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# Meeting Minutes

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## 1. Welcome

Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR), acting President, opened the OGA at 10.10h and asked for a minute of silence for Line Markert and Kamen Filyov.

Genç welcomed the President of World Sailing, Quanhai Li and asked him to say a few words. He thanked the European Member National Authorities for their support for the last years in all kinds of sailing and was happy to have two strong European Vice-Presidents, Josep M. Pla and Tomasz Chamera, in his board and also here. He pointed out that after IOC elected the first female president, he is looking forward to having the first female president in the continental sailing association of Europe, too.

Pinar Coşkuner Genç gave WS VP Josep M. Pla (AND) and WS VP Tomasz Chamera (POL) the floor: Chamera emphasised the role of continental associations in common and for EUROSAF in special in trying out and developing new things and ideas. Pla took the opportunity to thank his former colleagues for the great work they did together. He thanked the Austrian Sailing Federation for the outstanding support in the last years and all other members who hosted events or meetings for and together with EUROSAF.

Austrian Sailing Federation President Dieter Schneider welcomed the MNA's and thanked them all for being here. Pointing at the difficulties in business and on political issues he reminded all that keeping strong for sailing in Europe means standing and working together.

Genç asked for a change of agenda for having the decision on approval of 2025 budgets before granting of relief to the executive board.

→ The proposal was approved unanimously.

## 2. Roll call and apologies for absence

By means of a roll call, Secretary General Roland Regnemer (AUT) noted that 32 Members were represented by the delegates (7 via proxies). Additional 18 guests attended the meeting. Apologies were received from Alexandru Micu (ROU), Vice-President, who was absent due to family issues. Asian Sailing Federation, Pan American Sailing Federation and Oceania Sailing Federation sent apologies for their absence.

The list of all attendees is attached to the minutes (appendix 1).



### **3. Nomination of scrutineers**

The President proposed to nominate Giuseppe D’amico (ITA), Barbora Bachrata (SVK) and Laurent Kolly (AUT) as the scrutineers of the General Assembly.

→ The proposal was approved unanimously.

### **4. Report of the President and the Executive Board**

The report of the President and the Executive Board was sent to all delegates and is also made available on the EUROSAF website. In addition, Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR), acting President, commented on the vision and value of EUROSAF in conjunction with its relations with World Sailing, European Olympic Committee, European Union and its role at European Games 2027 at Istanbul, Erasmus projects and other European entities. Timo Haß (GER), Treasurer and Vice-President, explained the current status of the funding process, what maybe would mean to change the seat of EUROSAF, not only having an office in Austria. He thanked Nino Shmueli (ISR) and Anastasia Weinberger (AUT) for running the EUROSAF Race Officials Program and the RYA for hosting the meeting this January. Referring to some rumours regarding the right of using the title “Sailing Champions League” by a commercial agency, Haß pointed out that EUROSAF is the holder of rights and that there is a focus to keep sailing affordable under the idea of “sailing for sailors”. Yana Dobzhitskaya (RUS), Vice-President, explained the EUROSAF events of 2024, 2025, especially match racing, and asked for bids of 2026 events. Marco Predieri (ITA), Vice-President, commented on the importance of e-sailing and double handed mixed offshore as two disciplines promoted by EUROSAF from the beginning. Anne Malledant (FRA), Vice-President, talked about the cooperation with some classes such as 69F and Beneteau classes.

### **5. Report of the secretary general**

The interim secretary general briefly outlined his two main areas of focus in the five months of his tenure: The preparation of the Annual General Meeting and the support of EUROSAF office for the interim takeover of the presidency from Josep M. Pla to Pinar Coşkuner Genç, First Vice-President, due to Pla’s election as Vice-President of World Sailing.

### **6. Members in arrears and decision on membership**

The President proposed to terminate the membership of Armenia due to non-paying the membership fee for the last 5 years including this year. The Treasurer gave a brief overview about the history.

→ The proposal was approved unanimously



The President proposed to suspend the membership fee for UKR for 2025 permanently.

→ The proposal was approved unanimously.

## **7. 2024 Financial Report**

The Treasurer presented the accounts, which were sent to all Members before the meeting, for the year ending on 31 December 2024 and explained the financial situation. He pointed out that the membership fees haven't been raised the last 10 years and that this will be an issue within the next years, independently from funding.

## **8. Report of the auditors**

The auditor present Giuseppe D'Amico (ITA) reported that together with Marie Björling Duell (SWE) they had gone through the accounts, agreed on them, and supported their approval. The report is available at [EUROSAF website](#). There were no questions or comments. The president thanked the auditors for their job.

## **9. Decision on approval of 2024 accounts**

The President proposed to approve the 2024 Accounts.

→ The proposal was approved unanimously.

## **10. Decision on approval of 2025 Budget**

The treasurer detailed the 2025 budget, sent to all Members before the meeting. He explained that one sentence had to be deleted due to the information that even a granted funding will be lower than the last years, approximately around € 25.000.– per year. Nevertheless, if EUROSAF will receive funding or not, the personnel situation will have to be changed. There were no further questions or comments.

The President proposed to approve the 2025 budget.

→ The proposal was approved unanimously.

## **11. Granting of relief to the Executive Board**

The President proposed to grant relief to the current board and the former president Josep M. Pla (AND).

→ The proposal was approved unanimously.



## 12. Election of the Executive Board

For the election process Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR), the president, handed over the meeting chair to Timo Haß (GER). He briefly explained the basic facts of constitution regarding the election process, especially the formal needs for the elections of the vice-presidents. The chairman summarized there were six vice-presidents to be elected and seven candidates. Then he left the floor to each candidate to present themselves, six candidates who were present introduced themselves and the President read the letter of Alexandru Octavian Micu (ROU).

The chairman started with the election of the President, the secret ballot was held in writing.

→ Pinar Coşkuner Genç(TUR) was unanimously elected as EUROSAF President.

After the newly elected President's acceptance speech, the vice-presidents were also elected in a secret written ballot.

The vice-presidents elected (in alphabetical order):

Francesco Ettorre (ITA)

Balazs Hajdu (HUN)

Anne Malledant (FRA)

Alexandur Micu (ROU)

Michael Mifsud (MLT)

Roland Regnemer (AUT)

The new elected board took their places at the Board table and Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR) thanked the delegates and attendees.

## 13. Appointment of auditors

The president explained that one auditor, Marie Björling Duell, had to leave after completing her term. She proposed to elect Barbora Bachrata (SVK) as an auditor for two years in addition to Giuseppe D'Amico (ITA) who has one more year of term.

→ The proposal was approved unanimously.

## 14. Future General Assemblies

The Malta Sailing Federation applied to host the 2026 Ordinary General Assembly in Valletta. Michael Mifsud presented the proposal to host all connected meetings, the final date will be sorted out based on the major sailing events of the next spring.

→ The proposal was approved unanimously.



### **15. Other business**

Dieter Neupert (SUI) offered to enquire the Olympique House/National Olympic Committee in Switzerland whether there was any possibility of support or funding from their side to keep EUROSAF as an association located in Switzerland.

Josep M. Pla (AND) addressed that the main issue for the board will be now to continue the service level build up the last years. And that a change of head office/official seat even from Switzerland is not only about money.

Rafa Gonzalez offered his help and support also on a voluntary base to the new elected board.

### **16. Meeting close**

Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR), the President, closed the meeting at 12.45h.

**Appendix 1:**

## List of Attendees - Delegates

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Given Name</b>	<b>MNA</b>	<b>Proxy Given by</b>
1	Akdurak	Özlem	TUR	AZE
2	Bajada	Christian	MLT	
3	Barreto	Nuno Miguel Santos	POR	
4	Bjelelac	Miroslav	CRO	MNE
5	Bovyn	Olivier	FRA	MON
6	Chamera	Tomasz	POL	
7	Christoforou	Christos	CYP	
8	Domazet	Eldina	SLO	
9	Ermakova	Tatiana	RUS	BLR
10	Ettorre	Francesco	ITA	SMR
11	Hajdu	Balazs	HUN	
12	Küppers	Mona	GER	SWE
13	Mayrhofer	Wolfgang	AUT	
14	Moyseyenko	Yevgen	UKR	
15	Mydlík	Martin	SVK	LAT
16	Neupert	Dieter	SUI	
17	Niculaita	Radu Daniel	ROU	
18	Novotny	Stepan	CZE	
19	Papathanasiou	Emilios	GRE	
20	Perez	Andres	ESP	
21	Pintov	Smadar	ISR	
22	Scott	Nick	GBR	
23	Skala	Srdjan	SRB	
24	Stavrev	Stevcho	MKD	
25	Villers	Matthieu Leyder	AND	



List of Attendees – Guests (including EUROSAT Board)

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Given Name</b>	<b>MNA</b>
1	Bachrata	Barbora	SVK
2	Cavallucci	Walter	ITA
3	Chang	Tian	World Sailing
4	Coşkuner Genç	Pınar	TUR
5	D'amico	Giuseppe	ITA
6	Dobzhitskaya	Yana	RUS
7	Glanz-Michaelis	Stefan	AUT
8	González	Rafael	ESP
9	Haß	Timo	GER
10	Kolly	Laurent	AUT
11	Li	Quanhai	World Sailing
12	Malledant	Anne	FRA
13	Mifsud	Michael	MLT
14	Moshoski	Slavcho	MKD
15	Pla	Josep M.	AND
16	Predieri	Marco	ITA
17	Regnemer	Roland	EUROSAT
18	Schneider	Dieter	AUT
19	Torno	Jo Anthony	EUROSAT