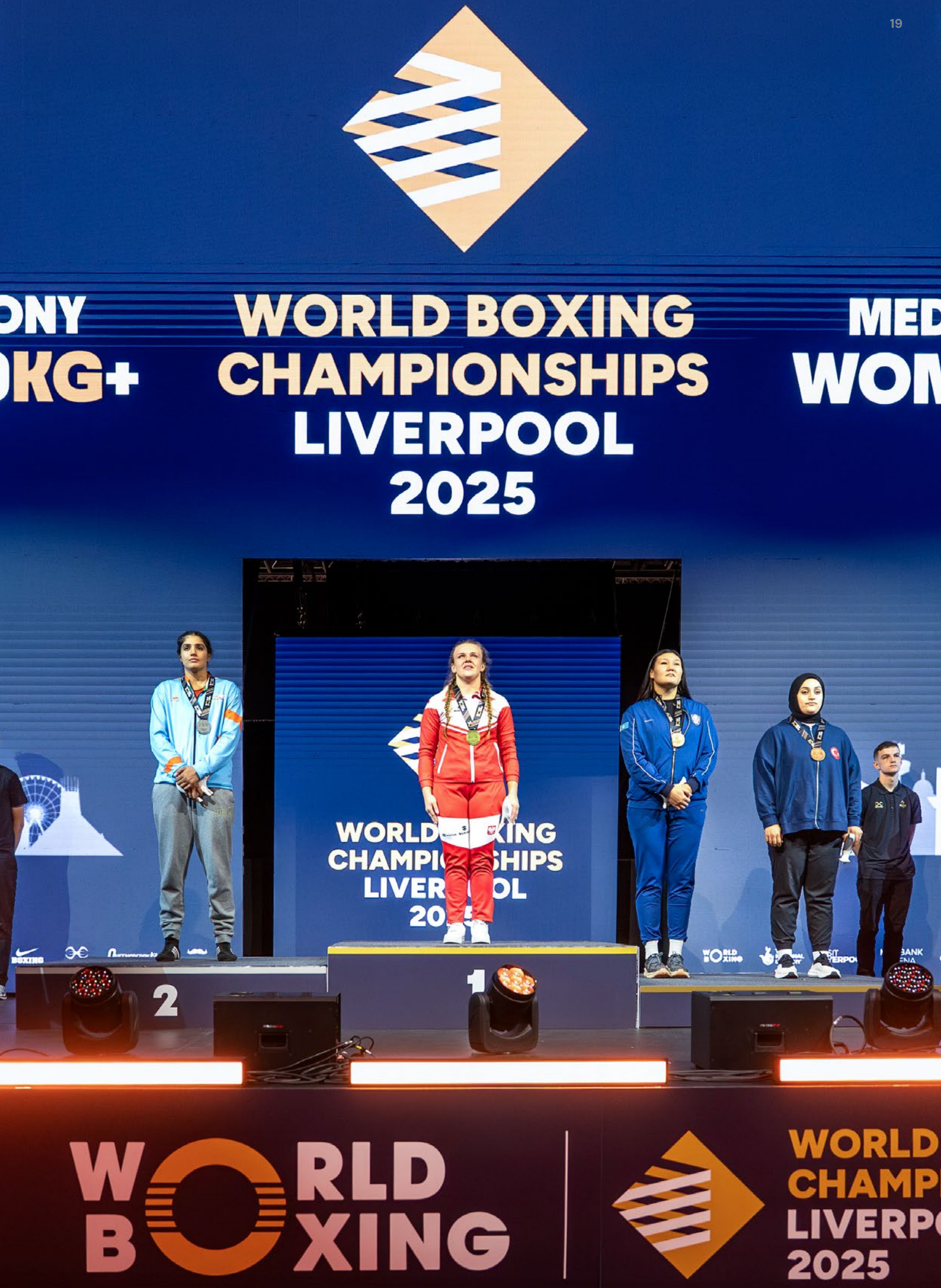


WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS LIVERPOOL 2025

The inaugural World Boxing Championships for Elite men and women took place in Europe, at the M&S Bank Arena in Liverpool, England, from 4 to 14 September 2025. A total of 540 boxers from 68 countries competed in the first combined men's and women's World Championships.

The championships were delivered by a Local Organising Committee including GB Boxing, England Boxing, Liverpool City Council and the M&S Bank Arena, supported by UK Sport and the National Lottery.

Boxers from 14 European national federations won 27 of the 80 medals (33.75%), placing Europe second among the continents by total medals, behind Asia. Aoife O'Rourke of Ireland and Agata Kaczmarska of Poland won Europe's two gold medals.


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