

FIRST COURT OF HANDBALL MEETING
After the 2021 EHF Congress in Vienna/AUT
Minutes

DETAILS

Date: 24 April 2021
Time: 11:00 – 11:30hrs
Place: Bungalow D
Eventhotel Pyramide
Vienna, Austria

PARTICIPANTS

EHF Court of Handball:

Ioannis Karanasos	President
Sorin-Laurentiu Dinu	Vice President
Shlomo Cohen	Member
Urmo Sitsi	Member (remote)
Matea Horvat	Member (remote)
André Hommen	Member (remote)
Alan Grima	Member

EHF Office:

Monika Flixeder	Legal Management
Mihaly Kovacs	Legal Management
Sophia Touiker	Legal Management

Excused:

Andreas Thiel	Vice President
Yvonne Leuthold	Member

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1. Welcome / Introduction

President Karanasos welcomed the participants to the first Court of Handball (CoH) Meeting taking place at the 2021 EHF Congress in Vienna and congratulated the newly elected 'crew' for their recent election. He underlined that it is a pleasure for him to have become the President of the CoH and that he is looking forward to working with his new colleagues. Karanasos also explained that, since the first meeting was only thirty (30) minutes long, he had to keep it short and decided to give the floor to each member for brief introduction.

Each of the members introduced her/himself and it appears from these presentations that there is a parity in the different functions held by the members. Indeed, the Court of Handball is now composed by a certain number of lawyers, i.e. Vice Presidents Dinu and Thiel, the members Horvat and Leuthold, as well as members with an experience as EHF delegates, i.e. Cohen, Grima, Sitsi.

2. Period 2021 – 2025 / Perspectives

The agenda of the meetings of all Commissions planned for the upcoming year was distributed to all participants, among other documents. A briefing for work processes and procedures will take place with the newly elected body in order to make sure that they are ready for their first cases.

Members of the CoH need to count with a huge number of cases. Their flexibility and their availability is essential. This concerns sometimes also periods over weekends or holidays in cases of emergency or the need of short notice decisions. In addition they are also involved in ad-hoc decisions for specific competitions, as EHF Euros or the EHF Final Fours; many times the discussion process in the panel needs to take place in the late evening in order to be ready for releasing the decisions next morning.

3. Overview of EHF Legal System & Legal Procedures

The participants were provided with a welcome package including several overviews of different topics such as the structure of the EHF legal system, statistics of the cases dealt over the past election period, as well as shorts overviews regarding the decision making process of direct disqualification cases and the main procedural aspects of the EHF legal bodies.

The aforementioned documents were sent by the EHF Office to the participants attending the meeting remotely as well as the excused participants.

President Karanasos reminded all participants of the importance of the missions they are entrusted with, among other they are the guarantors of the regulations and the administration of justice within the EHF. He stressed the necessity of their impartiality and requirement of confidentiality for all members of the court. Indeed, all matters and cases that are dealt with in the Court of Handball must remain within the commission.

4. Meeting Plan

As described earlier, an internal coordination meeting concerning questions relating to handling and procedures was scheduled to take place on 29 April 2021 in order to prepare the new members of the Court of Handball for their new duties.

The date for next official meeting of the EHF Court of Handball will follow accordingly (prior to the EO Congress in November 2021, to be confirmed).

5. Miscellaneous

- Contact Details

An EHF form was distributed to all participants, physically and remotely, to gather their data, phone numbers and email addresses in order to implement them into the EHF internal system.

- Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct was distributed to all participants, physically and remotely. All members of the Court of Handball filled in and signed the Court of Conduct and therefore commit themselves to the principles and conditions that are key to the proper functioning of our system.

The president thanked all participants for this first meeting and looks forward to a good cooperation during the common term of office.

Sophia Touiker
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