

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIVITIES - SEPTEMBER 2025



Dear Taekwon-Do Family,

It has now been four months since I was honoured to be elected as President of the AETF. I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved together in this short time, and to share some of the exciting developments that lie ahead.

*UNITED IN STRENGTH. BUILDING THE
FUTURE OF TAEKWON-DO.*

SETTING A CLEAR DIRECTION

Since May, your new Board of Directors has been hard at work, meeting more than ten times already to shape the future of our Federation. We came together at AETF Headquarters in Lublin, Poland for a leadership meeting focused on governance, documentation, finance, and alignment with the ITF. We also held an **Information Meeting with our National Associations**, ensuring all members are updated and involved in our journey. Through our Development Committee, we have begun direct meetings with member countries to listen, learn, and support their growth.

COMMITTEES MOBILISED

A major early priority was to activate all of our Committees. Thanks to an open call, every committee is now fully staffed and working with energy. We held a **Committee Strategy Workshop in La Nucia, Spain**, giving all committees the chance to align on their goals and begin their projects. This is a historic moment: never before have we had such a complete and active committee structure driving the Federation forward.

TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT

In August, the Technical Committee, under Grand Master Willy van de Mortel, met in Helmond to map out its strategy. The team is now working on harmonising standards and building cooperation across Europe, ensuring the highest level of technical quality for our members.

COMPETITION PATHWAY - THE EUROPEAN RANKING SYSTEM

We have launched a new **European Ranking System**, creating a transparent pathway for athletes and umpires. This includes the introduction of Official AETF Open Ranking Tournaments, which will form a European League of Championships and connect with our European Cup and European Championships. We are very proud to have received **22 applications from across Europe** to host these Ranking Tournaments. This strong response shows the enthusiasm and willingness of our member countries to engage with new projects and demonstrates the strength of our community. The official list of tournaments for the 2025/2026 season will be announced shortly.

EDUCATION & UMPIRES

We are committed to preparing our officials for success. Work is underway on the roadmap to the **first European Qualifying Umpire Course (EQUC)**, scheduled for February 2026. Alongside this, we are developing online umpire training courses and resources that will be available throughout the year, ensuring better prepared officials and better quality events.

PARTNERSHIPS & VISIBILITY

We have also strengthened our partnerships, including a recent cooperation agreement with the **FST** and ongoing collaboration with long-term sponsors such as **Top Ten**. These relationships help us build value for our members and raise the profile of the AETF on the international stage.

MODERNISING OUR PRESENCE

One of the most visible changes has been the launch of our **new AETF website – itfeurope.org** – providing transparent access to news, events, rankings, history, and resources. Alongside this, we introduced a refreshed **AETF brand and logo**, while protecting our original emblem as a heraldic crest to honour our history.

GOVERNANCE FOUNDATIONS

We are reviewing our statutes and by-laws to ensure strong and modern governance, and we have also begun the process of protecting the AETF brand and trademarks. These steps are essential in building the solid foundations our Federation needs.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

We want to be open and accessible to all our member countries. National Associations are encouraged to use the new process for event promotion through the AETF website and to actively engage with committees. The door is open – your input and participation will shape our success.

LOOKING AHEAD

The coming months will be busy and exciting. The announcement of the new **Ranking Tournament calendar** is just around the corner, alongside preparations for the European Championships, the European Cup, umpire and technical courses, webinars, and more. I encourage you to follow our website and social media channels for the latest updates.

The past four months have shown what we can achieve when we work together with commitment and vision. I am proud of the progress we have made, but even more excited for the future we are building. Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Yours in Taekwon-Do,

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