

AETF Board Meeting – Public Summary

Date: Friday, 9 January 2026

Location: La Nucia, Spain | **Time:** 09:00–14:00

Purpose

This public summary outlines key discussions and decisions of the AETF Board Meeting, excluding confidential, sensitive, personal, or commercially restricted information.

Attendance

Chaired by the AETF President, with the Board of Directors present alongside the Advisor, Technical Director and Chair of the Revisory Commission.

Key Outcomes

1) Governance & Strategic Direction (2025–2029)

The Board reviewed outcomes of the Strategic Workshop (8 January) and reaffirmed priorities: stronger governance and professionalism, improved quality and consistency of AETF services, increased value for member countries, and a stable, credible AETF role within the ITF framework.

2) Finance & Budget 2026

The Board agreed to strengthen financial administration and regular reporting arrangements. The **2026 budget framework was approved**, with planned investments in premier events, education and development, communications/marketing, and organisational infrastructure.

3) Oversight

The Revisory Commission emphasised reserve planning, consistent financial policies, and risk-based oversight with transparent reporting.

4) Competitions, Events & Umpire Education

The Board confirmed key event priorities, including the **AETF European Championships 2026 (Maribor, 12–19 April 2026)** and official ranking tournaments for 2026. The **AETF Umpire Course (Maribor, 6–8 February 2026)** and supporting online modules were also confirmed, alongside steps to strengthen officiating selection and related communications.

5) Education & Development

Education was reaffirmed as a strategic pillar, including continued development of the AETF online learning platform and planning for multiple annual webinars and educational activities.

6) Membership, Statutes & Communication

The Board noted ongoing work on statutes/by-laws (with legal review and member consultation), the importance of clear membership processes and accurate data, and confirmed that public-facing Board summaries and periodic President's reports will continue as part of transparency commitments.

Next Meeting

The next planned in-person Board meeting will take place in **Maribor (April 2026)** in conjunction with the AETF European Championships.