

METHODS COMMISSION

1st MC Meeting 2024

Minutes

Date Time	Thursday	29.02.2024	14:00 - 18:00 (CET)
	Friday	01.03.2024	09:00 - 18:00 (CET)
Venue	Renaissance Wien Hotel - Vienna “Strassburg 2”		
MC Members	Pedro Sequeira	Chairman	
	Monique Tijsterman	Methods & Coaching (excused)	
	Patrick Luig	Education & Training	
	Lidija Bojić-Ćaćić	Youth, School, and Non-competitive sport	
	Carmen Manchado	Development	
	Marina Gillard	IHF Medical Commission Member Europe	
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	Noémi Szécsényi		
	Matej Nekoranec		
	Eva Reihofer		

Minutes

Agenda:

1. Welcome / Agenda

Pedro Sequeira welcomes the participants to the 1st MC meeting 2024.

Due to the personnel changes within the “Sport and Game Service” department, the meeting starts with an introduction of the MC members as well as the EHF office members.

After the start of Eva Reihofer (Player Transfer Assistant & Sport Management) and Noémi Szécsényi (Grassroots Coordinator) in 2023, Matej Nekoranec joined the EHF as “Education and Technical Service Coordinator” in January 2024.

P. Sequeira informs, that Monique Tijsterman, due to her new employment for the Austrian Women National Team as head coach, is currently released, but will not be substituted as MC member. The respective activity domain is internally covered. She will not be personally involved in the MC meetings in 2024 but will continue working on her specific tasks where required.

P. Sequeira is also expressing, that the new office members integrated quickly to the respective tasks within the EHF as well as the MC. Lidija Bojić-Ćaćić added how important it will be to work as a team and offers the help and partnership of all MC members to the newly formed EHF office team.

Doru Simion asks to fix a date for an additional, video-call MC meeting in May. It was agreed for Monday, 13 May at 08:30.

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

Carmen Manchado wishes to clarify the last sentence of the MC minutes of the meeting in 09/23 regarding the development of a player index (“A tailor-made system needs to be created for

handball”). The system for handball is existing, a tailor-made system for the EHF needs to be adapted. Besides that, the MC minutes are approved with no further comments.

P. Sequeira summarizes information received during the last EXEC meetings.

3. Methods & Coaching

3.1 YAC Analyses – status and concept

In accordance with Monique Tijsterman, Matej Nekoranec is informing about the current status of the YAC analyses.

The summary of the analyses from the YAC events 2023 was concluded and provided. Due to the in parts low quality and the period of time that passed already since the YAC events, M. Tijsterman proposed to publish a summary online together with the EURO Analysis (see also 3.1.1).

The EURO analysis was sent by M. Tijsterman and the analyst team. It is edited right now and will be published accordingly on the EHF website and social media channels.

3.1.1 Compensation – evaluation – proposal

M. Tijsterman provided the evaluation of the YAC analyses 2023. She stated 50 % of the analyses did not meet the set criteria of the EHF Analyst Manual. To ensure fulfilling the standards for the future it is proposed to continue collaborating with profiled analysts (i.e. Mark Hawkins, Edwin Kippers, and Fabian Lüdke) to avoid the enrolment of those who proved an inadequate approach. Furthermore, as unanimously agreed, a logical link shall be existing between the YAC and EURO events in terms of data and parameters.

A template for the analysts will be created with the goal to receive equal and comparable analyses. P. Luig is suggesting using the same structure of the EURO analyses to be able to compare. Following the MC meeting the strategy for the YAC events in this summer will be implemented after further exchange and evaluation.

Additionally, a proposal was provided to adjust the compensation for future analyses. The current compensation is based on the number of competing teams and the number of matches. It is proposed that for the future analyses the compensation should be based on the type of competition rather than the number of teams.

Competition	Compensation in €
YAC Championship	750
YAC EURO	1500
Senior EURO	5000

While the average compensation for YAC competition will sink, the EURO compensation will rise. For 2024 the budget for the analyses was set at 15500 €. The actual costs for the analyses with the new system will only be 13250 €. The proposal is discussed amongst the MC members and agreed on. The change of compensation will be valid from 01.07.2024. The financial department of the EHF will be informed accordingly - final confirmation by the EHF Finance Delegation.

3.2 Injury prevention manual – status

The concept and the content for the injury prevention manual was discussed within the EHF office and with Patrick Luig. The structure of the manual is ready to be shared with potential candidates for their written contribution. Jesper Bencke, Grethe Mykleburst as well as Tanja Sarenac and Maja Ivanovic from Total Movement (also candidates for EHF Experts) are proposed as possible authors. The MC members stated that (depending on the workload and the budget) it will also be relevant to

consider the stages of the Circle of Handball Life as well as the playing positions and the gender of the player. Further inputs are required until the scheduled video-meeting in May.

3.3 Handballytics

The Handballytics website was utilized for external data analysis. The findings were subsequently published as an article on the EHF website.

3.4 XPS Sideline/handball.ai

Matej Nekoranec informed the MC members on the progress of the project. In February Manel Cirac from Handball.ai presented the players' score. The feedback was mostly positive, and subsequent discussions focused on unifying data sources between Swiss Timing and Handball.ai. Additionally, the discussions touched on ensuring the long-term development of players' indices in terms of validity, reliability, and contextualization across multiple tournaments. Manel Cirac expressed openness to further development and collaboration. To increase the validity and reliability of the players' score, it is proposed to implement a weight factor in the model. P. Luig and C. Manchado are suggesting reviewing the existing EHF players' score and comparing the criteria with the HPI-Index from the German Bundesliga.

Furthermore, XPS was successfully integrated for officiating during the EURO 2024.

Excursus Kinexon:

The current status and the reliability of the Kinexon data is discussed. The MC members express, that reliable data is needed for developing the coaches' education as well as for the decision making of coaches during and between matches in a competition. To increase the benefit of the Kinexon data P. Sequeira proposes to suggest necessary and useful parameters to Kinexon. As there will be a meeting with Kinexon on 14 March, he is asking the MC members for input until 11 March.

4. Education and Training

4.1 RINCK convention

4.1.1 Signatories / non-signatories' status

The annual report for 2023 was not provided by 5 National Federations (BUL, LAT, LTU, MLT, UKR). A reminder was already sent to the signatories concerned.

It is worth mentioning, that UKR is organising the first ever national Master Coach course. MLT is restructuring at the moment and LAT and LTU signalled to send the report soon. Only from BUL there was no response.

P. Sequeira suggests changing from annual to seasonal report. Possible consequences or rewarding for the federations are discussed.

4.1.2 RINCK Convention in the future | 2nd relaunch

Patrick Luig and Joao Monteiro are presenting a working proposal of the relaunch of the "RINCK" Convention manual: the framework, basic principles and the main conceptual approach – competences based. The biggest change will be in the education pathway, where to the existing levels of the core education necessary competences are added. The competence format applies on all levels as well as renewal courses.

P. Sequeira highlights that the relaunch is reflecting the development of the sport, the education and the work within the MC. The MC members generally approve the proposal. P. Luig together with the EHF office will work on the details.

The preview of the RINCK Convention second relaunch will be presented at the Secretaries General Conference in Copenhagen on 21 March by Pedro Sequeira and Joao Monteiro. The MC members are asked to deliver their input and remarks in time for this occasion.

The final document will be introduced at the EHF Conference of Presidents | EHF Extraordinary Congress in December 2024, Vienna.

4.1.3 RINCK Convention Seminar | 2025

After confirming the relaunch there will be a RINCK Convention Seminar organised in 2025. It is planned to have the seminar following the MC meeting, involving the MC members directly. The National Federations may take part with one or two responsible persons.

4.1.4 Level I complementary education courses – pilot

The EHF Level I Coach course is planned to be organised in June 2024, taking place in Scotland for 5 days in a format that includes an offline part (1 module) and online elements – e-learning will also be possible. The course is part of the Master Plan, but there is still feedback missing from Scotland. This course will work as a pilot test course linked with the coach competences format of the relaunch of the “RINCK” Convention manual. The goal of the course is to be a role model for the National Federations.

4.1.5 Fast lane for coaches - accessing criteria

As part of the relaunch of the RINCK Convention two fast lane proposals are presented: a fast lane for players and fast lane for coaches.

Fast lane for players: Active and former international/top players can obtain EHF Level II directly without attending Level I and II courses if they complete a specifically developed coach education programme of at least 100 TU as compensation.

The criteria for a fast lane player are discussed among the MC members. A working definition is the following: A top player is defined as a player who has played in the senior national team or at least 5 years in the highest senior national league with an average of at least 20 games per year. The MC members are asked to send their additional input in time for the SG Conference.

Fast lane for coaches: Active Level II coaches can accelerate access to Level III and IV courses faster if:

- 1) a former international playing career can be credited as compensation and
- 2) EHF Level III or IV is mandatory in his/her current position

P. Sequeira remarks that the dual career for active players / coaches also applies here.

4.2 National Master Coach courses

An overview regarding the National Master Coach Courses is at hand (see enclosure 1). The MC members remark, that the coaches’ community must know about renewable courses across Europe. For RINCK signatories it is mandatory to make this information available with the annual report.

4.3 2024 EHF Master Coach course

The first module of the EHF Master Coach course 2024 took place from 15-21 January 2024 during the main round of the Men’s EURO in Hamburg. The number of participants has been reduced from 23 to 22. After collecting information from different sources, one participant has been released and excluded due to the inappropriate and disturbing attitude and behaviour towards the class and EHF

Experts. The 2024 class registered the highest number of female participants – 5. Two of them are funded by the Women’s Handball Board.

In the first module 11 experts were lecturing, based on an inserted new, practical and interactive approach. This was fully appreciated by the participants as well as the experts. Furthermore, mentoring groups with 3 or 4 participants were formed.

For the full report of the first module see enclosure 2.

The preparations for the following modules already started. The following schedule is fixed:

Module 2 - M20 EHF EURO in Celje / SLO (from 08 – 13 July 2024)

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

A different approach for the competence of the jury, that evaluates the thesis of the participants, is suggested. Instead of a restraint group of 3 experts, a group of 8 to 10 experts (male and female) is proposed. The university background of the jury members will be paired with active practical experience.

Proposed:

- Zoltan Marczinka HUN | Marko Sibila SLO | Milan Petronijevic SRB
- Susana Povoas POR | Julian Bauer GER | Stefan Walzel GER
- Carmen Manchado ESP | Lidija Bojić-Čačić CRO | Ulrik Jorgensen DEN
- Brigitta Kiss HUN | Jennie Linnell SWE | Daniel Birkelund NOR
- Paulo Sa POR | Miguel Betancor ESP | Paul Landure FRA
- Patrick Luig GER | Henk Groener NED

The mentoring and tutoring will be distributed between these experts with a maximum of 4 theses per person. An editorial panel for previously controlling and analysing of the theses will be formed. In terms of the budget, it is suggested that the jury member is paid per thesis. The MC members are welcoming this new approach. They are asked for the suggestion of additional, suitable candidates until 11 March.

4.4 EHF Webinars 2024 – status

A total of 26 webinars were organized in 2023 with 9653 registered participants from 91 different countries worldwide, held by 46 experts.

The first webinars in 2024 were presented by Jürgen Boss (live from the EHF Master Coach Course in Hamburg in January) with the topic “Leadership and Management” (183 registrations, 93 live participants) and Manel Cirac with “From analysis to action – how can we use data for success?” (February; 133 registrations, 83 live participants). The planning for 2024 is ongoing. The intended goal is to double the number of participants to 19.000. From March there are 2 to 3 webinars planned per month, including the Final 4 Champions League Webinars from EHF Marketing as well as topics from Grassroots, Beach Handball and Business Development.

It is expected that the video recordings of the webinars will be published on the EHF website later this year. A suggestion from MC is to include the webinars in the existing structure of EHFtv.

4.5 EHF Goalkeeper Summit | 2025

The first EHF Goalkeeper Summit took place in October 2023. The report regarding this event was already distributed in October 2023.

The next edition will take place in 2025. A suitable date shall be found in due time to start the promotion. It is proposed to use a practical approach as well as to link the summit to the education

of coaches. P. Sequeira is suggesting for the future to have specialized education and coaching courses for goalkeeper coaches, analyst & observer and strength & condition coaches.

5. Youth, School, and Non-competitive sports

5.1 EHF Grassroot Growth (EHF Master Plan) | 2024 activities

5.1.1 EHF Grassroots Convention, Munich

Initiated by Martin Hausleitner a convention dedicated to grassroots handball was organized in Munich / GER on 14 January 2024 on the fringes of the Men's EHF EURO. A detailed report is attached (see enclosure 3). L. Bojić-Ćaćić thanks the EHF office for the organization of the event.

A questionnaire was sent after the event to the participants as well as the lecturers. The feedback was discussed within the MC. The National Federations must be included more in the promotion and nominate participants. The second edition is foreseen for 2026. P. Sequeira underlines the necessity to promote a clear definition because it is obvious that on the European National Federations level the understanding of the term "grassroots" differs. The follow-ups of the Convention are the creation of the EHF Grassroots Charter (see 5.1.2), a possible cooperation with a company regarding a handball training app (Learn Handball | Blindside; see 5.3) and an adequate digitalisation.

5.1.2 EHF Grassroots Charter

Noémi Szécsényi is presenting the idea and first draft of the EHF Grassroots Charter. Following the example of other continental team-sport federations, and linked to the successfully achieved Circle of a Handball Life, a tailored framework targeting the partnership with the EHF member nations, is foreseen to be inserted in the sporting and administrative landscape, strengthening the common path in terms of enlarging the community and developing the practicing areas.

Grassroots handball within the EHF Grassroots Charter will be defined as a non-professional and non-elite way of playing handball. The Grassroots Charter will be linked to other working and strategic tools like the Circle of a Handball life and the RINCK Convention. The Master Plan will be integrated in the Charter.

Similar to the RINCK Convention, a responsible and suitable person will be named within the National Federations and the submission of an annual report is mandatory to show the progress. The signatory Federations will be evaluated and according to the level within the Charter they can be granted beneficiary but also penalising actions. The topic of the defining criteria for the evaluation is discussed. N. Szécsényi will prepare a suggestion for the next MC meeting.

The MC supports the implementation of a Handball Grassroots Charter within the EHF. The Grassroots Charter will also be presented at the SG Conference in March. The MC members are asked to send their input and ideas until 11 March to implement them in time.

A workshop together with the EHF Master Coach participants and nominated representatives of the National Federations is planned during the 3rd module of the EHF Master Coach course in Vienna, before the final version will be presented at the EHF Conference of Presidents | EHF Extraordinary Congress in December for confirmation.

L. Bojić-Ćaćić is adding that on the EHF homepage a calendar could be inserted with dates of coaching courses and grassroots activities over Europe. The EHF office will work on a proposal for the calendar on the EHF homepage until next MC meeting in May.

5.2 Wheelchair handball

5.2.1 European Wheelchair Handball Championship 2025

The EHF Wheelchair Handball qualification tournament (“four-a-side”) for the World Championships 2025 in Egypt did not take place as there was no organizer found for taking over the event. Four national federations registered for the tournament (FRA, POR, NED and ESP). Europe has two places at the world championship, respectively two teams that registered the earliest were nominated: FRA, POR. The substitute nations are NED and ESP.

5.2.2 EHF wheelchair handball referees & delegates

There was one late registration for a wheelchair delegate – Gordana Gjorgjeska | MKD. She was allowed to take the test and passed. Due to the uncertainty of the scope of future EHF wheelchair championships, P. Sequeira proposes to postpone wheelchair handball education courses until 2025. The MC members accept this proposal.

5.2.3 Future of Wheelchair Handball

Pedro Sequeira informs about the discussion at the last EXEC meeting about the future of Wheelchair Handball within the EHF.

P. Sequeira states that the development of wheelchair handball and the subsidiary education is within the responsibility of the MC, but the organization of official competitions shall move to the competences of the CC.

In December it was decided at the EXEC meeting, that the development of wheelchair handball | six-a-side, will be supported with a fixed budget of 125000 € p.a.

At the SG Conference P. Sequeira will ask the NFs about their plans and commitment to develop wheelchair handball.

The EHF will nominate one person, who will represent the EHF within the IHF Wheelchair “Task Force”.

5.3 Handball coaching app

There was still no feedback from “Sportradar” regarding a possible cooperation. The option of creating a video platform in cooperation with XPS is considered.

After a productive conversation at the Grassroots Convention with Viktor Glatthard, a meeting was initiated with Bjarte Myrhol and Viktor Glatthard from “Learn Handball”. Topic of the meeting was a possible cooperation regarding their handball coaching app. Learn Handball can offer the digital platform to publish content regarding the Grassroots Charter and the Circle of a Handball Life. After establishing mutual interest and a first positive impression, detailed discussions are in planning. Further evaluation involving different departments will take place internally. Learn Handball are ready to cooperate in terms of sharing the data.

An alternative approach is coming from the company “Blindside”. The Blindside app offers a wide platform for users/coaches to have access to an extensive array of exercises, educational content, and networking – an ideal environment for grassroots digitalization. The activity does not focus only on handball but also on other team and individual sports – interdisciplinary cross-semination of content if needed for specific age groups.

5.4 Circle of a Handball Life

P. Sequeira underlines that every new project must be linked to the Circle of a Handball Life.

The future development of manuals depends mostly on the workload within the EHF office as well as the budget (regarding the injury prevention manual see 3.2).

6. Development (Embrace Handball projects)

SMART programmes: The final report of ISR arrived shortly before the MC meeting. The report has no substantial value. The EHF office will contact ISR about this.

ALB, MDA and RUS are the only projects left with open support.

- MDA ends 05/24. The interim report was sent in February 2024. The nomination of an EHF Expert (referee) is open. MDA was contacted by the EHF office.
- ALB ends 12/24. Phase 3 started in January 2024. The EHF office contacted Albania regarding the ongoing programme and EHF Expert nominations.
- RUS ended 08/23. Due to restrictions phase 3 is still on hold. The open material (beach handball) can be sent when the restrictions lift.

360 Master Plan Development Programme: currently 15 active or partly active programmes: LAT, MLT, GEO, SCO, CRO, TUR, ENG, GBR, SLO, MNE, BEL, ITA, LUX, SUI, and GER. New applications are coming from POR, CYP, ISR and ALB.

Aligned with the personnel changes within the EHF Office, in the forthcoming future the administration and development of the Master Plan will become part of the S&GS department with a regular involvement of the MC.

6.1 Wheelchair Handball – Project University of Alicante

Carmen Manchado is presenting a Wheelchair Handball project from the University of Alicante. Design students from the University of Alicante created illustrated videos and logos regarding the promotion of wheelchair handball within the EHF as part of a study project. The videos receive very positive feedback from the MC. It is suggested to show parts of them before presenting about wheelchair handball at the SG Conference in Copenhagen. A coordination with EHF Business Development and Marketing Department (Lena Sperger) is required and will follow.

7. TD/CAN report

Doru Simion shortly reports from the meeting of the EHF Technical Delegation on 29 January 2024.

8. EHF Experts List - renewal

The EHF office provides the MC with a renewed list of EHF experts. A total of 32 new experts should be included as EHF experts. 24 of the candidates are well-known and there is no evaluation and interview needed. 8 of the candidates need to be evaluated and interviewed before they can be suggested as full candidates. Two of the members must be deleted from the list, because they passed away. One expert is suggested to be removed from the list, as the offered quality was poor. For the updated list see enclosure 4. A final list will be presented to the EHF EXEC in their next meeting in April 2024.

9. 2025 EHF Scientific Conference

Joao Monteiro gives a quick overview on the 2023 EHF Scientific Conference. There were 144 present and 53 online participants, 4 key-speakers and 35 presentations from speakers with 12 different nationalities. The documentation of the delivered papers is in progress and will be finished until the end of May 2024. A report of the event was delivered to all MC members (see enclosure 5).

The EHF Scientific Conference in 2025 will be held in Zagreb, Croatia on 13/14 November 2025. A site visit by the EHF office staff will take place end of October 2024. To communicate and promote the event timely, the topic must be defined. Proposed, temporary title is: "Empowering Handball Communities - Strengthening Grassroots Development". The MC members will provide their input.

10. Others

- Dual career for players / coaches
P. Sequeira emphasizes that the dual career for active players and for coaches needs to be promoted via the National Federations. The criteria, curriculum and the timing of coaches' courses of level 2 and 3 must take the schedule of active players and coaches into consideration. The fast lane for players and coaches also applies for the dual careers (see 4.1.5).
To inform active players about the possibility of a dual career, it is suggested to have a webinar with a group of exemplary coaches like Ales Pajovic and George Buricea (head coaches' men's senior national teams & participants of EHF Master Coach 2024). J. Monteiro will consider this for the 2024 webinars.
- EHF University Handball Teachers
The procedure proposed by P. Sequeira is confirmed:
The existing database of University Handball Teachers will be updated by rebuilding the network, contacting universities and connecting teachers. One goal of this network is to gain valuable input for the scientific community in general and targeting the EHF Scientific Conference in particular. It is planned to announce the University Handball Teachers network on the EHF homepage as well as on the Social Media channels for academics to apply for the network. An online registration should be available (to be clarified with the IT department). To increase the visibility of the network, it is suggested that the Scientific Conference 2025 will be in partnership with the EHF University Handball Teachers.
- EHF Glossary of Handball Terms and Expressions
The next update of the EHF Glossary will be for the season 2025/26. All inputs in this regard should be forwarded directly to J. Monteiro.
The MC wants to remember the stakeholders to use the glossary for official documents.
P. Sequeira suggests a redesign of the title page.
- Special Olympics
D. Simion reports about a meeting on 12 November 2021 with Miroslaw Krogulec (Secretary General Special Olympics Europe / Eurasia), Marc Angelini / Board member SO Raphael Loskot / Sport director SO Austria, Markus Pichler / Board member of SO Austria and Martin Hausleitner in Vienna. It was a fruitful exchange, the proposal referred to:
Questionnaire addressed to EHF member federations | Create a "Special Handball" profile and promotion strategy (involving EHF departments in charge) | Make "Special Handball" visible (ambassadors, promotion matches, education, etc.) | Define projects for professional "Special Handball" and on grassroots level | Offer both programmes to Member Federations, but there were no further reactions since then.
P. Sequeira informs about a video call on 4 September 2023 with M. Krogulec as a follow-up on the visit of the Special Olympic Games in Berlin. Krogulec reported about a coaching seminar in DEN and a webinar. Also, there were no further contacts afterwards.
Despite the communication difficulties (only 2 persons are responsible for whole Europe and Eurasia), the MC is still interested in further cooperation. A first step could be a coaches' seminar in Denmark, November 2024, preceded by webinars. P. Sequeira will continue the communication with the SOEE.
- ICCE: Coaches and E-Coaches framework
In November 2023, on behalf of ICEE Europe, P. Sequeira visited the 14. ICCE Global Coach Conference in Singapore. A memorandum of understanding between ICCE and the Global eSports Federation was concluded with the content of building an education framework for

eSport coaches. P. Sequeira in his position as “Member at large Europe” |2021 – 2025 within the ICCE Board is asking to share the EHF RINCK Convention manual with the Global eSport Federation to help them develop eSport coaches. The proposal is accepted by the MC.

- Sport Coaching Europe
Furthermore, P. Sequeira informs about the ICCE Coaching Europe, the continental federation within the ICCE. They provide a platform for coaching networks for all sports, which can be used as well by the handball coaches as model for building up own association.

11. Any other business

- EHF Heads of Refereeing Convention 2024 | 19/20. April 2024, Vienna
Guest George Bebetos informs about 3rd EHF National Heads of Refereeing Convention. Every Head of Refereeing from the National Federations is invited to this informatorily event. The lectures range from a feedback to the EURO refereeing over development, rules and technology to grassroots and cooperation with other sport federations. The MC members are encouraging a more intense exchange between coaches and referees to show the importance of the knowledge of the gameplay on referee decisions.
- EHF “Bridge” System – internal conceptual project
J. Monteiro presents the project EHF Bridge System. The idea of the system is to connect the different stakeholders in handball, where the EHF will provide the digital platform. In a first step the connection between the branches “technical staff” and “national federation education” as well as “tournaments” and “national teams, clubs and academies” will be built. In perspective, the branch “technical staff” & “national federation education” can offer a calendar to all interested stakeholder about pan-European education courses.
Current status: The project was discussed and agreed upon internally within the EHF with S&GS department, IT department and leadership and will move forward.
- Handball Research Database – internal conceptual EHF project
Matej Nekoranec presents the internal concept of the Handball Research Database. The goal of the database is to keep up to date with the most recent academic research regarding handball. The database will be updated regularly.
A long-term perspective can be to create an EHF index out of the database.
- EHF MC activity areas | working fields | new titles
At the last EXEC meeting a motion regarding the activity areas | working fields | new titles wording was introduced. The motion was supported by the EXEC but still recommended a better and eloquent wording in designing and defining the titles which shall clearly reflect the scientific approach. The MC is proposing the following titles for the working fields:

Analysis & Coaching - Analysing events and transferring insights into coaching and training practice

Education & Methods - Building a framework for educating coaches (key ambassadors) and transferring it into education practice through practicable methods

Research & Innovation - Scientific approaches to developing our sport from within by optimising existing structures through innovations

Grassroots & Development - Attracting new people to our sport and promoting the sport from the outside by developing new structures and ideas.

Gender representative (unchanged)

A motion will be prepared for the next EXEC meeting in April 2024.

The specific activity areas and working fields will be discussed further in the next MC meeting.

- EHF SG Conference | 20 - 22. March 2024, Copenhagen
At the EHF SG Conference Pedro Sequeira and Joao Monteiro will present the proposal regarding the relaunch of the RINCK Convention. Noémi Szécsényi will present the idea and the draft of the EHF Grassroots Charter. The third input from the MC will be about the future of wheelchair handball.
- Kids Handball Festival, Porto/Portugal
There will be two Kids Handball Festivals in Portugal in 2024:
 - Event 1 from 29 June to 2 July for 12- and 13-year old kids;
 - Event 2 from 4 to 7 July for kids from 8-11 years.Both are planned with indoor and outdoor activities, a tournament and other activities. The support from the EHF would be appreciated with materials (balls, goals) and experts (education of coaches and parents) as well as media coverage and promotion. The kids festival shall serve as a best practice example within the Grassroots Charter.
Both events are planned close to Porto, the respective halls are booked, and the promotion will start in the next weeks. Event 1 will be in one single location and the federation expects around 1000 kids. Event 2 is organised in 4 villages approx. 20-25 km from one another, in total also 1000 kids are expected. Especially because of the age group participating, the MC opts that the EHF will support event 2 and Noémi Szécsényi will go to Portugal to promote the GR Charter.

P. Sequeira thanks the participants and closes the meeting.

For the minutes:



Eva Reihofer