

EFDF Congress 2026

Date: 21.1.2026

I. Introduction

The meeting starts at 8pm and is held online via Google Meet.

The agenda for the EFDF Congress is:

1. Greeting words
2. Count of present members and determination of majority vote
3. receiving and approving the activity reports of EFDF board of directors
 - President
 - INTERACT+
 - Finances 2025
 - Report of auditors
4. discharging the board of directors
5. Vote on new members according to the EFDF questionnaire 2025
6. Election of the EFDF board
7. Upcoming events / activities
8. approving the Budget for 2026
9. Further questions / Suggestions

II. Roll Call

The following 13 countries were represented:

Austria – Christian Leitner
Croatia – Aleksandar Vuckovic
Czech Republic – Jakub Košťel
Finland – Ulla Killi
France – Romano Ludovic
Germany – Volker Schlechter
Great Britain – Si Hill
Italy – Giulia Ferrari
Norway – Erik Hammer Staalesen
Romania – Coicea Liviu
Slovakia – Richard Kollar
Slovenia – Ziga Oresic
Spain – Eduardo González

Ukraine and Switzerland had informed about their absence and are excused.

The majority vote is therefore 7.

Further participants were:

Haude Hermand – EFDF president
Lars Schmah – EFDF Vice president
Gerhard Petz – EFDF 2nd Vice president
Ulrike Lehmann – EFDF Secretary

Nicolas Chauveau – EFDF board member
Thomas Griesbaum – Auditor
Frederic Risse – Auditor
Heidi Pekkola – EUF representative on the EFDF board
Frank Hellstern – EDGF representative on the EFDF board
Jörg Benner – EFDF advisor “Sport for all”, INTERACT+

Dillon Richardson – WFDF, election committee member
Andrea Furlan – EUF

Serbia – Milan Todorovic (prospective member)
Greece - NIKI ΜΑΨΗΑΙΡΑ (prospective member)

III. Receiving and approving the activity reports of EFDF board of directors

The EFDF president Haude Hermand presented the EFDF activities in 2025.

The EFDF Advisor for Sport for All, Jörg Benner, presented the ongoing activities and EFDF contribution to the INTERACT+ project.

The EFDF vice president Gerhard Petz presented the financial report for 2025 followed by the auditors (T. Griesbaum and F.Risse) reports.

The activity reports of the EFDF board were sent to the participants in advance and can be found in the annex.

IV. Discharging the board of directors

The vote on the approval of the financial report and the discharge of the EFDF board was done via Google form.

Question from Italy before the vote: “Are there any open claims with regards to the IFDA case?”

- V.** Answer Haude Hermand: “The arbitration tribunal closed the case after the annual report had been sent to the EFDF members.”

The vote was (12 in favor/1 against). The financial report was therefore accepted and the EFDF board was discharged.

VI. Vote on new members according to the EFDF questionnaire 2025

In a questionnaire sent out prior to congress 2 national federations expressed interest in becoming members of EFDF:

Greece: Hellenic Sport for All Federation and Panhellenic Educational Organization
Serbia: Serbian Flying Disc Association

Representatives of both federations were present and gave short statements.

The present EFDF members were invited to vote on the acceptance of each member via Google form.

The prospective members obtained the following votes:

13/0/0 - Greece: Hellenic Sport for All Federation and Panhellenic Educational Organization

13/0/0 - Serbia: Serbian Flying Disc Association

The EFDF Congress welcomes the two new members unanimously. As a result, the EFDF now has a total of 36 ordinary members.

Since both federations are present the count for votes is now 15. The majority vote is therefore now 8.

VII. Vote on MFDC membership application

The Mediterranean Flying Disc Confederation (MFDC) had contacted EFDF to apply for extraordinary membership.

The statutes require the define a framework for the extraordinary memberships, the present EFDF members were invited to vote via Google form for the EFDF board to start elaborating a framework for the extraordinary membership of MFDC.

Result:

14 in favor/ 1 abstention/ 0 against.

The members are in favor for the EFDF board to begin working on a framework for the extraordinary membership of MFDC.

VIII. Election of the EFDF board

Candidates:

President : Haude Hermand	Votes: 14/1/0
First Vice-President : Lars Schmäh	Votes: 14/1/0
Vice-President : Gerhard Petz	Votes: 14/1/0
Secretary : Ulrike Lehmann	Votes: 14/1/0
At-large Board member : Nicolas Chauveau	Votes: 14/1/0
EUF representative : Heidi Pekkola	Votes: 14/1/0
EDGF representative : Frank Hellstern	Votes: 14/1/0
Auditors :	
Thomas Griesbaum	Votes: 14/1/0
Frederic Risse	Votes: 14/1/0

IX. Upcoming activities for 2026

Haude Hermand presented the upcoming activities including the representation of EFDF at multisports events and the collaboration with European institutions.

X. Presentation and approval of the EFDF Budget for 2026

The EFDF budget for 2026 was presented by Gerhard Petz and Ulrike Lehmann.

The details of the budget can be found in the annex and had been sent to the participants prior to congress.

The members were invited to vote in the EFDF budget for 2026 via Google form.

Since the Greek representative had left, the number of votes was reduced to 14.

The budget was approved unanimously (14/0/0).

Information given to the members:

WFDF offer the option to finance projects with multi-regional reach. If federations are interested, they can contact EFDF to work on an application.

XI. Financial Strategy

Presentation of the challenges regarding the EFDF's financial strategy. EFDF plans to build up reserves for unforeseeable matters such as legal cases.

Question from Si Hill: "If claims exceed EFDF funds, would the board be liable?"

Answers from Haude Hermand and Gerhard Petz: "Only in cases of gross negligence with regards to their actions/decisions would the board be liable."

Remark from Si Hill: "The EFDF was planned to be "light" in terms of costs and structure. The planned buildup of funds does not fit that plan. The need for buildup of funds is understandable but should fit the light structure and avoid additional burden on federations and players."

XII. Further topics/questions/suggestions

Jörg Benner presents the GLIDE project (Erasmus EU project). DiscGolf is involved here.

Question from Richard Kollar: "An e-mail from WFDF was received regarding anti-doping measures. It stated that all athletes participating in WFDF events need to be tested. This would be very expensive for the players and federations involved. Is that the case?"

Answer from Dillon Richardson: "Testing rules are in the hands of the NOs (National Organizations). WFDF does not require testing."

→ It seems more clarification will be needed.

Jörg Benner informs about the Munich Frisbee Festival (29.7. – 2.8.2026). It will also host the Freestyle World Championships and the DDC German Championships.

The EFDF board is looking forward to another active year of promoting Flying Disc Sports in Europe.

The EFDF Congress 2026 concluded at 21h30.

XIII. Annex

The presentation used during the meeting can be found in the annex together with the activity report and the financial report for 2025 and the budget for 2026.