



EUROPEAN SAILING FEDERATION

THE CONTINENTAL ASSOCIATION FOR SAILING IN EUROPE
SUPPORTING SAILING IN EUROPE SINCE 1998

29th Ordinary General Assembly

Malta

18 April 2026 / 10:00 – 13:30 CET

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome

Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR), President, opened the OGA at 10.00h.

The Assembly was also welcomed by Hon. Chris Agius, Chairman of Yachting Malta, who addressed the delegates and expressed support for the event and for sailing activities in Malta.

Josep M. Pla (AND) highlighted the importance of maintaining the relevance of sailing and strengthening EUROSAF's role within World Sailing through strong representation in key institutions. He noted that sailing remains consolidated within the Olympic Games and that many important competitions lie ahead.

He underlined that the sport faces both challenges and opportunities, encouraging collaboration, geographic expansion, development of disciplines, and sharing of training resources. He stressed the importance of inclusion, careful communication, and sustainability, particularly regarding the management and lifecycle of boats and RIBs. He concluded by reaffirming the commitment of the President, the Board, and himself to continue working together with all members.

2. Roll call and apologies for absence

By means of a roll call, Board Member Roland Regnemer (AUT) noted that 37 Members were registered and represented, of which 24 delegates were present in person and 13 by proxy.

The quorum was confirmed, and The President declared that the Assembly was validly constituted. In addition, guests attended the meeting. The list of all attendees is attached to the minutes (Appendix 1).

Apologies for absence were received from Alexandru Micu (ROU), Vice-President, who was absent due to family issues. Further apologies were received from Tomasz Chamera (POL), Vice President of World Sailing, who, due to prior commitments, was unable to attend the meeting. In his e-mail message, he conveyed his best wishes for a successful and productive AGM, expressed his appreciation to the Malta Sailing Federation for hosting the event, and reaffirmed his continued support for cooperation between World Sailing and EUROSAF.

President Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR), welcomed all delegates and thanked them for their participation and engagement.

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3. Nomination of scrutineers

President Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR), proposed the nomination of scrutineers for the General Assembly. The following scrutineers were nominated and appointed unanimously by the General Assembly:

Josep M. Pla (AND)
Martin Vogler (SUI)
Walter Cavallucci (ITA)

The Assembly confirmed their appointment to oversee the voting procedures and ensure transparency and correctness in the counting process.

President Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR), opened the session by referring to the situation concerning Austria and the developments that had taken place behind the scenes. Appreciation was expressed to all members for their continued support.

Vice President and Treasurer Roland Regnemer (AUT) gave a brief review about that period of collaboration. He recalled that since 2018, EUROSAF had been supported through a funding scheme organized by the Austrian Sailing Federation and the National Ministry of Sport. This support made it possible to establish and progressively strengthen the current organizational structure of EUROSAF, evolving from a part-time Secretary General role to a more stable Secretariat with two staff members.

Over the years, this support amounted to more than €300,000, including both direct financial contributions and office facilities. The Assembly expressed its gratitude for this long-term commitment.

It was further noted that last year's OGA in Neusiedl marked the final stage of this support cycle.

Following the conclusion of Austrian funding in 2024, alternative solutions were explored. Under the leadership of the newly elected Board, and with the support of the Italian Sailing Federation, an agreement was reached by the President with the Star Sailors League (SSL) in Switzerland. This agreement ensures continued coverage of the Secretary General position and provides office facilities in Grandson, Switzerland, restoring stability comparable to previous years.

President confirmed that EUROSAF continues to hold at least three in-person meetings annually (OGA, mid-term meeting, and an additional meeting), with further engagement expected in the context of the 2027 Olympic cycle.

The Assembly was informed about the planned EUROSAF Sailing Academy Workshop to be held in Romania as the one held in October 2025 hosted by Vice President Alexandru



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Micu (ROM) together with European Union Erasmus project 'All Hands on Deck' members.

The initiative is intended to support education, knowledge-sharing, and the development of best practices across the EUROSAF community, while encouraging cooperation between Member National Authorities, coaches, officials, and athletes.

Particular emphasis will be placed on inclusion, accessibility, sustainability, and the long-term development of sailing, in line with the strategic objectives promoted within the European and international sailing community. Further information regarding dates, programme, and participation will be circulated in due course.

Vice President Baláz Hajdu (HUN) referred to World Sailing, highlighting the importance of strengthening connections with EUROSAF and developing a closer relationship. He underlined the need for greater alignment, including allocation aspects, and for EUROSAF to become more structurally involved in World Sailing activities and events.

Committee development was addressed.

Balázs Hajdu (HUN) also emphasized the importance of professionalism, noting that EUROSAF has been strongly present within World Sailing structures since 2008. President Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR), highlighted that 80% of racing sailing activity takes place in Europe. 1st Vice President Anne Malledant (FRA) reported on the success of the ROEP programme. Reference was made to the World Sailing office in London. It was underlined that EUROSAF events should become more attractive. Roland Regnemer (AUT) presented the EUROSAF Sailing Championship, describing its structure and objectives. Anne Malledant (FRA) also spoke about Match Racing initiatives. Vice President Francesco Ettorre (ITA) presented the inclusive event held in Trieste, focused on parasailing, and it was noted that a similar inclusive event is planned for 2027 in Poland. Vice President Michael Mifsud (MLT) informed the assembly about the other EUROSAF events for 2026:

EUROSAF BENETEAU First 18 SE European Championship 2026 – Attersee, Austria (4–7 June 2026)

EUROSAF Championship – ETF26 – Campione del Garda, Italy (10–13 June 2026)

EUROSAF Inclusive European Championship 2026 – Marina Gdynia, Poland (14–18 July 2026)

EUROSAF Pirat Junior European Championship 2026 – Güstrow, Germany (21–26 July 2026), subject to final EUROSAF confirmation



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EUROSAF BENETEAU First 27 SE Singlehanded Silverrudder European Championship 2026 – Svendborg, Denmark (17–20 September 2026)

EUROSAF Sailing Champions League Final – Société Nautique de Genève, Switzerland (8–11 October 2026)

The importance of close coordination with Organising Authorities, as well as timely administrative and operational follow-up after each event, was noted. The Assembly was further informed of the following upcoming events and opportunities currently open for bids or under development within the EUROSAF framework:

EUROSAF Team Racing European Championship 2027

Proposed Organising Authority: Barcelona International Sailing Center (BISC) – Federació Catalana de Vela, Barcelona, Spain.

The proposed format foresees a four-day event in June or July 2027, with alternative dates in September–October 2027, subject to confirmation.

The Assembly welcomed the continued interest shown by Organising Authorities and Member National Authorities in developing inclusive, innovative, and sustainable EUROSAF events across Europe.

5. Report of the secretary general

Dina Zagaria (ITA), recently appointed as Secretary General, reported that the transition from the previous Secretary General had been very smooth, ensuring continuity and stability in the organization's work.

Over the past months, she has been actively involved in EUROSAF's programmes, supporting cooperation and the development of sailing across Europe. She described her role as a central point of coordination, connecting people, ideas, and strategic initiatives.

Since September, she has been organizing the Race Officials Exchange Programme, including activities in Murcia, strengthening international collaboration and opportunities for race officials, as well as supporting the present OGA in Malta.

Regarding the office, she reported that a well-functioning internal workflow has been established. Work is ongoing to improve the website, and a structured and updated database of all European federations has been organized.

Communication remains a key priority. Continuous communication among members has been reinforced through regular online meetings and coordination. At the same time, visibility on social media has been strengthened, recognizing its importance in promoting activities and



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increasing engagement across the network.

It was noted that the office currently operates with a small team, including herself and Jeff Anthony Torno (AUT), who supports communication activities. Over the past year, the office has contributed to the organization of approximately 11 European Championships across 6 countries. In addition, around 221 participation opportunities have been provided through the Race Officials Exchange Programme.

Communication efforts have also grown significantly, with more than 56 social media posts generating over 1,100 interactions.

She concluded by thanking all members for their attention and continued support.

6. Members in arrears

No additional remarks were recorded.

7. 2025 Financial report

The 2025 accounts were presented to the Assembly.

It was confirmed that income from Member subscriptions was in line with expectations. The payment to Ukraine for 2025 has been suspended, explaining the difference between actual revenue and the budget estimate.

On the expenditure side, the Austrian Sailing Federation's support, which had covered EUROSAF operations for seven years, ended in 2024. This explains the difference between forecasted and actual running costs. It was recalled that under the previous Board no action was taken to secure renewed funding.

As explained, the newly elected Board, led by the President with support from the Italian Sailing Federation, successfully concluded an agreement with SSL Switzerland, ensuring coverage of Secretary General costs and provision of office infrastructure.

Due to the location of the previous OGA in Austria and the Austrian nationality of both staff members at the time, travel costs were significantly lower than expected. Website maintenance costs were higher than estimated but remained within historical ranges.

Investments

It was noted that EUROSAF took a cautious approach to investments due to increased staff costs. Planned investments for the Sailing Academy and Race Officials Exchange Programme were not executed in 2025. Savings in promotional activities were balanced by increased costs in marketing and events.

Legal expenses were significantly lower than expected.

Result

The financial year 2025 closed with a loss of €26,000, primarily due to increased personnel costs during the funding transition period (approximately €17,000 increase).



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Cash Position (31 December 2025)

- Current bank account: €3,386.47
- PayPal account: €579.76
- Savings account: €28,000
- Fixed term deposit (1 year): €25,000
- Investment (maturing 2028): €30,000

Total: €86,946.23

8. Report of the auditors

The auditor present Giuseppe D'Amico (ITA) reported that together with Barbora Bachrata (SKV) 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 2025 Accounts

The President proposed to approve the 2025 Accounts.

→ The proposal was approved unanimously.

10. Granting of relief to the Executive Board

The President proposed to grant relief to the current board.

→ The proposal was approved unanimously.

11. Appointment of Auditors

The following persons were appointed as auditors:

Barbora Bachrata (SVK)

Martin Vogler (SUI)

→ The proposal was approved unanimously.

Josep M. Pla congratulated the Assembly on the achievements.

12. Decision on approval of 2026 Budget

The treasurer detailed the 2026 budget was presented and is aligned with previous years and the four-year partnership with SSL, covering office and staff support.

Key investment priorities include:

Race Officials Exchange Programme development

EUROSAF Scholarship Programme

EUROSAF Sailing Academy (Los Alcázares)



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EUROSAF Conference support activities

A cautious investment strategy was confirmed, with the understanding that larger investments will only be possible once a sustainable increase in revenue is achieved. It was noted that membership fees have remained unchanged for more than a decade. An inflation or index adjustment will be considered at the next AGM.

Future sustainability will require additional income sources, including sponsorships and external funding.

From an administrative perspective, improvements have been implemented in financial monitoring. From the new financial period onward, all invoices and quarterly bank statements are systematically provided to auditors to ensure continuous financial oversight.

→ The proposal was approved unanimously.

13. Decision on Worlds Sailing Neutrality Policy Alignment

President Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR) explained the situation concerning the ongoing war. Balazs Hajdu (HUN) presented the EUROSAF position, providing historical background.

President Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR) introduced the voting procedure. Delegates' presence and proxies were verified, and ballots were distributed according to voting rights. Voting was conducted in alphabetical order, with proxy documentation checked prior to participation.

Upon completion, all ballots were collected, verified, and counted. President Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR) confirmed that the results would be announced following final validation.

The Assembly was thanked for its cooperation.

Hakan Anderson (SWE) read the below before the voting:

Before any voting takes place, Sweden would like to make five points:

First

SWE would like to remind everyone that WS Constitution #6, regarding Continental Associations, defines the role of Continental Associations (such as EUROSAF) in Article 6.1(c).

Nothing in the WS Constitution gives Continental Associations any jurisdiction over MNAs. On the contrary, Article 4 of the WS Constitution requires MNAs to have jurisdiction over sailing in their own countries.

Second

The WS Neutrality Policy is a recommendation, not a binding regulation. It is mandatory only for WS events (Article 4.1.1) and recommended for certain other events (Article 4.1.2).



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SWE would like to underline that, in today's vote, Alternative A refers to the current, existing WS Neutrality Policy text.

The updated version with text shown in red, which was circulated at a late stage before today's meeting, has not been approved by the WS Council and is therefore premature for EUROSAF to consider at this time.

Third

It is our interpretation that any decision taken today will constitute a recommendation applicable only to events organized by EUROSAF—i.e. EUROSAF events—and will not relate to class events or other events over which MNAs have jurisdiction within their own countries.

Fourth

Our understanding is that the intention is to use the outcome of today's vote to establish a EUROSAF policy, similar to the policy adopted by WS.

Fifth

As points one to four are crucial foundations for this vote, SWE strongly recommends that these points be recorded as facts in the minutes of this meeting.

Regards,

Håkan Andersson (SWE)

Ukraine

The delegate of Ukraine Moyseyenko Yevgen stated that, in their view, many athletes from the Russian Federation are affiliated with military structures, particularly through sports organizations connected to the armed forces. For this reason, and in light of the ongoing conflict, Ukraine considers Russia to pose a threat to the stability of Europe and expressed its intention to vote against their inclusion at this time.

Russia

The delegate of Russia Dobzhitskaya Yana stated that Russian athletes are solely athletes, are not affiliated with any military bodies, and should not be associated with the ongoing conflict.

Belarus

Aleksandra Lugovaia stated that she is in favor of the Russian position.

Latvia

Inga Jakobsone intervened, stating that Russia cannot still be included in their country's sporting framework under the current circumstances.

The delegate of Latvia stated that, given the ongoing conflict situation, they do not support the inclusion of Russian athletes at this time.



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Regarding the voting process, Josep M. Pla organized the ballot and verified all attendees in alphabetical order, reading out the names of those present and those holding proxies one by one, as follows:

The ballot paper was as follows:

EUROSAF OGA 2026 – Malta

Agenda Item 13

Alignment with World Sailing Neutrality Policy

Vote on the position of RUS and BLR athletes

Please mark ONE option only:

☐ **Option A** – Follow World Sailing policy

(World Sailing Policy for participation of Individual Neutral Athletes, Support Persons and Race Officials with a Russian or Belarusian passport – the Neutrality Policy) –

RESULT 24 VOTES

☐ **Option B** – No restrictions

(all participants allowed)

☐ **Option C** – Full exclusion

(no participants from Russia/Belarus)

RESULT 14 VOTES

(Anonymous ballot)

14. Composition of EUROSAF Committees

The Chair presented the proposed restructuring of EUROSAF committees.

It was agreed that each committee will consist of a Chair and a limited number of members, ensuring balanced representation. Members should ideally participate in only one committee to enhance efficiency and engagement.

A nomination form and Terms of Reference will be circulated to Member National Authorities. Final appointments will be made by the Executive Board in accordance with the Constitution.

Existing working groups will continue, and new groups may be created as needed.

Key focus areas include:

- Offshore sailing development
- Event organization support
- Sustainability and innovation
- Strengthening cooperation between MNAs



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It was also decided to maintain a limited number of committees to avoid dispersion of work. The committees created are the following:

- Legal
- Race Official
- Events
- Development

15. Future General Assemblies

The Ordinary General Assembly (OGA) 2027 will be hosted in North Macedonia, as confirmed in the current planning cycle. EUROSAF acknowledges and welcomes the offer of North Macedonia to organize the event and looks forward to continuing coordination with the Organizing Authority to ensure timely preparation and successful delivery of the General Assembly.

Further details regarding venue, exact dates, and organizational arrangements will be communicated in due course and included in the official EUROSAF calendar.

→ The proposal was approved unanimously.

16. Other business

Not registered.

17. Meeting close

Pınar Coşkuner Genç (TUR), the President, informed the Assembly that the programme would continue with scheduled presentations before lunch and further sessions in the afternoon. The Assembly was thanked for its attention, participation, and constructive contributions. The meeting was closed at 13:33.



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Appendix 1: List of Attendees - Delegates

	Family Name	Given Name	MNA	Proxy Given by
1	AKDURAK	Ozlem	TUR	AZE
2	ANDERSSON	Håkan	SWE	NOR
3	BARRETTO	Nuno	POR	
4	BOARON	Vincent	SUI	
5	BOVYN	Olivier	FRA	LTU
6	CHRISTOFOROU	Christos	CYP	
7	D'AMICO	Giuseppe	ITA	SMR
8	DOBZHITSKAYA	Yana	RUS	
9	DOMAZET	Eldina	SLO	SRB
10	HAJDU	Balazs	HUN	CRO
11	HOOREWEGHE	Bart Van	BEL	NED
12	JAKOBSONE	Inga	LAT	EST
13	KRISTENSEN	Anders	DEN	ISL
14	KUUSANSALO	Susanne	FIN	GER
15	LUGOVAIA	Aleksandra	BLR	
16	MAYRHOFER	Wolfgang	AUT	POL
17	MIFSUD	Michael	MLT	
18	MOYSEYENKO	Yevgen	UKR	
19	MYDLIK	Martin	SVK	CZE
20	PAPTHASNASIOU	Aimilio	GRE	
21	PEREZ	Andres	ESP	AND
22	PINTOV	Smadar	ISR	
23	SCOTT	Nick	GBR	IRL
24	STAVREV	Stevcho	MKD	
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