

The work of the European Flying Disc Federation (EFDF) as an umbrella organisation for Flying Disc sports in Europe is still, as warranted, very much characterised by a representing role towards the European institutions and sport organisations. These include particularly, but not limited to, the European Union, the European Olympic Committees, the IMGA for Europe, the European University Sports Association and others.

Also considered here are the National Olympic Committees in Europe to which the EFDF officers can establish valuable contacts as to help NF recognition by their NOC.

Under the leadership of the Executive Committee including President Thomas Griesbaum, Vice-President André Kruse, Secretary Amandine Constant and Treasurer Paul Eriksson the EFDF strives to increase the visibility and recognition of Flying Disc sports on a European political and sports governance level. The Board is completed by at-Large Board member Jana Vejmelkova and the at-Large Directors designated by the Flying Disc organisations joined under the EFDF umbrella as are Andrea Furlan (EUF), Pedro Vargas (BULA Europe) and Paul Francz (EDGF).

The EFDF is the European branch of the WFDF, assembling the 35 European WFDF regular and provisional members (out of 49 theoretically possible) under one roof:

ARM, AUT, BEL, BLR, CRO, CZE, DEN, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GEO, GER, HUN, IRL, ISL, ISR, ITA, LAT, LTU, LUX, MDA, NED, NOR, POL, POR, ROM, RUS, SLO, SUI, SVK, SWE, TUR, UKR.

The member associations having recently been admitted to membership are Armenia, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Lithuania and Romania showing the potential of membership growth in Eastern Europe.

Potentials for membership in Europe are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Greece, Kosovo, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia. We must increase our efforts, though, to get associations formed in the so-called “small states of Europe” like Andorra, Cyprus, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro and San Marino and also focus more on the countries of the former GUS like Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan. EFDF is committed to further help formalise Flying Disc activities in European countries leading to EFDF and WFDF membership.

On the Multisport Games side EFDF is in contact with the respective organisations promoting the inclusion of Flying Disc sports in European events like the European Games (EOG – next edition 2019 in Minsk - BLR), the European Masters Games (IMGA – next edition 2019 in Torino - ITA), the European Universities Championships (EUSA – next edition 2018 in Coimbra - POR) and others. EFDF also could lobby for the inclusion of Flying Disc sports in the Mediterranean Games (next edition 2018 in Tarragona – ESP).

The Vice-President attended a European Master Studies programme (MESGO) supported by the most important European Team Sport Federations (AER Rugby, CEV Volleyball, EHF Handball, FIBA Europe Basketball, IIHF Ice-Hockey, UEFA Football) and is working towards keeping EFDF connected to these role-model organisations for Team Sport in Europe and their Academic partners as are the Sport Universities in Barcelona, Lausanne, Mainz, London and Limoges.

Further report to be given after the EFDF Board meeting in Royan at WCBU.