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I. MEETING DETAILS

Meeting	Bureau Meeting 10
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II. ATTENDANCE**Voting Members Present**

Name	Role	Duration
Pascal Tesch	President (Chair)	1h 55m 54s
Etienne Van Cann	Vice President	1h 43m 48s
Nuala McGarrity	Treasurer	1h 50m 52s

Excused absence

Name	Role	Duration
Jacek Slupski	On medical leave until end of season	

Non-Voting / Support

Name	Role	Duration
Iryna Mazheika	Assistant to the President (non-voting)	1h 53m 39s

Quorum: 3 voting Bureau members present. Bureau is quorate.

III. AGENDA

Item	Topic
1	Annual Report – format and structure (executive summary + linked sub-reports on website)
2	Referee Exam – venue evaluation: Pisa (Italy) vs Sofia (Bulgaria)
3	Material Aid – review of applications and ranking for FIE submission
4	Bureau Meeting 9 Minutes – approval and classification policy
5	LC Meeting Minutes 2025-2026/17 (28 April) – review by President

6	Russia/Belarus – LC opinion overview; Congress preparation; COMEX counter-proposal
7	Congress 2026 – agenda review and finalisation
8	FIE Licenses – governance obligation for COMEX and commission members
AOB	Cagliari debrief: safeguarding report; reimbursements; referee travel booking guidelines

IV. DECISION REGISTER

Ref	Decision	Outcome
D-01	Referee Exam venue: Bureau agrees to propose Pisa, Italy to COMEX as host city for the 2026 EFC Referee Examination, on the basis of the President's comparative evaluation (accommodation pricing advantage, Italian federation licence volume, LOC responsiveness). Sofia recorded as second candidate. Evaluation report to be finalised with full city names and circulated to COMEX.	Agreed
D-02	Material Aid ranking methodology: Bureau approves the President's approach of ranking applications with substantive development projects above applications that are purely equipment requests without strategic rationale. Priority tier: Montenegro, Macedonia, Armenia, Great Britain, Ireland. Remaining applications to be forwarded to FIE. Iryna to add three inadvertently omitted applications (Great Britain, Cyprus, Latvia) before final submission.	Agreed
D-03	Bureau Meeting 9 Minutes – public version: Bureau approves the public version of Bureau Meeting 9 minutes (as amended by the President) for publication on the EFC website. Original confidential version retained for internal governance administration. Etienne Van Cann to upload public minutes once website account is created.	Agreed
D-04	Russia/Belarus – Congress strategy: Bureau confirms the LC opinion establishes that the three member federation proposals (Türkiye, Bulgaria, Serbia) are legally flawed and cannot be implemented as submitted. President authorised to engage the three federation presidents individually and request voluntary withdrawal to avoid confusion. COMEX counter-proposal (legally sound readmission via application procedure) to be reviewed and finalised by Tuesday 5 May; discussed at Bureau Meeting 11 on 6 May.	Agreed
D-05	Congress 2026 Agenda: Bureau approves an agenda structure adapted to proposals received: (a) pre-Congress registration and electronic voting system test at 09:30, Congress formally opens at 10:00; (b) election commission designated at opening; (c) LC opinion on Russia/Belarus proposals included as an explicit agenda sub-item; (d) opening and closure of Congress as formal items. Revised agenda to be submitted to COMEX for validation.	Agreed
D-06	FIE Licenses – governance members: Bureau agrees all COMEX members and members of mandatory commissions must hold FIE licences per EFC Statutes. EFC to provide licences at no cost to these individuals as recognition of service. Provision to be formalised in Administrative Rules; effective from the 2027 season. Congress to be informed at Congress 2026.	Agreed
D-07	Next Bureau meeting: Bureau agrees to hold Bureau Meeting 11 on Wednesday 6 May (morning) to review and finalise the COMEX counter-proposal on Russia/Belarus before the President departs for Montenegro on 7 May.	Agreed