

1ST MC Meeting 2021 Minutes

Venue and date:

Video meeting 26 February 2021 10.00 – 14.30 hrs.

Participants:

MC Jerzy Eliasz / Chairman
 Marta Bon / Methods and Coaching
 Peter Kovács / Education and Training
 Pedro Sequeira / Development
 Marina Gillard / IHF Medical Commission / Member Europe

EHF Office Helmut Höritsch
 Doru Simion
 Beata Kozłowska
 Nicole Rabenseifner
 Vincent Schweiger

Minutes:

1. Welcome / Agenda

Jerzy Eliasz welcomes the participants to the 1st MC meeting 2021. The meeting will be held as a video meeting again.

Michael Wiederer / EHF President and Martin Hausleitner / EHF Secretary General attend the meeting and congratulate J. Eliasz and the MC members for their work in the last challenging year and provide information on the upcoming EHF congress. M. Hausleitner especially emphasizes the use of new technology for both improving the game and making scientific data available for a wider audience and the offer of development programmes to the member federations.

2. MC Minutes and other minutes (MC related topics)

The MC notes are approved without any comments.

In addition J. Eliasz shortly informs on the EXEC meetings dated 18 September 2020 and 19 December 2020. All MC motions (SMART programmes ISR and RUS, confirmation European Wheelchair Handball Championship, prolongation Master Coach course of BLR and RUS) were accepted.

3. Methods & Coaching

3.1. Women's EHF EURO 2020 / DEN – Analyses

The qualitative analysis by Peter Kovács / MC member and the respective videos were published.

Marta Bon presents new guidelines for future analyses composed of quantitative analysis supplied by the official stats provider in combination with objective judgement by experts and trend analysis about prediction of future development.

3.2. YAC Analyses 21 – W19 EURO SLO (08-18 July 2021), W19 Championships ITA and MKD (10 – 18 July 2021), W17 EURO MNE (05 – 15 August 2021), W17 Championships GEO and LTU (07 – 15 August 2021), M18 Championship MKD (09-15 August 2021), M18 Championships BUL and LAT (16 – 22 August 2021), M19 EURO CRO (12 – 22 August 2021)

A letter will be sent to the organizers requesting the nomination of National experts who will be responsible for realizing the qualitative analysis.

- YAC Injury Analysis 2021

The teams participating in the 2021 YAC EUROs will be informed on the procedure for the injury analysis. The participation in the injury analysis is obligatory for all teams. Marina Gillard will prepare the injury analysis based on the material collected and summarized by the EHF Office.

- Code of conduct for YAC events

A code of conduct for coaches was adapted by the EHF legal department. The documents will be sent to the participating teams.

3.3. Analyses / Kinexon Data 2020 – EHF EURO DEN

The data of the Men's EURO 2020 and the data of the Women's EURO 2020 will be prepared by Carmen Manchado / EHF CC member and the University of Alicante and will be shared with the respective teams. In contrast to the raw data which was already offered to the teams, this data access provides them with an insight into already analyzed data.

Additionally C. Manchado will provide the EHF with some short articles (to be published on the EHF website) informing on the findings and status of the project. This should underline the importance of the scientific aspect of this project.

3.4. Analyses / Kinexon Data – in the future

The next step in the EHF's analysis process is to merge the algorithms of the University of Alicante and the EHF's technical environment to ensure a perfect rundown regarding the output of the data.

Therefore the EHF and the University of Alicante have to come to an agreement regarding the future partnership of the two organisations.

4. Education and Training

4.1. RINCK Convention- Signatories/ Non-Signatories status (GEO, UKR)

30 signatories provided the EHF RC Annual Activity Report; The reports from 10 National Federations (BLR, BUL, ENG, EST, LAT, LTU, NOR, RUS, SVK, TUR) are still missing. A respective reminder will be sent by the EHF Office.

4.2. National Master Coach Courses – further procedure

There are currently 8 active courses in BLR, CRO, GER, GRE, POL, POR, RUS and SRB. 3 federations recently finished their course (DEN, HUN and NED).

4.3. EHF RINCK Convention Panel – 2020 review / 2021 preview

The EHF RINCK Convention Panel provided – as requested by the EHF MC- their inputs on the topics Master Coach Courses, Fast Lane, EHF Licensing and IHF A License. The provided documents will be subject of analysis and discussions for the next EHF MC ordinary scheduled working session in order to decide on a possible realization or a further procedure.

4.4. 2020 EHF EUROS / 2020/21 EHF CL coaches' licensing (mandatory pro-licence) – further procedure

The motion to the EXEC regarding the prolongation of the deadline for the participants of the BLR and RUS course was accepted. The deadline for coaches of BLR and RUS to finish their education is therefore postponed to 30.06.2021.

4.5. 2020 EHF Master Coach Course – report

The 2nd and 3rd module of the EHF Master Coach Course took place in form of a digital course due to the covid-19 pandemic.

34 participants out of 14 nations attended the 3rd module of the course from 01 – 06.02.2021. Two Master Thesis have been rejected by the jury. The authors will receive a new topic and get the chance to defend the new topic by 30.06.2021. Additionally one thesis has been rejected after the presentation. The author will have a new deadline for the revision and another defending attempt by the end of the season as well. By completing the course successfully Alexander Themis/GBR (level 2 of the EHF RINCK Convention) will be personally upgraded to the level 3 of the EHF RINCK Convention.

For the first time an IHF A License holder (Mark Ortega, former USA National Team coach) participated and accomplished an EHF Master Coach Course successfully.

A detailed report was forwarded to the MC and EXEC members.

5. Youth, School, and Non-competitive sports

5.1. EHF Grassroots Growth (EHF Master Plan) / 2021 Activities

The activity movement #BeActiveAtHome initiated by the EU and running on social media will continue to promote the message of the importance of physical activity for mental health and well-being at least until 05 April 2021. The EHF will get involved by posting training materials, as well as organizing a series of live, at home, workouts. Handball players and/or fitness coaches who are active and fairly popular on Instagram will be asked to run them and popularize handball and physical activity in general.

The EHF Office will ask the National Federations to nominate a contact person responsible for grassroots topics in order to improve the communication and activities in this area.

5.2. Young Coaches Workshops – further procedure

The Young Coaches Workshops are based on numerous practical exercises and direct feedback to the participants. Due to the uncertain situation regarding a possible organization and the respective regulations no Young Coaches Workshop will be organized in 2021.

5.3. EU Week of Sport (EWOS) – further procedure

A detailed report regarding EHF related activities within the EU Week of Sport (23 - 30 September 2020) was produced by Chris O'Reilly. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the event was organized and promoted mostly via social media. In general the week was promoted in 42 European nations with over 32.000 events giving a total 15.6 million people the opportunity to be involved in a variety of physical activities and sports, including handball. For details please see the respective report.

In December 2020 Helmut Hörtsch presented the report to the EOC-EU office in Brussels and attended the virtual awarding ceremony of European Week of Sport 2020.

5.4. Wheelchair Handball

5.4.1. Wheelchair Handball Questionnaire

33 member federations provided the wheelchair handball questionnaire (missing: ALB, AND, ARM, AZE, BIH, ENG, FRA, GBR, GEO, ISR, ITA, KOS, MDA, MKD, MNE, MON, RUS, TUR). 10 member federations are currently active in wheelchair handball, 12 more federations are planning to include wheelchair handball in the future. 11 member federations are not planning any wheelchair handball activities (small country – few players).

Teams / Players / national championship:

There are currently 261 male players and 119 female players active in wheelchair handball (summarizing CRO, HUN, NED, NOR, POR, SLO and SWE). CRO, ESP, HUN, NED, NOR, POR, ROU and SWE do have a (mixed) national team. Furthermore, there are currently 35 club teams among 7 member federations, all mixed.

NED and POR are having regular national championships while others are either organizing specific events and/or are planning to organize national championships in the future.

Referees / delegates:

4 Member Federations do have dedicated wheelchair handball referees (26) and 5 Member Federations have 8 wheelchair handball delegates all together.

Education:

Wheelchair handball is included in the education of referees in 4 member federations and in the education of delegates in Portugal. Portugal also implemented wheelchair handball in the education of P.E. teachers.

Rules:

The active member federations basically follow the IHF Rules of the Game – Wheelchair Handball including the recommended ball and court size. However, different sizes are used for the goals.

Needed support / problems:

The size of a country and the resulting low number of potential players hinder many national federations to get active in wheelchair handball. Active member federations also face problems in finding coaches, players but are also in need of financial and material support or lack the right infrastructure.

Conclusion:

The member federations were already informed on the possibility to receive material, financial support and the nomination of an EHF Lecturer via the EHF development programmes. These options will be outlined again to the member federations concerned. In addition the EHF MC will evaluate the possibility to organize a coaches' course in the future and / or to produce dedicated coaching material.

5.4.2. World and European Wheelchair Handball Championship

The official calling for organizer was sent on 14 January 2021. NED and SWE informed the EHF in writing that they will not apply for the organization of the event. POR is interested in hosting the event in a new hall in Leiria (currently under construction) dedicated to wheelchair sport. However an official application can only be made in May 2021, if the hall is finalized by then. In case no other application

is received within the deadline (12 March 2021), the EHF MC will ask the EHF EXEC to prolong the deadline until mid-May. The IHF was informed accordingly.

5.5. European Handball Online Summit (27 – 29 October 2020) – report

A detailed report was provided by Vincent Schweiger on 06 November 2020. The EHF supported the organizer (M. Eickelmann / #HOK organizer) by providing the content, therefore the focus of the summit was laid on Grassroots Handball. Several of our EHF Lecturers and Scientific Network Members have actively taken part in the event and shared their knowledge on basic handball. The agenda included topics like children's handball, education but also wheelchair handball and economic aspects of grassroots handball. 897 participants from 58 different countries on 5 continents were registered, of whom 788 actually followed the summit once in the 3 days. On average, a participant watched appr. 5 hours. All member federations received free access to the summit.

Based on the positive feedback the EHF MC plans to put special effort on the organization of webinars with alternating topics. A respective concept will be prepared by the EHF Office.

In addition Nicole Rabenseifner gives a short summary of the “#HOK Spezial Kinderhandball” webinar dated 02 February 2021 (in German language). Lectures were held by Viktor Glatthard / SUI – player Haslum HK / NOR, Andy Schmid / GER – Rhein Neckar Löwen (interview), Ben Schulze / GER – DHB Youth- and School Handball, Dennis Horn / GER – Youth coordinator TSV Bayer Dormagen, Roland Frühstück / AUT – Bregenz Handball either presenting national / regional projects or presenting a modern access to grassroots handball based on their own experience made abroad. The presentations are at hand.

5.6. Handball Coaching App

The Sport and Game Services department conceived a project regarding the creation of an EHF Handball Coaching App. The app will mainly be focused on teachers enabling them to include handball related activities / exercises to their P.E. sessions. However, the app can also be used by young coaches, parents or the players themselves.

Various videos could be produced focused on different topics (tactics, technique, other sports, etc.). Each video / exercise will include a set-up plan, a material list, a run-down explanation and additional information. The user should have the possibility to either create lesson plans or to use pre-defined training sessions. The app will both enable the EHF to provide access to handball related exercises to a wide range of people and allow teachers / educators without specific handball experience to introduce handball to pupils and children. A decision regarding the realization of the project has not been made yet.

5.7. Special Handball

N. Rabenseifner shortly reports on a concept for a possible future activity for handball players with intellectual disabilities. The idea is to organize an “EHF week for Special Handball” (name to be re-considered) by combining the organization of a nations' tournament and a festival with European-wide related activities under a respective hashtag (basically following the concept of the European Week Of Sport). The concept needs to be revised internally and could be part of future activities within the EHF Master Plan.

6. Development

6.1. SMART programme

MDA: A detailed request was received by MDA. The project is focused on youth players (male and female) aged 12-13 years who will be trained 4 times a week. In addition handball playing schools will compete in regular league competitions. Training camps and competitions will be organized for the groups concerned. On the occasion of the planned coaches course an information meeting regarding a possible membership in the RINCK Convention should be held.

The request follows the usual guidelines for SMART programme. Therefore the EHF MC recommends to the EHF EXEC to accept the application of MDA (see motions to the EXEC).

SCO: The Scottish Handball Association decided to have no formal competitions in the season 2020/21 and therefore requests to postpone the start of phase 2 of the SMART programme to August 2021. The EHF MC supports this request and asks the EHF EXEC for their confirmation (see motions to the EXEC).

6.2. Short term support

ESP: Beach Handball material (TV line systems, balls and goals) were sent to Spain.

SCO: Handballs were sent to SCO to support the start of wheelchair handball activities in Scotland.

6.3. Other requests

A request from Spoonbill Nest Innovation Centre was received and forwarded by the EHF Finance Delegation. Spoonbill Nest Innovation Centre in cooperation with the Albanian Handball Federation, the Adventure Travel Trade Association and ACTIVIGO Travel & Events GMBH applies for support in the creation of an educational project in Elbasan / ALB and throughout Albania that would integrate handball and outdoor adventure activities in schools, also providing professional handball training to older handball players. A detailed budget and activity plan were provided. However, the requested budget cannot be covered through any existing EHF development programme.

The handball federation of ALB will be contacted for further inputs regarding the benefit for the federation itself.

8. Lecturers / Specialists / Scientific Network / RC Panel

8.1. Nominations

BLR	09 – 15.11.20	2 nd National Master Coach Course	Short	Igor Shestakov
BLR	14 – 22.12.20	3 rd National Master Coach Course	Short	Lars Bojsen Michalsik (digital)
SRB	22 – 23.12.20	1 st National Master Coach Course	Short	Marko Sibila (digital)
CZE	09 – 10.01.21	Coaches seminar – postponed to June	Short	Zoltan Marczinka
POL	February 21	1 st National Master Coach Course	Short	Klaus Feldmann (digital)
POL	18 – 20.06.21	Top Coaches Seminar / Cetniewo	Short	To be nominated
POL	02 – 04.07.21	Pro License Renewal Course / Szczyrk	Short	To be nominated
POR	14.03.21	Pro License Renewal Course (digital)	Short	Juan Anton Garcia (to be nominated)
GER	12-17.03.21	1 st National Master Coach Course	Short	Rolf Brack (to be nominated)

9. “Home of Handball” / activities-Website

V. Schweiger informs the MC on the current progress of the “activities”-website project. The S&GS Department is in close cooperation with the IT Department to fulfil the requirements regarding the documentation of courses, scientific seminars and handball publications. The project is in the phase of planning the detailed requirements and technical solutions.

10. Commission report for the congress

J. Eliaz will present the activities of the EHF Methods Commission in the last four years. Inputs of the MC members are welcome. The presentation will be prepared in cooperation with the EHF Office.

11. Budget 2021

The 2021 budget is adapted following the planned activities for 2021.

12. 2021 EHF Scientific Conference

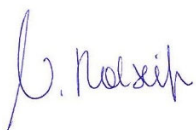
The EHF MC is in favour of hosting the EHF Scientific Conference following the bi-annual rhythm. The exact date / venue / virtual option of the 6th EHF Scientific Conference depends on the schedule of other EHF events and can therefore not be defined yet. In this edition the emphasis will be put on the future of handball regarding technical and medical aspects.

13. Any other business

- 2021 Club / Federation Management seminar: Will be held as an online seminar on 12 and 13 June 2021. The proposed working title is “Learning from others – Best Practice”.
- The 2020/2021 cycle (in German language) of the University Cologne European Handball Manager Programme will start in July 2021 with the deadline for applications being the 13 April 2021.
- 7 applicants will defend their project in the 2020/2021 Academic EHF Master Coach Certification by the university Las Palmas on 12 March 2021 (online).

J. Eliaz thanks the participants and closes the meeting.

For the minutes: N. Rabenseifner



Assignment of tasks

3. Methods & Coaching

3.1. Women's EHF EURO 2020 / DEN – Analyses

Concept for qualitative analysis

M. Bon

Inputs on concept for qualitative analysis

MC members

3.2. YAC Analyses 21 – W19 EURO SLO (08-18 July 2021), W19 Championships ITA and MKD (10 – 18 July 2021), W17 EURO MNE (05 – 15 August 2021), W17 Championships GEO and LTU (07 – 15 August 2021), M18 Championship MKD (09-15 August 2021), M18 Championships BUL and LAT (16 – 22 August 2021), M19 EURO CRO (12 – 22 August 2021)

Letter to organizers for nomination of responsible person for qualitative analysis

B. Kozłowska

- YAC Injury Analysis 2021

Information to teams

B. Kozłowska

Evaluation of analysis

M. Gillard & EHF Office

3.3. Analyses / Kinexon Data 2020 – EHF EURO DEN

Preparation and distribution data access to teams

C. Manchado & V. Schweiger

Related Web Periodical articles

C. Manchado

3.4. Analyses / Kinexon Data – in the future

Realization of further procedure

V. Schweiger & IT department

4. Education and Training

4.1. RINCK Convention- Signatories/ Non-Signatories status (GEO, UKR)

Reminder to signatories (missing annual report)

D. Simion

4.3. EHF RINCK Convention Panel – 2020 review / 2021 preview

Evaluation of inputs from “RINC Convention Panel”

MC members

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5.1. EHF Grassroots Growth (EHF Master Plan) / 2021 Activities

Letter to NFs regarding contact person for grassroots

B. Kozłowska

5.4. Wheelchair Handball

5.4.1. Wheelchair Handball Questionnaire

Further information to NFs on possible development programmes

N. Rabenseifner

Concept for producing coaching material

N. Rabenseifner

6. Development

6.3. Other requests - Spoonbill Nest Innovation Centre /ALB

Contact to ALB for further details

N. Rabenseifner

10. Commission report for the congress

Preparation of presentation for the EHF Congress

J. Eliaz & EHF Office

Motions to EXEC

6. Development

6.1. SMART programme

Approval of SMART programme with MDA

Approval to postpone start of phase 2 SMART programme SCO to August