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## **EDGF General Assembly**

### **Virtual Annual Meeting – Google Meet**

**Tuesday, December 9, 2025 19:00 – 21:00 CET**

#### **1. Welcome and Call of order (19:05)**

President Frank Hellstern welcomed all attendees to the meeting. The invitations to this GA has been sent in time and according to our statutes to the country members. There are no proposals/motions submitted by the members.

Welcome note by Haude Hermand, President of EFDF (European Flying Disc Federation). EFDF recognizes a very positive development of EDGF and the growth of disc golf in Europe. The cooperation with EDGF is very positive and she is looking forward on a strong positioning of the European disc golf sport within the WFDF organizational frame. EFDF will hold its General Assembly on 21 January 2026.

#### **2. Roll call and confirmation of votes allotted**

General Secretary Paul Francz did a roll call of members. A separate table provides a list of participants and the allocated votes. 18 countries were present at the meeting.

Number of votes: 31                      Majority: 17

#### **3. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda **approved** without changes. Paul Francz accepted for taking the minutes.

#### **4. Annual Reports**

##### **4.1. EDGF President (Frank Hellstern)**

The full report in writing is available on our website.

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#### **4.2. EDGF General Secretary (Paul Francz)**

- The administration within EDGF run smoothly. The BoD could held full 12 monthly online meetings. All minutes are available on our website.
- All documents available in table form (on google) nicely formatted as Word Doc as well (PDF) and available to download on our website.
- Contact details of our members to be reported regularly by the members. PF to find an optimal way to enable countries to report eventual changes.
- Very busy year with EDGC and EMDGC. Limits have been shown at EMDGC.
- Website always under further development (country member's page). National championships published as well. Not all countries replied. Same action for 2026.
- EDGF logo implemented without problems and various promotional items produced for EDGC and EMDGC. Beach Flags, Banners, Ad Wall, Floor signs. Material available again for 2027 maybe with additional items.

#### **4.3. EDGF Events Director (Richard Kollar)**

- Short report on EDGC and EMDGC as well. Pointing out the very successful Juniors European championships and the high players' level, especially in MJ18.

#### **5. Financial Report**

See slide 23 to 25 of presentation. Auditor's report (see slide 26). As recommended at the last GA, the report issued with both, CHF and Euro. Full details on revenue and expenses are available in a separate document (available on the website -> "General Assembly").

#### **6. Discharge of the Board of Directors**

With the discharge of the board by the members the bygone time of office of the board ends and the members, declare that they accept the work, the paying and decisions and especially the financial actions of the old board.

The GA **discharged** the BoD unanimously (31 yes).

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## 7. Approval of new EDGF members

We have received 4 memberships application: Greece, Malta and Monaco as regular members, MFDC (Mediterranean Flying Disc Confederation) as extraordinary member.

GA unanimously (31 yes) **approved** new members.

## 8. Membership Fees

No proposals for changing the fees. The fees remain as approved by GA 2023. New invoices will go out in January 2026.

## 9. Budget 2025

See slide 36 of presentation. In 2026 there will be no European Disc Golf Championships. We therefore don't expect any additional income besides our membership fees.

The expenses will also be limited to the regular costs needed for running our federation. The budget table shows those positions only. Values are in Euros.

In 2027, there will be European Championships and therefore we will add the event-related positions to the budget again on the revenues and expenses columns

GA unanimously (31 yes) **approved** the budget 2026.

## 10. Submitted Proposals

There were no specific proposals submitted by the members.

The EDGF BoD proposes the revised version of the "EDGF Events Format & Standards" to be approved by the General Assembly. The updated version was sent in advance together with the invitation for the GA to the countries by EDGF. Full document is available formatted on our website. Event Director Richard Kollar highlighted the minor changes.

GA unanimously (31 yes) **approved** the updated "ECs Format & Standards".

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## 11. Elections

The current term (2023–2025) for the BoD ended and full elections for the new term (2026–2029) are required. According to our Statutes, the BoD will be elected in a general election (“in corpore”) by the GA.

The following persons are proposed to be elected (re-elected) for the EDGF BoD: Frank Hellstern, Laura Heikkilä, Paul Francz, Richard Kollar, Tapani Aulu.

We still are lack of 2 BoD members. No candidates submitted by the country members. EDGF needs more people to bring the federation at a next level (quantity and quality of work). EDGF BoD to keep this subject on the agenda and will contact countries individually again in 2026.

Karin Rubin will continue as **Auditor**.

GA unanimously (31 yes) **elected** all proposed persons for the BoD and the Auditor.

## 12. Other Business

### 12.1. EDGF Event Identity

See slide 43–52. Paul Francz presented the new Events Logo and the possibilities of its usage. The proposed logo still needs some polishing and the used fonts have to be defined finally. Detailed information of all elements, font types, sizes and usage will be available in our new **EDGF Branding Manual**.

## 13. Questions & Suggestions

Denmark complaint that there was no deadline mentioned with the bidding information, and that the given time to prepare a bid was too tight. PF mentioned that the initial mail to the members was intended to receive a respond from those who interested in submitting a bid. With the return mail, a link to the online bidding information was provided. The Q&A document clearly stated the deadline (1<sup>st</sup> of December 2025) for submitting bids. Also a special FB/Instagram post boosted the deadline.

We closed this discussion with a conclusion, that more time should be given to prepare bids (2–3 months deadline) and the communication shall become better.

Richard Kollar responded a questions from the Netherlands regarding European Team Championships. There is no concept yet from EDGF, but the event is in the channel. There are still a lot of open questions to solve (space on calendar, format, etc.).

Frank Hellstern concluded this General Assembly by thanking everyone for the time and support for EDGF. Also tanking again the BoD members for their work during 2024. Merry Christmas.

**Meeting END: 21:15 CET**

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## **Addendum 1**

### **EDGF President's Reports (Frank Hellstern)**

Dear representatives of our Member countries,

Dear Haude from the EFDF,

Dear fellow members of the Board,

I'm glad and honored to present my report at this general assembly.

Before I begin, I want to thank Haude for her warm words and the support the EDGF and Disc Golf gets from her personally, but also from the whole Board of the EFDF. We always feel supported and understood. Thanks to you and your whole Board. I am glad to be a member of the EFDF Board.

2025 was an uneven year and therefore once again a year full of excitement, lots of work, excellent disc golf, motivated and professional Local Organizing Committees, meetings and cooperations with some of the greatest, most experienced people and organizations in our sport.

Or to say it with less words: It was the year of the 2026 EDGF Championships for the Open, the Juniors and the Master. These Championships are always the pinnacle of our work. Once every two years, the very best Disc Golf Players in all Divisions come together and play for the titles of European Champions. A title that every European Player would like to have at least once in his career.

We saw extraordinary events for the Juniors and the Open in Langevåg, Norway. At one of the most beautiful places in the world, where Disc Golf is being played. After an opening ceremony, which offered an incredible experience in the fjords of Norway the event began.

On a course that challenges even the best players under ideal conditions, we saw weather conditions that brought the players, but also everyone involved in the organization, and the live coverage to their limits. Wind, Storm, Rain on a

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scale that made it impossible to start the final round for almost half of the day - but finally with a little luck and a lot of engagement of everyone involved, the European Disc Golf Championships 2025 came to a fair and satisfying finish. Nobody who shared this week at the west coast of Norway will ever forget it. It was a truly unique experience.

I would like to thank Oyvind Jarnes and his Team, the DGPT media crew, Mikko Wittman the TD and everybody, who was involved over the last two years, for the great job they all made, and especially for the open, friendly and very productive atmosphere in which the cooperation took place.

Last but not least, I want to thank ,Richard Kollar for his job as Curse official and in the work with the LOC, the media and the PDGAE. Paul gave us continuous support from his home base. A big thank you to you Paul.

Especially remarkable is that 2025 the Junior Event at the EJDGC had again the by far best field of Juniors world wide. Our decisions to let all Juniors play, independent of their PDGA status, i.e, wether they are listed as Pro or AM, brought the best of the best together in Norway. The rest of the world is carefully watching this concept and there are already ideas to copy our system to the best of the Junior Divisions worldwide.

In August, the best Master players of Europe came together in Salzgitter, Germany for the 2025 EDGF Master ,Disc Golf Championships. The event, with a course, also on a little island, fitting for all Divisions offered, ended with Master Titles in all nine Divisions played. Every year we see that the competition in the Master Division gets more intense and the level of play is also rising to an incredible level and there is no limit in sight so far.

I want to thank Andreas Martin and his team and everybody, involved in making this event an success, for their great work. Paul put an incredible amount of effort into this event. Travelling there some weeks ahead to check the areal and talk to the local staff, and then working tirelessly during the event, while taking part himself in this event, to make things happen in the right way. Richard and

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Tapani Aulu, one of our finish Board members also supported him there. Thank you to all of you.

A special thank you goes to the PDGA Europe, especially to Matej Verl who did an incredible job as course official in Norway, to Calixto Garcia who was at both events locations and provided media support, especially organized the video coverage of the EMDGC. Without the incredible efforts they made, those events would not have been as good as they were. We also want to thank Juuso Nieminen and Christer Christianson, the President of the Board of Directors of the PDGA Europe for their continuous support during these events.

In 2025, we were able to finish a memorandum of understanding with the PDGAE that for the first time officially set the framework of the cooperation between those two entities. With the financial support, the PDGA Europe granted us for the organization of the European Disc Golf Championship. We were able to show way better support for the Local Organizing Committees than ever before. A big shout out to the PDGA Europe for this support.

Even so that we had to spend the largest part of our efforts for the European Championships, this was by far not all what we had on our agenda this year. We are in constant talks and discussions about the future of Disc Golf, not only in Europe. We try to build better networks within the WFDF, strengthen our position in the existing framework and try to use our influence to grow our sport on the top level.

We are now about to get into 2026 and one might think that without an event this would be a calmer year. And in a way this will hopefully be so. But, as most of you might have realized, we already prepared and opened the bidding process for the EDGF championships in 2027 AND 2029. So for the first time we are able to already offer the ability to bid for events 4 years ahead of time.

We are convinced that this is a great chance for our Organization, but especially for LOCs to prepare such huge events years ahead. With enough time, they can develop structures, connections, and staff and maybe can even set up test events. We already got a hand full of excellent bids from some of the most

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experienced and best-known organizing teams and venues in Europe. The winner of those bids will be published hopefully within the next 10 days.

These biddings also show the growing standing of the EDGF Championships within a constantly evolving Disc Golf Tournament scene in Europe.

The growing success of, and the high standards of European events, lead to the already famous European Summer in our sport. With the PDGA Worlds being held in Europe for the first time in Nokia and Tampere, the European Disc Golf Festival in Tallinn, a PDGA Major that set new standards in event organization, some more European DGPT events and last but definitely not least our European Championships – Europe showed the world that it has much to offer for the future of our sport.

So 2026 is waiting just round the corner. We will work with the LOCs of the upcoming European Championships, we will work with our members to help them prepare for the upcoming qualifications for the 2027 championships, we will discuss all kind of matters with the WFDF, the PDGA Europe and the DGPT.

One of the topics that needs our special attention is the idea of a European Team Disc Golf Championship. With Disc Golf being part of the World Games in Chengdu and with the already 70+ Teams registered for the Team Worlds 2026 it's obvious that this event is very attractive and essential for the further growth of Disc Golf in the WFDF/IOC world. A continental Team Event is something Europe should have, and we think it's our job, the job of the EDGF to organize such an event. But so far there are just a few ideas and it's a long way to get from their to a high-level Event.

The EDGF is a powerful organization with 30+ members and our voice is heard in Europe and more and more even outside of Europe. We are in charge of the European Disc golf Championships and maybe in the upcoming future of more European Disc Golf Events That sound like a very impressive resume and in a way it is impressive indeed.

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But at the end of the day we are only five people running the show. Five qualified, experienced and highly motivated people, but still just five, who try handle all of this in their free time. We are trying to get things done with a budget that is just a very small fraction of the budget the organizations have, that work with us. At least 2025 was the first year that we were able to pay those five people some money to compensate for their expenses and their efforts throughout the year.

If we want to keep up, not to mention increase our influence we definitely need more people in our organization. We are small and flexible, that allows us to find a fitting job description and position for everyone who wants to join and bring his or her special capabilities and interests to the table.

We know that every organization in Disc Golf needs help, starting from the smallest club up to the biggest national associations. The EDGF can offer you, playing a role in developing our sport on the highest sportive level in Europe, in cooperation with the best and most experienced people, players and organizations in the world. We are looking forward to work with you. Yes, with you!

Thank You!