

2nd MC Meeting 2023 Minutes

Venue and date:

Vienna	24 August 2023	14.00 – 18.15 hrs. (CET)
	25 August 2023	09.00 – 17.00 hrs. (CET)

Participants:

MC Pedro Sequeira (POR) - Chairman
Monique Tijsterman (NED) - Methods & Coaching
Patrick Luig (GER) - Education & Training
Lidija Bojic-Cacic (CRO) – Youth, School and Non-competitive sport
Carmen Manchado (ESP) – Development

Invited: Marina Gillard (RUS) - IHF Medical Comm. / Member Europe

EHF Office Doru Simion
Nicole Rabenseifner
Vincent Schweiger
Joao Pedro Monteiro

Agenda:

1. Welcome / Agenda

Pedro Sequeira welcomes the participants to the 2nd MC meeting 2023.
Doru Simion informs on organisational changes in the department “Sport and Game Services”: Beata Kozłowska moved to the “EURO events” department (being still in charge for the 2023 Scientific Conference), whereas Vincent Schweiger will leave the EHF by the end of September. Final negotiations with two new employees (transfer / administration and grassroots / technical support) are currently made.

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

The MC minutes 03/23 are approved without any comments.
P. Sequeira summarizes information received during the last EXEC meetings.

3. Methods & Coaching

3.1. YAC Analyses – status and concept

The nominations for the YAC Analyses were distributed. A preparatory video call with all analysts led by Monique Tijsterman was organized in order to inform on tasks and duties.
W19 EHF EURO in Pitesti/Mioveni / ROU (6-16 July)- Fabian Lüdke
W19 EHF Championship in Prishtina / KOS (8-16 July)- Ante Burger
W19 EHF Championship in Klaipeda / LTU (8-16 July)- Alexandru Acsinte
W17 EHF EURO in Podgorica / MNE (3-13 August)- Mark Hawkins
W17 EHF Championship in Baku / AZE (5-13 August)- Ricardo Clarijs
W17 EHF Championship in Ankara / TUR (5-13 August)- Edwin Kippers

The deadline for submitting the final documents is 30 September 2023. So far only the analysis of the W17 EHF Championship in Baku / AZE was submitted. All analyses will be published on the EHF website accordingly. Monique Tijsterman will provide the “trends and summary” of the YAC events 2023 afterwards.

3.2. Injury prevention and mental coaching manual – status

Injury prevention manual: Further talks regarding a future manual will be held with Lior Laver during his visit at the “EHF Goalkeeper Summit” in Vienna / AUT on 05/06 October 2023.

“Mentally fit in Handball” manual: Currently revised by the inhouse graphic designer. Publication planned for autumn.

3.3. Handballytics

The proposal of handballytics (website providing handball data in an easy understandable layout, <https://handballytics.de>) to provide more detailed insight / interpretation of data collected during EHF events was discussed with the conclusion to support the idea and cooperate with Julian Rux accordingly.

A possible cooperation regarding the trend analysis of the YAC events will also be considered. Julian Rux will as well be invited for an EHF Webinar on the topic “data in sports”.

3.4. XPS Sideline/handball.ai

The MC members are informed on the progress of the project. The next steps include a technical integration of the XPS network into the EHF environment as well as the development of a player index based on the algorithms of handball.ai. Carmen Manchado will follow up with handball.ai. The MC will make a proposal to the EXEC before the meeting in December 2023.

4. Education and Training

4.1. RINCK convention

4.1.1. Signatories / non-signatories status

The annual report 2022 was still not provided by BEL, ENG and LTU. UKR did not provide a report either for obvious reasons. Another reminder will be sent to BEL, ENG and LTU.

4.1.2. RINCK Convention in the future

A summary of the inputs of the MC, EHF Office staff and the participants in the “RINCK Convention” Seminar was provided to members of the “RINCK Convention” panel for revision:

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| • SWE Jennie Linnell | Foundation Level |
| • IRL Andrea Ongaro | Foundation Level |
| • SRB Milan Petronijevic | Level 1 & 2 |
| • ENG/POR Ricardo Vasconcelos | Level 1 & 2 |
| • HUN Zoltan Marczinka | Level 3 & 4 |
| • DEN Ulrik Jorgensen | Level 3 & 4 |
| • SLO Marko Sibila | Level 3 & 4 |

The MC formally approves the structure provided. The format, number of units, etc. will be added to the competences of each level. Furthermore, proposals for exams in each level will be defined.

Further evaluation will be realized by the MC members during the EHF Congress in September 2023.

The possibility to present the new “RINCK” Convention during the Secretaries General Conference in 2024 will be checked internally. In addition, a webinar presenting the “RINCK” Convention will be organized.

4.1.3. RINCK Convention Seminar

42 persons from 36 “RINCK Convention” Signatories registered for the seminar in Vienna / AUT dated 23/24 March 2023. The seminar was organized in working groups with the aim to redefine the “RINCK Convention”. A detailed report is at hand.

4.1.4. Fast lane for coaches – proposal

D. Simion provides a proposal regarding requirements needed for a “fast lane for coaches” which was confirmed by the MC.

4.2. National Master Coach Course

An overview regarding the National Master Coach Courses is at hand.

The MC agrees that special cases addressed to the EHF Office (e.g. non-acceptance of education made in another country, various reasons preventing coaches to participate in course / renewal, etc.) will be handled among the MC members and the EHF Office.

4.3. 2024 EHF Master Coach courses

The following schedule was defined:

Module 1 – main round Men’s EURO (venue / dates to be re-negotiated)

Module 2 –M20 EHF EURO / SLO (08 – 13 July 2024)

Module 3 –Women’s EURO in Vienna / AUT (from 02-08 December 2024)

4.4. EHF Webinars 2023 – status

24 webinars were organized since July 2022 with 8.560 registered participants from 91 different countries worldwide, held by 45 experts.

The most attended webinar was “Modern Goalkeeper Training” with Mattias Andersson and Vanja Radic – 1208 registered participants and 798 live participants, followed by “Handball Defence Systems Philosophy” with Dragan Djukic, Hrvoje Horvath, Francis Avila, Magnus Andersson – 804 registered participants and 508 live participants and “7vs6 – A problem or a solution ?” with Bent Dahl & Kim Rasmussen - +503 registered participants and 285 live participants

Next webinar: “Handball at School” with Carlos Prieto & Luísa Estriga 07 September 2023, from 18.00hrs-19.00hrs CEST.

The video recordings of the webinars will be published as of 2024 via the EHF website.

4.5. EHF Goalkeeper Summit

The deadline for registration is 01 September 2023. Currently 42 participants have registered for the summit. The participation fee is € 400,-.

5. Youth, School, and Non-competitive sports

5.1. EHF Grassroot Growth (EHF Master Plan) / 2023 activities

EHF Grassroot Convention: Initiated by Martin Hausleitner a convention dedicated to grassroot topics (introducing alternative games, partners, insights, etc.) will be organized in Munich /

GER on 14 January 2024 on the occasion of the Men's EHF EURO. A detailed programme and timeline need to be defined internally.

5.2. Wheelchair handball

5.2.1. Future of Wheelchair Handball

A questionnaire was sent to the active member federations (and federations that are about to start wheelchair handball activities). Whereas, all currently active nations are planning to continue national and international activities in "six-a-side", only two nations are currently active in "four-a-side" on national level. Four member federations would be interested in participating in the 2nd World Championship Wheelchair Handball "four-a-side" though.

However, in order to continue and to develop wheelchair handball in Europe, a clear backing by the EHF is necessary on a long run. Therefore, the EHF MC kindly asks the EHF EXEC for a statement regarding the future role / implementation of wheelchair handball in the EHF overall Master Plan and future (see motion 1 to the EXEC).

Based on the questionnaire the EHF MC is obviously interested to keep offering European events in "six-a-side" to the member federations. Since some member federations have announced their interest in hosting a European Championship in "six-a-side" in 2025, the application process should be started end of 2023, if confirmed by the EHF EXEC, to give the member federations a proper preparation time (e.g. bidding process for EUROs starts 7/9 years prior to the event, 1/1,5 years for YAC events). A respective motion will be provided (see motion 2 to the EXEC, depending on outcome of motion 1).

Lidija Bojic-Cacic proposes to organise a "Wheelchair Handball Conference / Seminar" in 2024. A detailed concept will be established after the outcome of motion 1.

5.2.1. European Wheelchair Handball Championship 2023

Based on the fact that no member federation applied for the "EHF Wheelchair Handball Event" (European Wheelchair Handball Championship "six-a-side" and the EHF Qualification tournament "four-a-side") due to the short preparation time caused by the change of rhythm of the Wheelchair Handball World Championship (from odd to even years) the European Championship will not be held.

However, based on a letter of the IHF informing on two available places for Europe for the 2nd World Championship Wheelchair Handball "four-a-side" in 2024 and on the outcome of the questionnaire, a qualification tournament (max. four teams) could be held end of 2023 in case an organizer can be found. The requirements need to be adapted in order to reduce the costs for the organizer (no Gerflor floors, etc.) - see motion 3 to the EXEC.

5.2.2. EHF wheelchair handball referees & delegates

The four referee couples (AUT, ESP, 2x CRO) and four (2x CRO, FRA, GEO) out of the five registered delegates have passed the test. The practical observation of the referee couples will be done during upcoming EHF Wheelchair Handball events.

The list of EHF Wheelchair Handball Referees and Delegates should be published via the EHF website as already done for indoor and Beach Handball referees. A respective request was already addressed to the IT department.

5.3. Handball coaching app

No feedback was received from “Sportradar” regarding a possible cooperation and budget estimation. Other options (e.g. philippka) need to be considered.

With reference to the lacking feedback of possible cooperation partners as well as the already existing handball coaching apps, Lidija Bojic-Cacic proposes to publish coaching videos (e.g. produced by National Federations) on a video platform instead. The duty to provide such videos (and the requirements) can be added in the new 360 Master Plan Development programmes.

XPS could be used for the publication of such videos (conditions/budget to be clarified with XPS). A detailed concept (number of videos published / needed, structure, etc.) has to be defined first.

5.4. Circle of a handball life

“Kindergarten Handball”: An internal meeting was held regarding a possible realisation of an “Kindergarten Handball” e-learning via the programme “Ilias”. A detailed concept and content need to be defined for further planning.

“Mini/Kids Handball” publication: Meetings were held with the authors of the book “Kinderhandball” (German) and the publishing house “philippka”. Whereas, the authors are eager to share their knowledge and experience, the EHF was informed that the publication rights are with “philippka”. A proposal for a respective EHF license was not provided by “philippka” yet.

6. Development (Embrace Handball projects)

SMART programmes: 3 programmes with open support, 3 programmes which have ended but the report is missing (reminder was sent). Last programme will end in December 2024.

360 Master Plan Development Programme: Currently 7 active programmes (CRO, ENG, GEO, LAT, MLT, SCO, TUR) and two more in negotiation (ITA, LUX). The first year of GEO, LAT, MLT has ended. The further procedure (prolongation or cancellation) will be discussed among the group in charge.

A future strategy how to include Carmen Manchado, as responsible person for development within the MC, in order to share and include her experience and knowledge to analyse member federations and to create a Master Plan, needs to be defined with the persons in charge within the EHF Office. This will also help to reduce the workload in preparing the Master Plan within the EHF Office.

7. TD/CAN report

Doru Simion shortly reports on the meeting of the EHF Technical Delegation and EHF CAN Advisory Board on 24 August 2023: “VOGO” new partner for video replay (CL) – twitch-key audio and video solutions for sport / industry markets. Very positive feedback was received regarding the nomination of EHF Coaches’ Expert for the education of Young Referees and Referee Candidates. In the future, topics as “How to read the game / understanding attack / defence tactics” should be included and covered by the EHF Coaches’ Expert.

8. EHF Experts’

The missing Hummel equipment was provided to EHF Experts. The next equipment is planned for autumn 2024 after revision of the EHF Experts’ list.

A first EHF Expert Exchange (video meeting) was organised with Daniel Birkelund as speaker on the topic “Norwegian handball and the development over the years” on 12 June 2023. The feedback of the attending EHF Experts was very positive. Further EHF Expert Exchange (video meetings) will follow (e.g. external speaker on “how to teach / coach”).

9. 2023 EHF Scientific Conference

The registration system for the EHF Scientific Conference in Porto / POR is open. Due to the tight schedule the deadlines are corrected as follows:

Deadline for abstract submission:	20 September 2023
Deadline for registration:	04 October 2023
Deadline for full text of article for monograph/presentation:	22 October 2023
Supplementary payment for the participation in the Congress:	15 October 2023
Days of Conference:	23-24 November 2023

A video call with Prof. José António Silva from the Sport University in Porto will be organised within the next days. The following topics will be clarified during the meeting:

- Participation of students and persons related to the university (since the participation fee does not apply for this group an extra registration process needs to be implemented)
- The amount of plenary rooms that will be needed during the conference
- General time schedule of the conference (proposal: 23 November, 14.00hrs start of conference);

In the next edition special attention (e.g. the organisation of a side event) will be given to Handball University Teachers to enable them to exchange experience and strategies. Also, the invitation to the EHF Scientific Conference (including information on keynote speakers) will be sent more time ahead.

10. Others

- Dual career for players / coaches
P. Sequeira presents his proposal regarding dual career for players / coaches: The fast lane will also be available to top players during their active career.

After finalising the competences for the RINCK Convention education it will be checked which content can be provided non-presential thereby enabling an easier access for active players.

- EHF University Handball Teachers
The further procedure proposed by P. Sequeira was confirmed:
 - Renew the University Handball Teachers Network (universities and university teachers)
 - Communicate advantages of being in the network (share publications, etc.)
 - Actively invite members to EHF projects (webinar, scientific conference planning, etc.) if needed

This procedure will be announced during the EHF Scientific Conference. An online registration for network members should be available (to be clarified with the IT department). A master degree in handball will be considered as a strategical approach for the upcoming future.

- EHF Glossary of Handball Terms and Expressions
Joao Monteiro presents the updated glossary. Revisions of the glossary will be done on demand.
- Special Olympics
P. Sequeira reports on his visit to the Special Olympics in Berlin / GER in June 2023. Handball gained a new record concerning spectators. During a meeting Miroslaw Krogulec / Special Olympics Europe / Eurasia provided additional information regarding structure / organisation as well as open topics for which they request the support of the EHF, e.g. rules, classification, coaches' education, etc. Further contact regarding these topics will be established by P. Sequeira.
- Sport Coaching Europe (located in Malta)
Sport Coaching Europe is the continental body for Europe of the International Council for Coaching Excellence.
- Coaching day
25 September is celebrated as International Coaching day by many countries. A respective promotion activity will be considered by EHF as well (to be clarified with the media department).

11. Any other business

Coach's Challenge: An updated concept for the "coach's challenge" was provided by the CC to the MC for inputs. Keeping in mind that the coach's challenge is aimed to enable coaches to request clarification and the check of uncertain situations and with the mandatory need to follow the IHF Rules of the Game (§3. Team Time-Out (2:10) including the note – pages 55/56 of the IX. IHF Rules of the Game for Indoor Handball - 1 July 2022), the MC agrees on the following feedback:

- TTO and Coach's Challenge are to be considered as two separate tools
- The whole playing time shall be taken into consideration including the eventual extra time
- Coaches' challenge cannot not be related to team time-out also considering the contradiction with the "IHF Rules of the Game for Indoor Handball" - losing a TTO if "not winning the challenge"
- If a coach's challenge is lost no more coach's challenge will be granted.

However, based on the short preparation time given in comparison with possible consequences for the game, the EHF MC recommends postponing the implementation of the coach's challenge and to form instead a working group or task force with representatives of various stakeholders (coaches, referees, delegates, etc.) for a detailed analysis and concept.

DHB Children's Handball course / GER:

The DHB has developed a new (blended learning) course for Children's Handball coaches. A short presentation is made by P. Luig. The course can be used as model for a "foundation" course and is focused on stage 0/1 of the "Circle of a Handball Life". The education consists of 40 teaching units. If a coach decides to continue the education afterwards, 30 units will be recognised for an EHF Level I course (within 2 years).

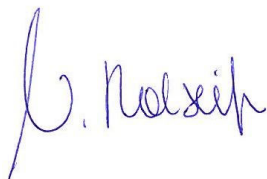
The material produced by the DHB (based on the "Kinderhandball" book) will be available to the EHF for the creation of a respective EHF education tool in future.

MC Meeting schedule 2024: Two commission meetings are planned in 2024 (February and August). Referring to the schedule of the MC and the department early 2024 a first meeting can only be held in March to give proper preparation time. Due to professional time-schedules the MC kindly requests to organise the MC meetings at the last weekend of August 2024 instead (as in previous years). Furthermore, in order to follow-up on the many tasks, a video meeting will be held in May 2024.

EHF Delegates' education: Educational aspects apart of every EHF handball activity. Several signals noticed discrepancies and different approach concerning referees and delegates for example. A clear educational concept needs to be the basis of the EHF Delegates' education (including providing the outcome of the test to the delegates in order to improve) in the future.

P. Sequeira thanks the participants and closes the meeting.

For the minutes:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Rabenseifner', written in a cursive style.

N. Rabenseifner

Assignment of tasks

3. Methods & Coaching

3.1. YAC Analyses 22 / 23 – status and concept

Summary of YAC Analyses

Publication of YAC Analyses

M. Tijsterman
EHF Office

4. Education and Training

4.1.1. Signatories / non-signatories status

Reminder to BEL, ENG, LTU

EHF Office

4.1.2. RINCK Convention in the future

Evaluation of inputs from panel

MC

Ev. presentation at SG Conference (to be checked)

MC + EHF Office

4.1.4. Fast lane for coaches

Proposal for a fast lane for coaches prior to 2nd MC meeting

P. Luig & D. Simion

5. Youth, School, and Non-competitive sports

5.3. Handball coaching app

Detailed concept for video platform

L. Bojic-Cacic + EHF Office

9. EHF Scientific Conference

Realisation of organisational matters

B. Kozłowska

10. Others

Concept for “coaches day”

EHF Office + Media Department

Motion to the EXEC

Motion 1: Future of Wheelchair Handball

In order to form the future of wheelchair handball a basic but strong commitment needs to be made by the EHF also regarding financial support.

Compared to early days of Beach Handball the budget available for wheelchair handball development was very low. Considering the costs for the organisation for both organisers and teams due to the additional effort (adapted rooms, additional costs for travels, etc.) a proper financial support for the organiser and minimum costs for teams are necessary until wheelchair handball gains enough attention from sponsors, etc.

Therefore, in order to be able to continue the activities / development of wheelchair handball within the EHF, it would be necessary to make a respective budget available and to grant support for improving other areas as media, sponsoring, etc.

Therefore, the MC kindly asks the EHF EXEC to make a basic decision if the EHF MC should continue with the development and activities in wheelchair handball taking above mentioned needs in consideration.

Motion 2: European Wheelchair Handball Championship – 6-a-side

(depending on the outcome of motion 1)

In order to enable organisers to prepare a possible organisation in time as well as request necessary budget and funding, the “bidding process” for a potential European Wheelchair Handball Championship 2025 should already start end of 2023.

The EHF budget and support needed for the organiser will be defined after the outcome of motion 1.

Motion 3: EHF Wheelchair Handball Qualification Tournament – 4-a-side

(depending on the outcome of motion 1)

In order to define the two nations going to the Wheelchair Handball World Championship – 4-a-side in 2024 a qualification tournament needs to be hosted:

Teams: max. 4 (organiser + 3 – first come – first served)

Date: to be defined with the organiser (late 2023, early 2024)

3 days:

1. Arrival + training
2. 2 matches per team (4 matches altogether)
3. 1 match per team (2 matches altogether), departure

Playing schedule: round-robin, 6 matches in 2 days

Officials: 7 (2 referee pairs, 2 delegates, 1 office)

Hall: min. requirements (no Gerflor, 1 tribune on long side)
Online streaming

Finances:**Participants:**

Flight / travel costs

All costs concerning the internal organisation and administration of the teams

€ 50,- / p.p. / day for max. 15 persons

100% of costs for person 16-20 and guests

EHF:

Daily allowance for EHF Officials

Clothing for EHF Officials

Supply with balls

€ 10.000,- financial support for the organiser

Organiser:

All organisational costs

Travel costs for EHF Officials

EHF Budget:

€ 15.000,- (€ 10.000 for organiser / € 5.000,- for internal costs)

The EHF MC kindly asks the EXEC to confirm the organisation of a qualification tournament with the guidelines given above.