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EUROSAF statement concerning war in Ukraine

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EUROSAF joins recent [recommendations of the International Olympic Committee \(IOC\)](#) and the [World Sailing statement of 1 March](#). The EUROSAF Executive Board therefore decided the following:

- EUROSAF suspends participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials in EUROSAF events until further notice. This is especially to ensure the safety of all participants. EUROSAF has no events planned in Russia or Belarus in 2022.
- The Executive Board strongly recommends all Members and event organizers to implement this measure and to suspend participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials in their competitions and events. This also includes race officials' spots allocated through the EUROSAF Race Officials Exchange Programme.
- The Executive Board strongly recommends not sending athletes and officials to Russian and Belarusian events.
- The upcoming EUROSAF General Assembly on 12 March 2022 will not take place in Croatia as planned due to the current situation in Europe, but online. More information on this will be sent separately to our Members soon. The Executive Board considers it is important to keep lines of communication open, so delegates from Russia and Belarus are also welcome in this online meeting.
- The Executive Board expresses its appreciation for Yana Dobzhitskaya as a EUROSAF Executive Board member from Russia with enormous knowledge and commitment to the sport of sailing, especially within Europe. She will therefore continue to be involved and attend all meetings. However, she will not participate in decisions concerning Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine.
- The Executive Board is committed to helping Ukrainian sailors as much as it can. Only last year, the very first international sailing championship took place in Ukraine, under the EUROSAF umbrella. As a first measure, the Executive Board has decided to waive both the EUROSAF membership fee for the Sailing Federation of Ukraine and the entry fee for Ukrainian sailors in EUROSAF events in 2022. Our thoughts are with our friends in the Ukrainian sailing community, whom we will support in any way we can.

The Executive Board looks forward to peace returning immediately and to sailing resuming in friendly competition. In the meantime it will continue to monitor the situation and adapt its decisions and recommendations accordingly.