



# END-OF-YEAR MESSAGE 2025 DECEMBER 2025

Dear Taekwon-Do Family,

As we come to the end of 2025, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to every member of our European Taekwon-Do community. This year has been one of renewal, hard work, and meaningful progress for the AETF—made possible only through your trust, energy, and continued support.

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





## SETTING A CLEAR DIRECTION

Since being elected in April, our focus has been on setting a clear direction for the future of our Federation. As outlined in my September President's Report, we strengthened governance foundations, activated all committees, launched new digital platforms, modernised our brand, expanded partnerships, and established transparent pathways for athletes and officials. These were important milestones in building a stronger and more connected AETF.

In the final months of the year, our shared progress continued with several key developments:

- ▶ the **launch of the AETF Ranking Emblem**, marking a new era of European competition identity;
- ▶ the **AETF Board & Committees Coordination Meeting**, reinforcing unity and shared purpose across all working groups;
- ▶ and the **first online Teams session** from the AETF Umpire Committee, engaging more than 140 umpires across Europe and preparing the way for our new Active Umpire Program.

The coming year will be one of the most active, ambitious, and exciting in our Federation's history. We are proud to prepare for:

- ▶ **Elite Stage – January 2026, La Nucia, Spain**
  - Including an exciting new initiative during the Gala event: **Team Europe vs Team South America**, a showcase of high-level international talent and cooperation.
- ▶ **Official AETF Ranking Tournaments:**
  - Sarajevo – February 2026
  - Dublin – March 2026
  - Málaga – November 2026
- ▶ **AETF European Qualifying Umpire Course – February 2026 in Maribor**
- ▶ **AETF European Championships – April 2026 in Maribor**
- ▶ **Launch of new committee-led projects, including:**
  - the AETF Fair Play Awards, promoting sportsmanship and integrity
  - the AETF Technical Course, supporting the harmonisation and development of technical standards across Europe

These activities will continue to build on the strong foundations we set this year, offering new opportunities for athletes, umpires, coaches, and National Associations across our continent.

## KEY DEVELOPMENTS

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026



## A MESSAGE OF THANKS AND WARM WISHES

I am deeply proud of what we have achieved together during 2025. Our progress is not the work of individuals—it is the result of a **united European Taekwon-Do family** committed to cooperation, transparency, and the future of our sport.

As we enter the festive season, **I wish all our members, families, and supporters a happy, peaceful, and joyful Christmas, and a New Year filled with good health and success.**

Thank you once again for your trust and your dedication. I look forward to seeing you all in 2026 as we continue building the future of Taekwon-Do across Europe—stronger, together.

Yours in Taekwon-Do,

**Master Tomaz Barada**

President, All Europe Taekwon-Do Federation

