

EUROPEAN BOXING TOWN HALL REPORT

Date: 29 September 2026

Format: Online Meeting (Microsoft Teams)

Organised by: European Boxing

Participants: Representatives of European Boxing Member National Federations, European Boxing Executive Board Members, World Boxing Representatives and invited stakeholders.

Executive Summary

European Boxing held its Town Hall Meeting on 29 September 2026 to provide National Federations with updates on governance, membership, competitions, education programs, Olympic developments, and preparations for the upcoming European Boxing Congress in Budapest.

The meeting highlighted the continued growth of European Boxing, which now comprises 51 member federations, and reviewed the organisation's progress since its establishment in March 2025. Discussions focused on governance reforms, transparency measures, championship operations, education and certification initiatives, membership processes, and future development projects, including the European Boxing League and the European Boxing Family Foundation.

Participants were also briefed on preparations for the European Boxing Congress scheduled for 7 November 2026 in Budapest, Hungary.

Opening of the Meeting

The meeting commenced with welcoming remarks and introductions. The President described the Town Hall as an opportunity to share information, discuss recent developments, and assist National Federations in preparing for the forthcoming Congress.

European Boxing Mission and Development

The vision and mission of European Boxing was presented, emphasising the organisation's commitment to building a modern, transparent and sustainable continental federation within the World Boxing family.

The presentation highlighted key priorities, including:

- Governance and integrity;
- Competition development;
- Membership services;
- Education and certification programmes;
- Athlete development;
- National Federation engagement;
- Professional administration;
- Financial sustainability; and
- Organisational transparency.

Olympic Recognition and Governance

The President updated participants on the status of boxing within the Olympic Movement. While boxing remains included in the LA28 Olympic Games program, continued recognition remains dependent upon ongoing reforms and compliance with governance requirements.

Key areas identified as essential for continued Olympic recognition included:

- Integrity in competition;
- Financial transparency and accountability;
- Stable governance structures;
- Effective leadership;
- Organisational performance; and
- Compliance across World Boxing, continental confederations and National Federations.

Governance Structure and Championships

The Secretary General presented an overview of European Boxing's governance framework and organisational structure.

The presentation reviewed:

- The founding European Boxing Congress;
- The current Executive Board structure;
- Upcoming committee chair elections;
- The 2029 electoral cycle; and
- Recent championship activities.

European Boxing also reported on the successful organisation of recent championships, including the Under-19 European Championships and the Elite European Championships in Sofia, which attracted **406 athlete entries**.

Professionalisation of Operations

The organisation reviewed its transition from volunteer-based championship delivery to a professional operational model.

Participants were informed of the appointment of:

- A full-time Secretary General; and
- Competition Manager Beatrice Bastian.

These appointments support improved event delivery, administrative efficiency and long-term organisational development.

Education and Certification Programmes

European Boxing presented updates on education initiatives and certification pathways for:

- Technical Delegates;
- Referee & Judge Evaluators;
- Competition Officials; and
- Coaches.

World Boxing is continuing to expand its education framework by incorporating on-site training, evaluation, certification and examinations at national and international competitions.

New Competition Initiatives

Participants received updates on several new sporting initiatives.

Europe–Pan America Dual Match

European Boxing announced plans for a Europe–Pan America Dual Match scheduled for **14 November 2026**.

Mixed-Team Competition Pilot

A mixed-team competition format will be tested during the **2026 European Boxing Under-23 Championships in Croatia**. Following implementation, European Boxing will evaluate the pilot project and determine its suitability for future competitions.

Membership and Representation

An overview of membership and representation within European Boxing was presented.

The organisation currently comprises **51 member federations** across Europe.

The presentation also reviewed representation within governing bodies and highlighted European Boxing's commitment to gender balance and equal participation across committees, administration and leadership structures.

Transparency and Governance Initiatives

The Secretary General announced that, beginning in **October 2026**, European Boxing will publish Executive Board attendance records, meeting protocols and official decisions on its website.

This initiative forms part of the organisation's broader commitment to transparency, accountability and good governance.

Membership Process and Statutory Development

An update regarding the membership application process and the relationship between World Boxing and European Boxing membership requirements was provided.

Key points included:

- Clarification of membership categories;
- Distinction between Full Members and Associate Members;

- Voting eligibility requirements; and
- Congress authority regarding membership approvals.

It was further noted that the term “endorsed member” is not currently a statutory membership category.

To simplify future applications, proposed amendments to the European Boxing Statutes will be considered at the next Congress while maintaining the federation’s formal review process.

Budapest Congress 2026

Participants received an update on preparations for the **European Boxing Congress**, scheduled for **7 November 2026 in Budapest, Hungary**.

The Executive Board explained that two bids had been received to host the Congress and that Budapest was selected following a Board vote.

National Federations were also informed of ongoing organisational preparations and election procedures.

Organisational Development Projects

Coaches Commission

European Boxing announced the establishment of a Coaches Commission under the leadership of Ervin Kade. National Federations will be invited to submit applications for membership.

European Boxing Family Foundation

The organisation also introduced the proposed European Boxing Family Foundation, which aims to provide financial assistance and support programmes beginning in 2027.

Membership Fees and European Boxing League

World Boxing provided an update regarding the ongoing review of its membership fee model.

Options under consideration include:

- Federation-size membership categories;
- Combined World Boxing and continental membership fees; and
- An international athlete start licence.

Initial findings are expected to be presented at the World Boxing Congress in Panama.

European Boxing also presented progress on the development of the **European Boxing League**, a proposed competition structure linking major tournaments across the continent. The final concept is expected to be presented at the Budapest Congress.

Congress Fees and Delegate Support

The President explained that the Congress participation fee reflected the planned quality of the venue, accommodation, translation services, guest speakers and networking opportunities.

The Executive Board acknowledged lessons learned during the planning process and confirmed its intention to seek financial support to subsidise attendance costs for delegates participating in person.

Organisational Learning and Closing Remarks

World Boxing's Secretary General highlighted that both World Boxing and European Boxing remain relatively young organisations and emphasised the importance of continuous learning, adaptation and improvement as both bodies continue their development.

The meeting concluded with thanks to all participants for their engagement and continued support of European Boxing.

Key Outcomes

- European Boxing confirmed its membership has grown to **51 federations**.
 - The European Boxing Congress will take place on **7 November 2026 in Budapest, Hungary**.
 - The Elite European Championships in Sofia attracted **406 athlete entries**.
 - Olympic participation remains dependent on continued governance reforms and organisational development.
 - Transparency measures will be strengthened through publication of Executive Board attendance, protocols and decisions.
 - New initiatives, including the European Boxing League and European Boxing Family Foundation, continue to progress.
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ACTION ITEMS



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ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
Conduct elections for the Sport & Competition Committee Chair and Referee & Judge Committee Chair during the Budapest Congress	European Boxing
Confirm athlete availability for the Europe–Pan America Dual Match	Executive Board & Sport & Competition Committee
Test the mixed-team competition during the Under-23 Championships in Croatia	European Boxing
Evaluate results of the mixed-team pilot project	European Boxing
Publish Executive Board attendance, protocols and decisions from October 2026	European Boxing
Prepare proposed statutory amendments relating to membership applications	Len Huard
Invite applications for the Coaches Commission	Martin Volke
Continue review of membership-fee structure	World Boxing
Present the final European Boxing League concept at Congress	European Boxing
Secure funding for Congress attendance subsidies	European Boxing Executive Board