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## **EHF Competitions Commission**

(Meeting no. 06 of the period 2016 – 2020)

### **Meeting and Accommodation at Hotel Hilton Garden Inn in Vienna / AUT**

Meeting on Friday, 27 April 2018 09:30 – 18:30 hrs.  
(general EHF Info to CC/MC/BC from 09.00 -09.30 hrs.)

#### **Participants:**

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bozidar Djurkovic     | Chairman CC                 |
| Jan Kampman           | Men's Competitions          |
| Carmen Manchado Lopez | Women's Competitions        |
| Dragan Nachevski      | Refereeing Matters          |
| Radek Wasiak          | Club Competitions (excused) |

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| Markus Glaser       | Office |
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| Monika Flixeder     | Office |

Further office staff according to agenda

#### **Agenda:**

##### **1. Welcome**

Djurkovic opened the meeting and informed that Radek Wasiak as the Member representing the clubs was not present due to his duties with his club in the Champions League quarter final.

##### **2. Minutes and Reports of Meetings and Task Groups**

(Meetings of Boards in March, EXEC meeting March etc.)

No issues were raised here.

##### **3. Information on Meeting Technical Delegation / CAN**

Djurkovic summarized the important topics of the TD meeting, which will be part of the CC discussions at the respective agenda points. In general he emphasized the active exchange of views in the TD and underlined the proactive position of the EHF regarding the issue of the Rules of the Game.

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#### **4. Club Competitions**

##### **4.1. Men's Champions League 2017/18**

Basically the competition is running well apart from the issue with the playing dates of Szeged-Kiel and Kielce-Rhein Neckar Löwen in the Last16 Round. These two pairings were overlapped by a German League match (Kiel vs. Löwen) set for the Saturday of the 1st leg weekend. Kiel agreed to switch the home right and played their home game on Wednesday while Rhein Neckar Löwen refused to switch the home right and played both matches (away in Kielce and away in Kiel) on Saturday parallel to each other with two different teams.

In order to be in a stronger position for similar situations in the future the Office prepared a motion to the CC which gives the right to the EHF to switch the home right of a KO-round if there is no other useful solution. The CC approves the motion which will be handed to the EHF Executive Committee in an e-mail consultation in order to still include it in the regulations if approved.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> leg matches are taking place on the weekend after the CC meeting and the draw for the VELUX EHF Final4 will take place in Cologne on Wednesday, 2 May together with a workshop with the participating clubs.

##### **4.2. Women's Champions League 2017/18**

No reports are available regarding special issues. The EHF F4 in Budapest is being prepared, Rostov/RUS is a newcomer while Győr, Bucharest and Vardar were already qualified in the last two seasons.

##### **4.3. Men's EHF Cup 2017/18**

No reports are available regarding special issues. The 2<sup>nd</sup> leg matches are taking place on the weekend after the CC meeting and the draw for the EHF Cup Finals will take place in Magdeburg on Wednesday, 2 May together with a workshop with the participating clubs.

##### **4.4. Women's EHF Cup 2017/18**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> leg of the semifinal Vipers Kristiansand vs. Viborg was played with NOR referees as the originally nominated referees from ISR got stuck in Moscow on their travel less than 24 hours prior to the game.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> leg of the Final in Craiova will be played already on Friday in order to avoid an overlap in Rumania over the weekend with CSM Bucharest playing the EHF F4 in Budapest.

##### **4.5. Men's and Women's Challenge Cup 2017/18**

The team of Lublin/POL in the Women's Challenge Cup Final will play the final of the Polish Cup on Saturday and the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg of the Challenge Cup Final on Sunday of the same weekend. This overlapping situation is based on the dates set in Poland for their Cup Final.

##### **4.6. Current Status regarding season 2020/2021**

No final information regarding issues for the 2020/2021 season are currently available. It is assumed that more information will be available until the next CC meeting in August, so that possible issues can be discussed there.

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## **5. National Team Competitions – Qualifications**

### **5.1. 2018 EHF EURO Women FRA (Phase 2, round 5 and 6)**

Round 3 and 4 was already played from 21 to 25 March 2018 and round 5 and 6 will be played from 30 May to 3 June 2018. NOR, DEN and MNE are already qualified. Apart from some minor mistakes in regard of the venue set-up, TV camera position, catch net, which were all reported to all hosting federations in detail, all matches of round 3 and 4 were played in very good conditions.

### **5.2. 2018 YAC Qualifications (WU20 WCh HUN)**

With the exception of the tournament in SRB together with SVK, NOR and KOS all other tournaments were running quite well without any incidents. The tournament in SRB had to be cancelled and SRB was disqualified. As there was only 1 match between NOR and SVK played, an agreement between the 3 remaining federations had to be found concerning the 2 remaining matches. SVK, KOS and NOR found a mutual agreement and NOR was nominated as winner of this group 5. This was coordinated with the CC (Carmen Manchado).

15 federations will represent Europe in the upcoming final tournament, which will take place in Győr/HUN from 1 to 14 July 2018. Directly qualified are: RUS (Champion of the WU18 WCh 2016 in SVK), FRA (1<sup>st</sup> of the 2017 W19 EURO SLO), DEN (3<sup>rd</sup>) and HUN (organizer and 4<sup>th</sup>). Qualified via qualification tournaments: GER, NED, NOR, MNE, ROU, ESP, SLO, CRO and POR. In addition also ISL (1<sup>st</sup> substitute, replacing ASIA 4) and SWE (2<sup>nd</sup> substitute, replacing OCE) were also qualified.

### **5.3. 2019 MWCh DEN-GER (Phase 2 – Play-off matches)**

The last matches of the qualification Europe phase 1 were finalized on the weekend 13/14 January 2018. The case between BIH and SUI was finished on 10 April with the result of the 2<sup>nd</sup> instance being confirmed, because BIH did not file an appeal to the EHF Court of Appeal. Therefore SUI will play against NOR in the play-off matches in June.

### **5.4. 2019 WWCh JPN (Registration)**

The final tournament will be played in Kumamoto/JPN between 29 November and 15 December 2019. The registration already started beginning this week. The draw for phase 1 is foreseen to take place at the EHF Congress in Glasgow/SCO on 19 June 2018.

Shortly before the WWCh will start, TOCOG is planning to organize a test event for the OG with minimum 4 teams, which could be for the invited teams an excellent preparation for the WCh.

### **5.5. 2020 EHF EURO Men SWE-AUT-NOR (Qualification Workshop NOR, Draw Phase 2)**

ESP as champion of the EURO in CRO is directly qualified for the final tournament together with the organisers SWE, AUT and NOR. The draw of all 8 groups of 4 teams already took place in Trondheim/NOR on 12 April. According to the EXEC decision the teams of SRB and KOS were separated. The feedback after the qualification workshop was very positive. In the final coordination meeting between all teams in the respective group and one office member there were unfortunately 3 federations missing: GRE, MNE and SLO, although it was in advance clearly declared as “obligatory to participate”.

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Some of the groups are more challenging than others (especially group 3 with MKD, ISL, TUR and GRE and group 8 with DEN, MNE, UKR and FAR, because of the special hall situations in FAR, MNE and UKR) and need therefore more support than usual.

5.6. 2022 EHF EURO Men TBD (Registration, Qualification phase 1, ENCh Qualification Europe)  
Concerning the 2022 qualification there is the decision of the EXEC that all participants, who are not already qualified for the EURO 2020 qualifiers and want to register, have the obligation to participate in phase 1. A single participation in the ENCh is not any longer possible. The losers of phase 1 will then participate in the ENCh. The special situation in regard of the relegation of up to 4 teams in connection with a probable promotion round between the winners of 2022, phase 1 and the ENCh in connection with the MWCh 2021 qualification system is again presented and discussed. It has also taken into consideration, that the sending out of the registration papers for the EURO 2022 phase 1 and for the MWCh 2021 qualification Europe (phase 1), depends on a clear solution in this issue.

The members of the CC are in favour of this kind of relegation round to be played and proposed therefore, that the Men's WCh 2021 qualification Europe, phase 1, has to be played in tournament format in January 2020. The National Team Week in October 2019 can therefore be used to play the relegation round between up to 4 lowest ranked teams of the 2020 EURO qualifiers against the winners of the 2022 qualification phase 1 and the winner of the ENCh tournament in June 2019. This proposal shall be tabled to the EXEC for approval.

5.7. 2020 OG Tokio/JPN (Details, Qualification pathway)  
Apart from the already confirmed qualification system and the already mentioned test event prior to the WWCh 2019 there is no more information available.

## **6. National Team Competitions – Final Tournaments**

### **6.1. 2018 EHF EURO Men CRO**

The Men's EHF EURO 2018 analysis including all media figures as well as the complete event report analyzing several aspects of the event are available. The media results are excellent with a high number of TV viewers and a big impact on the social media channels.

The final accounting of the EHF EURO 2018 in Croatia is ongoing. Further decisions on the final accounting will be taken upon receipt of the respective documents/calculations of the CRO OC. With the current match schedule some teams have to play 2 matches in a row (2 matches in 2 days) in some situations was criticized by some of the teams, media and spectators. The topic is also an issue for the Men's EHF EURO 2020 where 2 matches in 2 days for some teams cannot be avoided. An active Information strategy needs to be considered for the teams, media and the spectators in order to inform all parties about the complexity of this issue at an earlier stage.

### **6.2. 2018 EHF EURO Women FRA**

The organization with the FRA OC is ongoing in a very active way. Due to a very positive cooperation between the FRA OC and the EHF, the organization process is very far at this stage.

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The CC was informed that the Final Tournament Draw was moved from 8 to 12 June 2018 due to the non-availability of the draw location (Maison de la Radio/Paris).

Every EHF EURO organizer together with the EHF has the right to place 1 team for each Preliminary Round Group due to the spectators' interest. The teams FRA, NOR, DEN and NED will be seeded to the four preliminary round groups (Nantes, Nancy, Montbeliard and Brest) for the Women's EHF EURO in France under the condition that they qualify for the event.

The CC was informed that the match schedule including the exact playing times and matches of the EHF EURO 2018 in France will be available directly after the Final Tournament Draw as the match times were already settled in advance due to the ticket strategy of the FRA OC. Instead of match day tickets, tickets will be sold for all individual matches and the arena will be cleaned after each match. A detailed procedure for the VIP guests, EHF/EHF partner guests needs to be specified between the EHF and the FRA OC in order to avoid unpleasant situations on site and to avoid that VIP guests are also moved out of the arena. All persons from the EHF and EHF partners have to have the possibility to stay in the arena between the matches. The same holds true for VIP guests.

The TV Tour for the Women's EHF EURO 2018 will take place between 12 and 14 September 2018. A final site visit is planned to take place between 25 and 27 of September (to be confirmed).

The Heads of Delegations Conference will take place between 9 and 11 October 2018.

Referee and Delegates Seminar will take place end of August 2018 in Vienna/AUT. (date to be confirmed).

The Officials Conference will take place between 26 and 28 November 2018 in Nancy. As the room capacity of the hotel is not sufficient to accommodate all EHF officials and EHF staff members in one hotel during the preparatory phase prior to the event, the EHF officials and EHF staff members will be accommodated in 2 different hotels for the period of the Officials Conference. The 2 hotels will be located in a few minutes walking distance from each other. The EHF will try to accommodate as many EHF Delegates and EHF Referees in the same hotel in order to ensure a proper working process. The exact assignment of persons to the respective hotel will be discussed EHF internally. As the Officials Conference is taking place in Nancy at the city hall (located next door to the officials hotel), the arrival airport for the EHF officials will be either Metz or Luxembourg. In addition it is possible that some transportations will be arranged via train due to the excellent train connections in France from Paris. The arrival date for the EHF Officials will be 25 November 2018.

The CC members requested the possibility of Johann Ingi Gunnarsson working as a Referee Coach also for the Women's EHF EURO 2018 in France. The issue will be checked and clarified with the responsible parties EHF internally.

### 6.3. 2020 EHF EURO Men SWE/AUT/NOR

The Men's EHF EURO 2020 Qualifiers Draw took place in Trondheim/NOR on 12 April 2018 and was organized in an excellent way by the NOR OC.

A Qualifiers Workshop with the participating National Federations took place in the framework of the draw event in Trondheim.

An alternative match schedule proposal for the Men's EHF EURO 2020 was provided by the AUT OC and will be discussed EHF internally. The questions concerning teams with two matches in a row being reported in connection with the EHF Euro 2018 shall be an integrated part of this discussion.

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For the Men's EHF EURO 2020, the referee nominations are foreseen in phases in the organization contract as follows (a nomination in phases is also foreseen for EHF delegates):

- 18 Referee couples for the Preliminary Round
- 12 Referee couples for the Main Round
- 8 Referee couples Final Weekend

Nominations for each phase of the tournament have to be clear from the very beginning and details of the organization and procedures need to be clarified in good time as the run-down of the Euro is different than any others in the past (travelling, reduction of couples, etc.).

The Officials Conference for the Men's EHF EURO 2020 will take place in Vienna. The exact date depends on the final match schedule.

The Heads of Delegations Conference will take place in course of the Final Tournament Draw in June 2019.

The venues for the Men's EHF EURO 2020 are as follows:

Preliminary Round:

- Gothenburg
- Malmö
- Vienna
- Graz
- Trondheim

Main Round:

- Malmö
- Vienna

Final Weekend:

- Stockholm

The CC was informed that a site visit for the Men's EHF EURO 2020 took place in Sweden and Austria between 16-18 April 2018. The following halls and hotels were inspected:

Sweden:

- Tele 2 Arena in Stockholm (Final Weekend)
- Scandic Continental in Stockholm (EHF Hotel)
- Scandic Talk in Stockholm (Team Hotel for 4 teams)
- Scandic Park in Stockholm (Team Hotel for 2 teams)
- Scandinavium in Gothenburg (Preliminary Round)
- Scandic Crown in Gotheburg (EHF Hotel)
- Scandic Opalen in Gothenburg (EHF Hotel)
- Malmö Arena (Preliminary Round & Main Round)
- Scandic Triangeln in Malmö (EHF Hotel)
- Scandic St. Jörgen in Malmö (Team Hotel)

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Austria:

- Stadthalle in Vienna (Preliminary Round and Main Round)
- Graz has not been inspected as it is an exhibition hall. Set-up plans were provided to the EHF and discussed with the AUT OC.
- The site visit was well organized and the infrastructure is a good basis for organizing an excellent event;

Additional information:

- All hotels and arenas which were part of the site visit are approved by the EHF.
- The “Stadthalle Wien” is known from the EHF EURO 2010. The stand same set-up was proposed by the AUT OC which does not fulfill the requirement of stands in a full arena-shape. The AUT OC was asked to provide a proposal for a complete arena-shape stand set-up, taking the financial aspects into consideration.
- The “Graz Stadthalle” is an exhibition Hall which will be set-up for the Men’s EHF EURO 2020. Full arena-shape stands will be installed for the Men’s EHF EURO 2020.
- In Trondheim/NOR the arena is under construction and will be finished in October 2019. Therefore a site visit is planned to take place in October 2019. In addition a separate hotel site visit will be arranged with the NOR OC.

EHF EURO CUP:

The EHF EURO Cup playing schedule has been changed from a tournament format to a format with home and away matches due to the tight time schedule as the participating teams agreed to play it in a home and away format. The respective schedule will be implemented as the basic model to the EHF Euro Regulations.

In general the EHF EURO Cup is included in the EHF EURO regulation with a reference to the EHF EURO legal regulations.

The EHF has the right to use the agreed floor sticker positions and 5 min LED advertising.

Details concerning the publication of the match schedule as well as further technical issues need to be clarified (Responsibility, Sportradar Scouting, Publication on EHF EURO website, etc.).

6.4. EHF EURO 2022 and 2024

The awarding of the Men’s EHF EURO Events 2022 and 2024 as well as the Women’s EHF EURO 2022 will take place at the EHF Congress in Glasgow.

Overview of the 2022 and 2024 EHF EURO candidates:

Men’s EHF EURO 2022:

- France, Spain and Belgium
- Denmark and Switzerland
- Hungary and Slovakia

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Men's EHF EURO 2024:

- Denmark and Switzerland
- Hungary and Slovakia
- Germany

Women's EHF EURO 2022:

- Slovenia, FYR Macedonia and Montenegro

The bidding process is ongoing and several site visits took place. The Palacio Municipal de Deportes, the proposed playing hall in Leon/ESP did not fulfill the requirements of an EHF EURO venue and therefore was replaced by Madrid ("WiZink Center") by the Spanish Handball Federation.

Antwerpen does not fulfill the requirements concerning the minimum capacity of spectators (8.000) for a host venue for an EHF EURO Preliminary Round venue – exception to be granted due to the special situation in Belgium.

In the application of SLO, MNE, MKD for the Women's EHF EURO 2022, almost all playing halls in the bids are not suitable for an EHF EURO event.

Several letters were sent to the applicants in order to ensure the constructions / reconstructions of the arenas in Celje and Podgorica. For Ljubljana and Skopje only minor adaptations which can be easily implemented are required. In addition to the available confirmations of federations and authorities further formal confirmations for constructions and reconstructions were requested with regard to the conditions applying for the congress awarding;

The organization contracts for the EHF EURO Events 2022 and 2024 are prepared and will be presigned by all candidates and formally signed directly after the awarding at the EHF Congress in June 2018 by the successful candidate and the EHF.

6.5. M18 EURO 2018 CRO, M18 Championships 2018 AUT and GEO, M20 EURO 2018 SLO, M20 Championships MKD and MNE

The preparations for all 6 YAC events M18 EURO CRO and M18 Championships AUT/GEO, M20 EURO SLO and Championships MKD/MNE are on a very good way. The contracts are signed, the final playing schedules are fixed, the relevant team information was already sent out and all nominations were published in the meantime. The change of the venue in GEO from Tbilisi to Telavi with exactly the same or even better conditions was already confirmed.

6.6. Further Events in 2018 (W16 European Open, IHF/EHF Women's Trophy etc.)

W16 European Open

Between 2 and 6 July 2018 20 teams will participate in the Women's 16 European Open Championship with the new age group. The number of participants (20) emphasizes the increased interest of the nations in this kind of event. One of the main reasons is for sure the direct qualification to the EYOF in 2019 in AZE with exactly the correct age group. Nevertheless there will be a re-evaluation of the new concept after the W16 EO will have been played for each gender once.

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#### IHF/EHF Women's Trophy

The Women's Trophy Europe will be played in Tuzla/BIH between 29 May to 3 June 2018. 8 teams will play in 2 groups. Teams group A): EST, MDA, BEL, CYP; teams group B): AZE, GBR, BIH, LUX. Eligible to play are players born in 2000 or later.

- 6.7. IHF Competition Matters 2018 (WU18 WCh POL, WU20 WCh HUN, IHF Super Globe) and 2019 (MWCh DEN/GER, MU19 WCh MKD, MU21 WCh ESP, IHF Super Globe, WWCh JPN)

#### WU18 WCh POL (new date: 07 to 19 August 2018)

According to the new structure for YAC events the teams ranked 1 to 11 of the W17 EURO 2017 in SVK were directly qualified for the WU18 WCh 2018 in POL: GER, NOR, HUN, FRA, RUS, DEN, ROU, ESP, SWE, NED, MNE. SVK (as 1<sup>st</sup> substitute) was in the meantime already confirmed as replacement of ASIA 5, as well as CRO (2<sup>nd</sup> substitute) replacing OCE, because they are not going to participate in POL.

#### WU20 WCh HUN (new date: 1 to 14 July 2018)

Apart from RUS as reigning World Champion of the WU18 WCh 2016 in SVK and at the same time 2<sup>nd</sup> of the W19 EHF EURO 2017 in SLO, HUN (as organizer), FRA (Winner of W19 EURO in SLO) and DEN (3<sup>rd</sup> of W19 EURO in SLO) were directly qualified. The remaining 9 participants qualified via the last qualification tournaments for YAC events between 23 and 25 March 2018: GER, NED, NOR, MNE, ROU, ESP, SLO, CRO and POR. In advance 2 substitutes were nominated (ISL as 2<sup>nd</sup> of group 4 and SWE as 2<sup>nd</sup> of group 3). ISL replaced ASIA 4 as EUROPE 12 and SWE replaced OCE, because they are not going to participate in HUN.

#### IHF Super Globe 2018 (new date: 16 to 19 October 2018 in Doha/QAT)

For the first time the Super Globe will take place after the start of the new season of the main leagues in Europe. The situation is not very pleasant especially for the players coming from CL round 5 to the Super Globe arriving home on the weekend 20/21 October immediately before the start of the National Team Week with the 2020 EURO qualification matches Round 1 and 2. It can be expected, that the Super Globe will be played for the last time in Doha/QAT.

#### Men's WCh 2019 in DEN-GER (10 to 27 January 2019)

39 teams registered for the MWCh 2019 in DEN-GER. 23 teams participated in Qualification Europe Phase 1. Six winners (RUS, LTU, ROU, POR, NED and SUI) qualified for the playoff matches. The case BIH/SUI is closed and SUI qualified. 18 teams will compete in the play-off matches for 9 places. The playing dates are: 8 to 10 June (1<sup>st</sup> leg) and 12 to 14 June 2018 (2<sup>nd</sup> leg).

Already qualified for the final tournament (10 to 27 January 2019) are: DEN and GER as organisers, the reigning World Champion from 2017 FRA, as well as the champion of the EURO 2018 ESP.

MU19 WCh 2019 MKD and MU21 WCh 2019 ESP (no information available)

IHF Super Globe 2019 (no information available yet)

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WWCh JPN (apart from the playing dates 29 November to 15 December 2019 no further information available yet). In the preparation phase the WCh OC together with the OG OC will organize the test event for the OG shortly prior to the opening of the WWCh.

6.8. YAC EHF events in 2019: W17 EURO in SLO, W17 Championships in GEO and ITA, W19 EURO in HUN, W19 Championships in BUL and LTU

The registration papers for the W17 and W19 events in 2019 were sent out in November 2017, together with the application documents for the W17 and W19 events.

16 Federations for each of the W17 and W19 EURO, 20 Federations for the W17 Championships, and 18 teams for the W19 Championships registered for participation. In the last meeting of the Executive Committee all 6 YAC events were awarded as follows:

W17 EURO: SLO – Celje (16 teams, daily fee 120€)  
W17 Championships: GEO – Telavi (10 teams, daily fee 95€) and  
ITA – Pescara (10 teams, daily fee 100€)

W19 EURO: HUN – Győr (16 teams, daily fee 130€)  
W19 Championships: BUL – Varna (10 teams, daily fee 100€) and  
LTU – Kaunas/Klaipeda (8 teams, daily fee 95€)

The composition of the tournaments in the championships will be done via the updated Women's YAC ranking list (snake system) taking into account the results of the Women's YAC events in 2017. The workshop for the 2019 YAC events will take place in Vienna in autumn 2018.

## **7. Refereeing Matters**

7.1. Issues of the current season 2017/18

Two different clubs of the Men's Champions League clubs expressed their unhappiness with the referee performance in the later stage of the competition. Both games were reviewed and Nachevski reported that there was no reason for a complaint as there was a correct and regular performance in both matches.

Three EHF referee pairs will end their career after this season due to age reasons: Olesen-Pedersen DEN, Scevola-Alperan ITA, Kouz-Zhoba UKR. Other referees already announced that they are planning to end their career too (Sager-Styger SUI and Maric-Masic SRB).

Six new pairs from NOR, FRA, MKD, MNE, SUI and ISL obtained the EHF status during the recent EHF course for referee candidates which was held in Drammen/NOR from 19-23 April 2018. One of these new pairs (SUI) will be nominated for the M18 Ch in AUT due to shortage of younger referee pairs for this summer's YAC events.

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Nachevski travelled to UKR in March 2018 in order to observe the newly composed EHF couple Novikov-Rozhkov. Both referees are to be reactivated in this new constellation after their previous partners decided to put an end to their respective careers. Another observation in the own country is planned to be held in SWE (Canbro-Kliko), although no new date has been set yet after it had already been moved twice due to injury.

The second EHF Candidates course for 2018 is planned to be held in GER from 9-13 August in the framework of the Wittlicher Handball-Cup, which is a preseason tournament for top European women club teams. However, there are still some points that need to be clarified via the GER Federation and the local organizer before referees etc. can be invited.

#### 7.2. Review TRC Meeting of previous day

The “Big Teaching Material” is available on the EHF website since January 2018. Thus, and in view of this summer’s YAC events, the TRC decided to produce only a new “Small Teaching Material” for 2018. Nachevski will provide the TRC Members with various clips for selection in order to have the TM ready in a timely manner for the W16 EO in Gothenburg in July.

Furthermore, the TRC is of the opinion that in the future it would be enough to produce only one video presentation with women’s and men’s clips (no “small” TM anymore). The further produce in this respect will be tabled again at the next TRC meeting.

According to the TRC any refereeing situation perceived as being confusing and difficult to deal with needs better internal clearing during a tournament, even in case of pending cases, so that EHF officials know how to deal with complex situations as soon as possible and in any case prior to departing back home from the event in question.

Baum will be in touch with a group of selected perspective refs as part of the physical preparation program with the purpose to monitor their progress and assess their training in order to identify areas of improvement. In addition, there was a common opinion that the top referee group during their preparation to a Euro in the future needs to be more proactive with their training activities based on IMSB’s training plans.

#### 7.3. Preview Summer Events 2018

A total of 41 referee couples have been appointed for this year’s EHF summer events. Many referees were not available due to personal reasons, mainly due to job obligations

All TRC Members will be appointed to one of this summer’s YAC events for ensuring course content integrity regarding the refereeing line.

The preparatory meeting for the FRA EURO referees is scheduled to take place at the end of August 2018 in Vienna/AUT. The Invitations are to be sent out following the conclusion of the Women’s EURO Qualifiers at the beginning of June 2018.

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#### 7.4. Young Referees Program

Information about the re-registration process for YRs will be sent out in due time. More detailed information shall be made available to the national federations in order for them to better understand how they can contribute best to the development and success of their YRs.

The Prague Handball Cup was held over the Eastern weekend with 12 pairs (6 female and 6 male couples).

The next YR events to be held are: Women's Trophy in BIH with 5 YR-pairs (29 May to 3 June), and then the W16 EO (2-6 July) + the EUSA Games in POR (12-20 July) with 10 YR-pairs each.

Contact will be established with the ISF in order to have the possibility to use the next ISF Championship in SRB for the EHF YR Program after there was no EHF participation in Qatar 2018.

#### .5. Female Referees Program

Women's F4 nomination is published – a total of three female pairs will be present in Budapest (FRA, ROU, MNE).

The Women's Police European Championship with 3 female EHF pairs (LTU, POL, SRB) was held in Göppingen/GER in March.

#### 7.6. Referee nomination friendly matches

Rancik reports about a total of 10 requests for referees so far in 2018.

#### 7.7. Referees' Head Sets

The EHF office is supposed to receive 10 new headsets from Axiwi during the course of this year. Those referees being nominated for the Euro in FRA are a priority to have a headset, in case they do not already have one in order to make them getting used to it prior to the Euro.

#### 7.8. IHF Refereeing Matters

According to Nachevski there is no tournament/date yet to perform the next GRTP course for IHF candidates.

Referee nominations for IHF summer events are available to the EHF office – Nachevski informed about a very positive contact/cooperation with the new IHF PRC Chairman Ramon Gallego (ESP).

An IHF PRC meeting was held the weekend prior to the CC meeting in Basle to discuss various issues and also in order to approve a PRC concept including new ideas such as: IHF refs to be given temporary license for a four year period / involvement of professional coaches operating in the field of physical preparation of IHF referees etc.

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Subsequent to this one another meeting was held in Basle in order to discuss the matter of rule changes in the future. The EHF is planning to be more active in this respect than was the case in the past and the IHF is keen to receive inputs from the European handball family. This very complex issue was also discussed in the TD and will be a primary task for the EHF in the near future.

## **8. Delegates Matters**

### **8.1 Issues of the current season 2017/18**

Three Delegates will end their career due to age reasons at the end of the current season (Mulleners/BEL, Gunnarsson/ISL and Rankin/GBR). The two Delegates which were involved in the two legal cases (Sjölund/FIN and Repensek/SLO) have not been nominated anymore after the case and will not be nominated anymore during the current season.

### **8.2 Further education and testing**

The e-learning platform is in preparation and planned to be ready in June. Three parts of content will form the first phase of e-learning: hall set up, referee evaluation and family portal/electronic match report issues. An additional part is planned with Playing Rule situation especially for Delegates. Each Delegate will be requested to do the e-learning over the summer, further details regarding procedure, testing and consequences will be defined once the contents are completed.

## **9. Additional Matters**

### **9.1 International Calendar 2019/2020, 2020/2021; Report Think Tank Calendar 2020+**

The final version of the 2019-2020 EHF calendar was sent out after approval by the EXEC to all Member Federations and stakeholders and will be currently updated.

The draft version for the 2020-2021 calendar is currently elaborated and will be send to the CC members as soon as the first draft is available.

#### **Report Think Tank Calendar 2020+**

A meeting between the EHF, members of the Nations Board, the FCH, the EPHLA and the EHPU took place in Zagreb/CRO on 21 January 2018 (the minutes are on hand). The meeting was regarded as very effective with good ideas in an extremely positive and open atmosphere. Some aspects of common concern cannot be changed in short time and have in the moment to be accepted, but should continuously be discussed in the responsible bodies (e.g. OG-QT, 3 events in Olympic years in 13 months: EURO-OG-WCh, new match schedule for WCh with MR eliminating KO rounds means 10 matches instead of 9).

Further aspects were discussed:

1. Start of the season in February and a December finish (instead of an August start and June finish) was finally neglected.
2. Maximum number of matches per week and per year, time interval between matches, minimum period of rest/holiday and afterwards of preparation)

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3. National team matches to be scheduled on Saturday and national league matches as well playing on Saturdays before national team weeks
4. Finals of national cups on 1 weekend without any European competitions at the same time
5. Moving the national teams weeks from April to March and from June to May
6. Fixed match days in CL and the season should be ending with the CL Final 4.

**9.2. EHF Anti-Doping Unit**

The legal case with the three RUS players is open as an appeal was filed against the first instance decision. The case is therefore pending at the EHF Court of Appeal. No appeal was filed against the 1<sup>st</sup> instance decision regarding the RUS Federation, this case is therefore closed.

Tests are currently under way in a regular way in all EHF competitions and will continue until the season is completed. No irregularities have occurred.

Various activities are currently being prepared for the YAC Summer events. As previously announced each player and also one official per delegation of a YAC event will be required to go through an e-learning platform in order to get a very basic information regarding anti-doping issues. This activity is part of a proactive step of the EHF to better inform especially young players.

**10. Miscellaneous**

No issues were raised.

Djurkovic thanked all participants for their input and and closed the meeting.

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