



European Fencing Confederation Confédération Européenne d'Esgrime

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Date of in-person meetings:

1. 28/11/2025 – in-person meeting took place in Budapest and several online meetings.

Description of activities:

Before the meeting, we agreed on the following agenda what is important to organize competitions, and find new motivations to development:

1. Results and Objectives
2. SWOT Analysis Elements
3. Logistics and Organization
4. Technical/Professional Feedback
5. Upcoming competitions and preparations

During the in-person meeting in Budapest on the 28th of November, we have discussed several items important for the 2026 EFC schedule.

The meeting was held on the same day and at the same venue as the EFC circuit, so the commission was able to observe firsthand the challenges that might arise and the solutions available in a larger event (with 860 participants).

We have agreed that, at major EFC competitions, the best way to ensure the necessary experience and expertise alongside the local DTs is for Commission members to perform the DT duties, also we created the DT Volunteer program which will allow us to involve more people in organizing the competitions and begin selecting future committee candidates and DT members.

The specific roles were assigned for the Under 23, Under 20 and senior European Championships.



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The matter of compressed events from ten to four days was discussed, as these increase trainee referees and officials. A consensus leaned toward aligning junior and cadet events with the senior European Championships format of two weapons per day, starting in 2027. Such a change requires budgeting for extra travel and accommodation but promises better competition conditions. Also increasing the number of the DT members of each competition.

Centralized video replay systems stored and managed by the European Federation were also strongly supported by the members of the Commission. The system could be loaned to hosting committees, solving equipment shortages and ensuring uniform quality.

The need for recruitment of additional qualified DT members was agreed. Event role assignments must be balanced between availability and expertise.

We have agreed to test a new tournament management system at the U23 European Championship.

Key changes:

Coloured pistes

- Mandatory use from Table of 32 (T32) onward.
- Two coloured sets remain fixed in colour, numbering, and position throughout the event.

Video refereeing

- Mandatory from T32, aligned with coloured piste usage.

Semifinals & Finals (Individuals)

- All semifinals run in parallel on coloured pistes.
- Finals fenced sequentially on the podium (1 + 1 + 1).

Tasks for the future:

Evaluating the operational system of the U23 European Championships and incorporating well-functioning processes into the organization of future major EFC competitions.

Incorporate these positive aspects into the organization of the Cadet-Junior and Senior European Championships as well. Assessing challenges and finding appropriate solutions, while continuously monitoring the system's effectiveness.

Taking advantage of the opportunities offered by the Fencing Academy, which will launch in the 2026–27 season, such as training members of technical delegations and event organizers, as well as promoting teamwork among stakeholders. Continue on-site competition support, training federations, and improving event organization.

Collaborate with organizers to enhance competition infrastructure, setup, and athlete transportation logistics.

Looking ahead, the Competition Commission's task is to facilitate the smooth organization of competitions by working with the International Federation and the European federations to revise the handbook, establishing more transparent sets of requirements, and ensuring a wider range of technical resources necessary for organizing competitions. This will help ensure competitor-, referee- and coach-friendly competitions by establishing a schedule and rest periods.