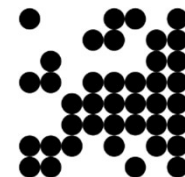


## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

European Go Federation, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Leipzig, Germany

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## OPENING OF THE MEETING

**Welcome** to Leipzig AGM! It is a great pleasure to be together again in friendship.

I would firstly like to thanks and appreciate the presence of our friends from Asia.



## VERIFYING PRESENCE / VOTING RIGHTS

Country	Representative	Voting rights
<b>Armenia</b>		0
<b>Austria</b>	Elian Gregoriu / Mirta Medak	2
<b>Belgium</b>		2
<b>Bosnia-Herzegovina</b>		0
<b>Bulgaria</b>		1
<b>Croatia</b>		1
<b>Cyprus</b>	Nicholas Roussos	1
<b>Czechia</b>	Lenka Dankova	2
<b>Denmark</b>	Mathis Elmgaard Isaksen / Finn Nørgaard	1
<b>Finland</b>	Tomi Petäjänieniemi	2
<b>France</b>		4
<b>Georgia</b>		0
<b>Germany</b>	Antonius Claasen	4
<b>Hungary</b>	László Bóvíz / György Csizmadia	2
<b>Iceland</b>		1
<b>Ireland</b>	Stephen Nulty	1
<b>Israel</b>	Amir Fragman	2
<b>Italy</b>	William Korcari	2
<b>Kazakhstan</b>	-	1

Country	Representative	Voting rights
<b>Lithuania</b>	Tomas Sabirovas	2
<b>Luxembourg</b>		1
<b>Netherlands</b>	Frank Janssen	3
<b>Norway</b>	Pål Sannes	1
<b>Poland</b>	Oleksandr Yeroshkin	2
<b>Portugal</b>	João Ferreira	1
<b>Romania</b>		2
<b>Serbia</b>	Mihajlo Andjelic	2
<b>Slovakia</b>	Pavol Chalmoviansky	2
<b>Slovenia</b>		1
<b>Spain</b>	Carlos Moreno Morera	2
<b>Sweden</b>	Staffan Backlund	2
<b>Switzerland</b>	Flavien Aubelle / Lorenz Trippel	2
<b>Turkey</b>		2
<b>Ukraine</b>		2
<b>United Kingdom</b>	Colin Williams	3
<b>EGD</b>	Lorenz Trippel	n/a



# VOTE: AGENDA

(REMINDER OF THE AGENDA IN THE FOOTER, BOLD = ITEM TO VOTE)

**Vote**  
**Do you accept the agenda?**

VOTE

1.  
Opening

Opening of the meeting  
Verifying presence / voting rights  
**Accepting the agenda**

VOTE

6.  
European  
Tournament  
calendar

Short updates  
**Call for candidates**

2.  
International

Presentation of international bodies  
Report IGF directors

7.  
Budgets

Presentation of 2023 / 2024 budget

VOTE

3.  
Previous AGM  
minutes

**Acceptance of last year minutes**

VOTE

8.  
Proposals

Membership fees (multiple items)  
Multiple nationalities  
Length of EGC

4.  
New members

No new members

9.  
Commissions

No new appointment

VOTE

5.  
Reports EGF

Reports of the board  
**Report of auditor and discharge**  
Reports of officers/commissions

10.  
EGC reports

2023 Leipzig, Germany  
2024 Toulouse, France  
Call for candidates

BREAK  
30 min.

11.  
Internet

PGETC  
EYGTC



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## IGF is “on hold”

1. In last 11 months, **IGF was mostly inactive**
  2. **China has the lead** on IGF until end of May 2024
    - **Issues within Chinese Weiqi Association**
    - No president, no general secretary
1. March 2023: Japan decided to step in as no IGF activity happened
  2. May 2023: Missing meetings were organized online

## Major events

- **WAGC 2022** was online  
Missing invitations December 2022
- **WAGC 2023** in China?  
China might organize it in Autumn, face-to-face TBD



# VOTE: PREVIOUS AGM MEETING MINUTES

Complete report



## Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

Held on Tuesday 26th July 2022 from 18:00 [EEST](#) to 23:45 in City Hall Vatra Dornei, Romania

### Agenda

0. Present

- President:** M
- Vice-President:** Li
- Vice-President:** Je
- Secretary:** Lo
- Treasurer:** H
- Executive Officer:** C

**Auditors:** N

Official representatives, 1

**Country**    **Representative**

Croatia      Damir M

Cyprus        Nicholas

Czechia      Ondřej

Denmark     Carsten

- c. Treasurer Report, Harry vd Krogt [link](#)
- d. Vice Presidents Reports
  - Jean-Yves Papazoglou [link](#)
  - Li Ting [link](#)
- e. Other Reports of Board members
  - Catalin Taranu [link](#)

8. Report of the Auditors for 2021

- a. Report (finance / number of members)

Board discharged 38 / 38

9. Reports of Officers/Chairmen

- a. Pros Commission: Ali Jalil

Main activities last two years

broadcasts. Kept playing on

Twitch, some money from

organisations ask for transfer

to twitch.

b. Tournaments & Rules, M

Myzessin

Laszlo: Rules, Time setting

championship. Martin: A

c. Ratings (EGD), Lorenz Tr

d. Rating System Commission

Kaniuk

e. Appeals: Leo Dal Zovo, H

f. Academy: Gabriel Wagn

g. SEYGO: Damir Medak

10. Election of Executive Officer

conditions for the top boards, Antti also organized lessons at the congress area in front of the sports hall.

- b. Call for candidates congress 2023. Progress report on 2023: Kamyanets-Podilskyi, Ukraine is canceled, Ukraine asks to have the congress postponed. Germany is clarifying if possible.

c. Progress report on 2024: Toulouse, France [link](#)

d. Call for candidates congress 2025: Poland

15. European Tournament Calendar - Selection of Hosts

a. Short updates from 2022/23:

- Women Championship 2022 (second half of year) Budapest, Hungary, 30/40 minutes outside Budapest
- Pair Go Championship 2022 Strasbourg, 8./9. October 2022
- 2022 Grand Prix Finale, Grenoble (Last week January 2023)
- Women Championship 2023, Strasbourg, France (second half of year)

b. Call for Candidates

- Student Championship 2022, Germany, Mark Rieger
- Pro Championship 2022, Israel
- Grand Slam Qualification Tournament - October/November 2022 Israel
- Youth Championship 2023, Turkey Antalya
- Pro qualification 2023, Brno, Czechia, first half of the year
- Grand Slam Qualification 2022, Israel
- Grand Slam 2023, Quzhou ?
- Grand Slam Qualification 2023
- Grand Slam 2022 Israel, Serbia
- Pair Go Championship 2023, Leksand, 16-18 August
- Student Championship 2023 (second half of year)
- Pro Championship 2023

**Vote:**

**Do you accept the AGM 2022 meeting minutes ?**



# ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

**Nothing to report**

No new members



It is not easy for me to write this report, under the continuous war situation between Ukraine and Russia. Fear is now an everyday feeling, and I keep in constant contact with our Ukrainian community.

**My main goal in joining the EGF was to create international friendship**, and I strongly hope we can come back to this spirit.





## Face-to-face Go tournaments are back!

We are happy to announce that **many tournaments happened again after a long COVID hiatus.**

The EGF and local volunteers worked many hours to make those happen, even making sure we could use **Twitch** for game reviews.

**Thank you** to all the volunteers for such friendly cooperation!

## Tournaments

- **European Go Congress** with European Championship
- **European Youth** Go Championship
- **European Professional Qualification** (2 events)
- **Pandanet** Go European Team Championship
- **Grand Slam**
- **Grand Prix Final**
- **European Professional Championship**
- **European Pair Go** Championship
- **European Women's** Championship **2022**
- **European Women's** Championship **2023**
- **European Student** Championship
- **European Youth Team** Championship
- **European Grand Prix** with tournaments in 2022 & 2023
- **SEYGO Tour** 2022 and 2023
- **Grand Slam Qualification**

## Location

- Vatra Dornei/**Romania**
- Ankara/**Turkey**
- Brno/**Czech Republic**
- Online
- Nis/**Serbia**
- Grenoble/**France**
- Online
- Strasbourg/**France**
- Budapest/**Hungary**
- Strasbourg/**France**
- Trier/**Germany**
- Online
- Various
- Various
- Hamburg/**Germany**



## EGC 2022: Romania sees it through

Albeit the **difficult circumstances** of the war having started, Catalin Taranu and Damir Medak led an **excellent team of volunteers** to make it happen.

The AGM was in a **famous city-hall room**, and it will be an unforgettable meeting.

It was a pity that nearly no one from the Far East came.

**SEYGO** tournaments at the beginning of the congress saw **almost 100 youth players!**



## EGC 2023: Germany takes the lead

Ukraine forfeited their right to organize the EGC 2023 when the war started.

**Germany stepped in at the end of 2022** to take over, 8 months before, and managed to get 700+ registrations, with **Japan, China, and Korean players coming back!**

I am **very optimistic** about this congress.

## EGC 2024 & 2025 France & maybe Poland?

**2024** will happen in Toulouse, **France**.

**2025** might happen in **Poland?** Vote on that at the end of the AGM.

To not forget: promise to Ukraine to organize the EGC whenever they will be able again.



## Asia | Contacts & far east organizations

Overall situation **became better!**

- **Japan:**
  - **face-to-face** international tournaments
  - **Pair-Go** in Tokyo in December 2022, our thanks to Mrs. and Mr. Taki
  - **First** Iwamoto Europe Foundation (IEF) directors **meeting** in Tokyo
- **China:**
  - main events **still online**, if at all
  - more **face-to-face** events **from end of 2023**
- **Korea:**
  - **new top-event** for older strong players
  - **KPMC** is back!
- Some **top tournaments are back** (Mlily, Ing-Cup, Senko-Cup) with **European representatives**
- **Very optimistic** for the future!

## China | Grand Slam & CEGO

- Long lasting COVID-zero strategy in China, so the Grand Slam 2023 could not happen there
- **Grand Slam 2023:** will happen in **Prague**
- **Contract with CEGO ended** on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, we are **still in close contact** and hope for renewed collaboration

## Japan | Iwamoto Europe Foundation (IEF)

- **Created following the selling of the EGCC** in Amstelveen
- Fund still held in Japan, discussion with European banks in progress
- **Initiated in 2022**, registered in the **Netherlands**
- **First meeting happened in Tokyo**, where we agreed on basic principles and next steps (website, first project selection, etc.)
- **Flavien Aubelle replaces Dominique Cornuejols** in the board of directors (3 from Europe, 3 from Japan)
- **Dominique worked hard** for the IEF, and **we thank her a lot**
- **Goal:** support European Go-projects for the next 25 years



## EGF tournaments highlights

- Feb. / March 2023: **7<sup>th</sup> Professional Qualification tournament**, in Brno/Czechia
- Win 6 wins, **Jan Simara** (Czechia), European Champion 2012, **is the 9<sup>th</sup> EGF professional!**
- **6<sup>th</sup> Professional Championship**: won by **Mateusz Surma** (Poland)
- **12<sup>th</sup> PGETC**: won by **Ukraine** in Vatra Dornei, EGC 2022
- **This year's PGETC finals**: here between Ukraine, France, Czechia and Israel
- **Two of our top-events were won by very strong amateurs** in place of our professional, an unexpected surprise!
  - **European Championship 2022** won by Benjamin Dréan-Guénaizia (France)
  - **Grand Slam 2022** won by Jonas Welticke (Germany)
- **Grand Prix finale** in Grenoble was won by **Stanislaw Frejlik** (Poland)

## European Go Grand Prix is back stronger!

- **2022** with **10** tournaments
- **2023** with **13** tournaments
- No more tournaments can be nominated
- **The finale 2023 will happen in London**, in parallel to the famous London Open!

## German Go Federation support & Twitch

### Thank you German Go Federation

- **EGF still under financial strain**
- Difficult to organize special activities beside the tournaments
- **German Go Federation donated** a remarkable amount of money in 2022 to help the EGF, **many thanks**

### Twitch

- **Regular Twitch streams** of important Go events, a great platform where our professionals can **promote the game and answer any questions**
- All activities mainly **organized by Ali Jabarin**



## Special situation after 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**We decided in May 2022** at the AGM **how we would handle Russian/Belarus players.**

Still, many discussions around this topic, we also do discuss it at every EGF-executives board meeting.

The EGF board is responsible for creating a friendly and peaceful Go-scene in whole of Europe, and **we do respect the choice made** by the AGM in 2022 – **choice that we continue to support.**

**We do not see any substantial change** at this war political scene from last year.  
**Therefore we want to keep our “modus operandi” unchanged on that issue.** Know that our decision is respected internationally.

## Final statement

**We are in a better position today** than one year ago, we could keep our sponsors and we hope for a new contract with CEGO. We have seen many Go tournaments resurfaced and many enthusiastic players!

**The Go-world is slowly emerging again,** and we shall do our best to keep this upward trend!

**Many thanks to you all for your great engagement for our game, please keep active!**



## EGF Secretary

1. **Communication** for the EGF, emails with stakeholders. Collected members contact information, created EGF email addresses when needed, etc.
2. **Preparing agendas** and keeping minutes for the monthly board meetings
3. **Set-up a Special General Meeting** in June 2023 for the selection of a new IEF director

We wish to collaborate more with Artem Kachanovskyi and his team at the European Go Journal to provide fresh news and quality articles for the EGF website

## EGF Webmaster

1. **Created a Google Form** for consistent **EGF Calendar submissions**
2. **Improved the Calendar and EGF front page user interface** by writing a python program
3. **Set-up webpages for various events** (e.g. Grand Slam, European Pro Qualification, European Pro Championship) with **support from Lorenz Trippel**
4. **Got board approval to move the EGF website on its own server**, separate from the EGD, and **coordinated with Lorenz Trippel who did the migration**

Ideally, we need a webmaster for this task and to update results and tournament pages on a timely basis.



## 2022 Summary

- **2022 closed with a deficit** of EUR 20'086
  - **Membership fees** of Russia and Belarus **not collected**
  - **Turkey** got a discount because of very high **inflation**
  - **Grand Prix Finale** (Jan.) **prize money** has been booked on 2022 instead of 2021 + we pay for the 2023 provision
  - **Transatlantic Pro Go League** with North America (unforeseen event) used EUR 3'500
  - On the other hand, some projects did not cost as much as estimated
- **EGF assets lower** than before
- **Still in a healthy position overall**

## EGF Academy needs our attention

- In 2022, the number of students was much lower than previously
- Participation fees could not cover the expenses
- This needs to change in the future, with better promotion and more stringent fee collection
- The academy is an important tool for the EGF!

## Next steps

- We need to increase our income and lower our expenses
- Budget 2024: we work towards a neutral budget (no deficit)
- Contract with CEGO ended, working on renewal (early stage)



## See separately

See the budgets in the AGM convocation attached documents:

1. Statement of the Financial Position
2. Statement of income and expenditure



### 2022 European championship

Vatra Dornei, Romania  
July 24<sup>th</sup> > July 31<sup>th</sup>

- **Benjamin Dréan-Guénaïzia** (France) **became European Champion**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Artem Kachanovskyi (Ukraine), 3<sup>rd</sup> Fredrik Blomback (Sweden), 4<sup>th</sup> Nikola Mitic (Serbia)



### 17<sup>th</sup> Korea Prime Minister Cup

Gwangju, Korea  
Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> > Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>

- Represented the EGF, **met with the KBF**, and was **invited to Asian Go Association AGM**
- The location **Gwangju** has an important role in the start of democracy in Korea
- The KPMC took place at the BitGoeul Gymnasium, close to the large 2002 Football World Cup stadium
- **52 players** representing their country
- **Won by the Korean** representative **Jeongseon Kim** who remained undefeated with 6 wins.
- **Our best European players** in the top 10:
  - Rob Van Zeist (Netherlands) finished 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Denis Dobranis (Romania) finished 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Rémi Campagnie (Canada) finished 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Ondrej Kruml (Czech Republic) finished 9<sup>th</sup>
- **Each player got a drawing** from **Zoé Constans**





## CEGO activities

### 1. Training in China

2022 was online training again. China recently opened after COVID, very slowly resuming activities.

We want to send young students in the Ge academy (Quzhou) this year.

### 2. Pro qualification

Jan Simara became new EGF pro in March. No qualification planned for 2024.

### 3. Grand Slam

2022: December in Nis, Serbia

2023: October 19-22 in Prague, Czechia

### 4. Chinese C league

European tam participated 2017-2019 (3 years) Stopped because of COVID, planned to restart in 2024

## Sponsor relationship

- 10 years CEGO contract will finish by end of year
- Met with the CEGO group in March, including Ge Yuhong, and the Tsinghua Weiqi foundation
- Discussed how to continue our collaboration
- **This year is election of the Chinese Go Association** (happening every 5 years), so details could not be fixed yet





I was elected one year ago, and my role has been **focused on improving the organizational level of EGF members by achieving the recognition of Go as a sport**. The way to do that is different in each country, but with common denominators.

Additionally, I am **actively conducting the Saijo European Youth Go (SEYGO) events** in 2022 and 2023 and have been **trying to get European funding** through Erasmus+ Sport since 2017.





### Recognize Go as a sport

To do that, we **need to change EGF policies**. We have a **proposition currently under review** by the EGF board, this change is non-trivial and will require time and brainstorming.

**Example of policies** that need to be implemented:

- Every game has rules and players.
- Every sport has players as club members, coaches, arbiters, and competitions.
- A national Go association/federation should consist of Go clubs.
- A national Go association should have coaches (Go teachers), certified at national or EGF level.
- A national Go association should organize permanent education of coaches (Go teachers).
- EGF should organize permanent education of coaches (Go teachers).
- Each national association should have arbiters (referees), certified as national or international referees.
- A national Go association should organize permanent education of arbiters.
- EGF should organize permanent education of arbiters.
- Each Go tournament should have a qualified arbiter, rewarded for the quality of his job.
- Participants of each Go tournament should contribute both to the national association and to the EGF.
- Participants of Go tournaments, who are not members of any national Go association, should contribute significantly more than players who are regular members of the respective national Go association.
- Funds acquired from EGF-membership fees and funds acquired from tournament participants should be re-invested in projects aiming to develop the European Go community: youth, females, popularization, media coverage, ...



### SEYGO Tour

- The youth Go project started in 2019 by Catalin Taranu 5p
- [Season 4](#) in 2022, and [season 5](#) in 2023
- **2022:** mixture of online and live tournaments
  - **Stage 1:** Online (May)
  - **Stage 2:** EGC Vatra Dornei, 74 players
  - **Stage 3:** 4<sup>th</sup> Summer Go Festival, Croatia (August)
  - **Stage 4** and **5:** Online (October, November)
  - Winners gain EGF/SEYGO vouchers, and trophies/medals were given on 28<sup>th</sup> EYGC in Ankara
- **2023:** completely switched to live events
  - **Stage 1:** Vienna, just after new year (January)
  - **Stage 2:** Winter Go Festival, Vatra Dornei (February)
  - **Stage 3:** EGC, Markkleenberg (July)
  - **Stage 4:** Summer Go Festival, Croatia (August)
  - **Stage 5:** Grenoble (October)
  - **Stage 6?:** maybe Zurich? (November)

I am ready to discuss anything during this AGM! Our current **goal is to include SEYGO Tour in the “EGF Top Events”**, and have all EGF members join as organizers.



### ERASMUS+ funding for sport

**ERASMUS+** is the EU programme for education, training, youth and sport

- Traditionally oriented to academic communities
- Since 2015, **significant financial support to sport**

**2022:** Serbia, Romania, and Croatia Go associations prepared a **“small scale partnership” project proposal**

- The project **scored very well in the review process**
- It **wasn't enough to get the funding**, but we succeeded to pass important thresholds

**2023:** we **prepared two proposals**, 1) an improve “small scale partnership” and 2) a large “cooperation partnership” with Croatia, Romania, Serbia + Austria, France. We will see how it goes!

This work is important, and **we achieve two goals:**

- 1. Raising awareness** in wider European community that Go is a sport,
- 2. Making long-term partnerships** among EGF-members resulting in new project ideas which might be funded by other sponsors.

Youth activities are crucial for the future of the European Go community, and investing toward that should be the top priority of each national association, as well as for the EGF and IGF.

The current situation with European youth is at a low, mainly due to 3 aspects:

1. Lack of funding
2. Lack of human resources
3. Isolationism

## Let's focus on teachers and fostering an active youth community

There was a golden age of sponsorship, but even then **we did not invest much in the essential needs of youth promotion.**

**Having teachers is mandatory**, and **creating an active youth community** through them is paramount.

A part time teacher could have 10-20 active students, with 100 of them we could have 1000-2000 active youth players. Reality is different.

## My initiative: Youth Managers

- Founded a **youth managers group at EGF level** which **goal is to set up an effective networking** in Europe.
- Started in January 2022, it was well received
- I'd like them to setup monthly meetings with teachers from their respective country, as to create a regular **feedback loop**: Parents/Kids > Teachers > Youth manager
- This group also **allow for faster decision making** (e.g. WYGC)
- Some future projects: database of useful tools for teachers, dedicated tab on EGF website, a European Teacher Congress?

## Main issues

- Isolationism: little communication, cooperation or support to teachers
- **Little communication** between national teachers themselves
- **No networking** at European level
- Some teachers produce hundreds of **players that become inactive**

## Solutions

- Active **policies** of each national association
- Motivate and **provide incentives for teachers** to produce more active students
- Promote better competitions





## EGF Academy

- Started 10 years ago with CEGO funds, **struggle to be sustainable**
- **Minimum 30 players are required**, we are not making that number (30 euros per month)
- Russia was providing many strong youth players in the past
- **Solution: have each country nominate and pay for one** of their top youth participation

## SEYGO Tour

- We had regular **SEYGO events in Croatia** (Zaostrog) and **Romania** (Vatra Dornei)
- On occasion, other countries got involved such as Austria, Switzerland, France and Germany
- All those countries are back on stage and the **future looks promising!**
- Until now, the tour was supported by projects, sponsors, national association, but it is becoming harder
- **7'000 EUR per year would make the tour happen**, we need to find sponsors
- IEF might help regarding that

### City League

Meant to connect youth communities by playing an **online team format**. Paul Smith (UK) is leading that project

### EYGC 2023

Thank you to the Turkish organizers! **Very well organized event** despite lack of funding. **EYGC 2024** might be in Hamburg, Germany?

### EYGTC

Long standing event that is **doing quite well** – I was not directly involved

### WYGC 2023

- Back to its live form, will take place at **Singapour**
- **Six European players** (U12 and U16) are qualified and will attend
- I will attend as team leader and look forward to discuss with sponsors and organizers of the event!



### Conclusion

**We need to improve the communication** and our regulations, but more than anything we need more funding.

**We need to reward and motivate teachers and promoters** to keep a healthy ecosystem!

Let's all pay more attention on how to fund the youth activities.





# A QUICK LOOK AT THE AGENDA...

1. Opening	Done!	6. European Tournament calendar	Short updates <b>Call for candidates</b>
2. International	Done!	7. Budgets	Presentation of 2023 / 2024 budget
3. Previous AGM minutes	Done!	8. Proposals	Membership fees (multiple items) Multiple nationalities Length of EGC
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## Introduction and context

**We would like to thank the EGF Treasurer,** Harry van der Krogt, for providing us with the necessary financial information in a **timely fashion**, and for **responding promptly** to all our questions. It made our job much easier.

**The Audit was done entirely online**, using email and Zoom between 10 April and 8 July.

The auditors had one meeting with the Treasurer together with many email exchanges, and 2 internal meetings.



## Overall approach & conclusion

In undertaking our audit **we asked four questions:**

1. Is the treasurer doing his job?
2. Is money going where it should go?
3. Is the money going as described?
4. Do the accounts show a correct record of EGF-business?

**We are pleased to report that the answer to all four questions is "Yes".**



## Methodology

- 1. The treasurer provided us with copies of all** bank statements, end-of-year bank statements, copies of all invoices received and sent out, and the financial report for 2022.
- Using these documents we were able to **verify the amounts in the various bank accounts**. For the largest items in the detailed booking list (everything above €1000) and a sample of the smaller items, we verified whether:
  - the transaction actually happened (either through bank transfer or a documented cash transaction), and
  - we verified if there was a reason documented for the transaction.
- Finally, **we checked that the Balance Sheet** as provided by the treasurer **was consistent** with the financial data provided.

Note: We have **not verified the existence of the EGF's tangible assets** (sets, clocks etc.).

## Findings

- 1. The bank statements provided were consistent** with the Income and Expenditure Account for the year 2022.
- For a sample of transactions, including some of the largest ones, we verified that these **payments actually happened**, and that there was a **valid reason documented**.
- We note that **there has been further improvement in the record keeping of individual payments**, and their allocation to the appropriate account.  
However, we believe that further improvement is still possible, and we recommend that the **Executive should require all claims to be made in a standard fashion before they are paid**. We believe that this would make the Treasurer's job easier (it would also make the Auditors' job easier).
- We noted that the treasurer continues to **use PayPal and Wise to minimise bank transaction fees**, and we commend him for this.
- We note that the **Balance Sheet shows "accounts payable" of €15.305** at 31 December. This is money that we owe, but which has not yet been paid. However, we note that **over 90% of this money had been paid by 10 June**. This high value is explained, in part, by sanctions imposed following the invasion of Ukraine.



## Focus on CEGO

We draw EGF Members' attention to the financial position with respect to the sponsorship from CEGO. The overall terms of the [contract with CEGO](#) require the EGF to rebate to CEGO:

- 50% of its "management fee" income
- 20% of all other income

Meaning that **each year there is a payment made to CEGO.**

Last year we were critical of the way that these payments were shown in the accounts, but **we are pleased to say that we consider that these payments are now shown properly in the Accounts.**

We note that the rebate to CEGO in 2022 amounted to €11.459, over one-third of the total payment **from** CEGO

## Suspension of Russia & Belarus

The suspension of these two countries from membership in March 2022 meant that **expected income of nearly €3.000 was not received.**

**Germany has kindly made a donation** to the EGF to make up this shortfall, but the money was paid in 2023, and is included in the 2023 budget.

## Coronavirus

We note also that the results were affected by the Coronavirus outbreak, and although it is difficult to quantify this effect we believe that the overall deficit would have been even greater without Coronavirus



## Overall results

**The EGF made a loss of over €20,000 in 2022**, which brings its overall assets down to €52.882.

**This is unsustainable.** We note that the EGF **Executive are proposing a balanced budget in the future**, but we remain doubtful that the EGF has sufficient internal controls to ensure that overspending is kept to a minimum.

## Budgetary control

The overall results indicate that the **finances of the EGF are likely to remain under pressure** for at least the next few years, and it is therefore **important that the Executive improves its budgetary control.**

As an example, the Transatlantic Go League was budgeted at zero cost, but the overall outcome was a deficit of €3.500.

We therefore believe that the Executive should take budgetary control seriously, and in particular it should:

- 1. Create a realistic budget,**
- 2. Regularly review** the budget against expected outturn, and
- 3. Control expenditure** so that it remains within the budget.

We **also believe that organisers** of individual tournaments and other projects **should provide realistic budgets**, which the Executive should approve.

**Organisers should have shared responsibility** for remaining within budget. This is not only the responsibility of the Treasurer but of the entire Executive.



## Recommendations

**Budget Control must be improved.** This should allow for control both before (to make sure that everyone spending EGF-money is aware of how much is available) and the importance of remaining within the budget.

We note that there have been **significant improvements in this area**, but we believe that **further improvements are necessary**.

This **budget control should apply to all categories in the Profit-and-Loss Account**, and **especially to all major activities** such as PGETC, European Championships and Grand Slam.

This recommendation was made for each of the last three last years, but we do not believe it has been adequately implemented.

## Final note

Despite the left recommendations, **we would like to thank the Treasurer for the work he has done**, and for his **prompt and accurate responses** to all our questions.

**We recommend that the AGM discharge the board with respect to financial management for the year 2022.**





**Vote:**  
**Do you discharge the board?**



## General updates

We've observed signs of post-COVID recovery in Go activity, with the **resumption of tournaments in Asia**. The **Lanke Cup took place live in May** (Ali 2p), and the **Mlily cup** is scheduled for August (Stanislaw 1p and Benjamin 7d), with other potential events toward year-end.

The **second edition of the Transatlantic match** (first was in 2019), a 3-round team event **between EGF and NAGF pros**, will occur in September and October.

Importantly, the **Pro Championship returned this year after a two-year hiatus**. As the only tournament in Europe exclusive to pro players, we emphasize the importance of its continuity. We were also **pleased to welcome Antti Tormanen**, who placed second in his first European tournament in many years.

## Our plans for this year

1. **Review the international nomination** point system
2. **Reevaluate the pro qualification system**. While we believe the qualifications should continue as a major motivator for top young players, we are considering changes to the frequency and/or method of qualification (currently a single-elimination tournament)
3. **Organize a new season of the online league**

## Russia-Ukraine situation

Given the tension arising from having pro players from both Ukraine and Russia, we've refrained from voting or publicizing a stance on the Russian player ban.

**We've decided to follow the EGF guidelines on this matter**. We encourage the EGF to consider their decisions carefully, communicate quickly, and provide clear guidelines.

The ban on Ilya, our top player and commentator, has had **significant detrimental effects**, which should be acknowledged.



## Twitch activities

**Twitch**, a video live streaming platform, **has been a major focus for our pro group** since we took over EGF Twitch activities three years ago.

Initially used for broadcasting our online professional league, it's now a **platform for broadcasting EGF and national tournaments with commentary**. It has become **one of the income sources** for the professionals participating in streaming.

**Our EGF channel has almost 10k followers and is the largest in the Go category.**

Streams attract an **average of 100-250 live viewers**, with peaks of 400-500 viewers during the most notable events like the 2022 Transatlantic pro league final. **Including VOD viewers, most streams attracts a few thousands of viewers.**

## Twitch is a great marketing tool

**We recommend EGF and pro players continue to invest in this platform.**

**Tournament organization should consider broadcastability**, such as scheduling games for optimal viewing and adjusting time settings for faster games.

A **consistent league format** and increased activity are encouraged to avoid intermittent scheduling.



Our highest viewed stream in 2023 so far was the final of the Pro Qualification match between Jan and Lukas, game 3



# TOURNAMENT AND RULES COMMISSION REPORT: MICHAL TIMKO, DAVID ZACEK, LASZLO BOVIZ, FRANÇOIS MYZESSIN

Nothing to report

No report





## Context

On May 5th 2023 the WHO announced that Covid is no longer a "public health emergency" so **2022 is still considered a year of pandemic** with some restrictions and fears from the previous years. **This led to less tournaments** than usual and probably it will take some more time to get back to the old times of glory.

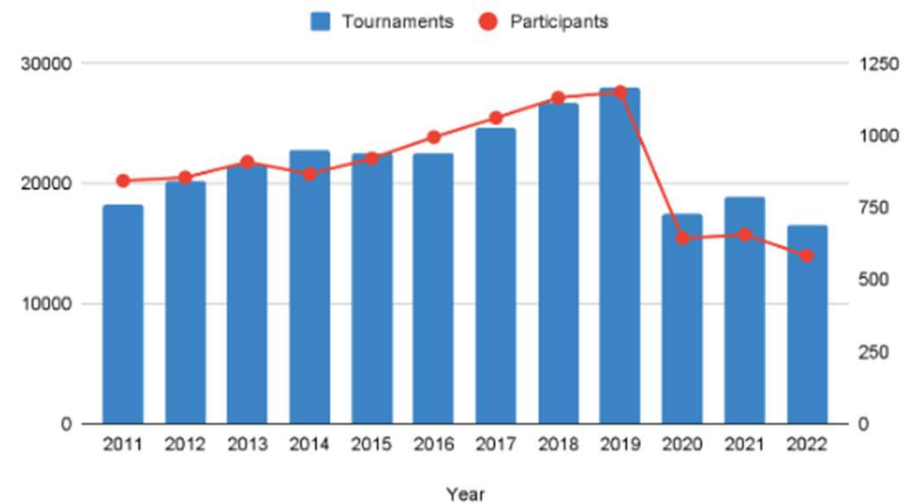
Additionally the Russian federation stopped submitting tournaments after the Russian army invaded Ukraine on February 24th.



## Figures

Year	Tournaments	Participants
2011	762	20251
2012	843	20516
2013	895	21808
2014	951	20803
2015	942	22110
2016	938	23881
2017	1029	25484
2018	1116	27159
2019	1168	27636
2020	731	15447
2021	789	15759
2022	690	14007

### Tournaments and Participants





The EGD takes **privacy policy** very seriously

### Some facts about EGD & privacy policy

- EGD adopted and published a new privacy policy: [https://europeangodatabase.eu/EGD/Privacy\\_Policy.php](https://europeangodatabase.eu/EGD/Privacy_Policy.php)
- We are working on this since some years for GDPR: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General\\_Data\\_Protection\\_Regulation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General_Data_Protection_Regulation)
- For instance, already reported in 2014 report from Aldo: [https://www.eurogofed.org/egf/rating\\_report\\_2014.pdf](https://www.eurogofed.org/egf/rating_report_2014.pdf)
- Starting from 2023 every submitter of tournaments has to sign (check a checkbox) a Tournament Conformity Declaration: <https://europeangodatabase.eu/EGD/TCD.html>

### Rights of the data subjects (players)

1. The right to information
  2. The right of access
  3. The right to rectification
  4. The right to erasure
  5. The right to restriction of processing
  6. The right to data portability
  7. The right to object
  8. The right to avoid automated decision-making
- [Chapter 3](#) of the GDPR

### Principles of data processing

1. Lawfulness, fairness and transparency
  2. Purpose limitation
  3. Data minimisation
  4. Accuracy
  5. Storage limitation
  6. Integrity and confidentiality
- [Article 5](#) of the GDPR



## Some explanation on those principles

As we manage a rating system, we are of course very committed to **Accuracy**.

But this is not the only principle we follow: **Data minimisation** restricts us to **only collect the data we need**: tournament results, player data. We do not actively collect gender, age or nationality.

**Purpose limitation** is also very clearly defined: **we collect data only for the purpose of archiving tournament results** and our **main purpose and reason to exist: the calculation of rating**.

**The EGD doesn't allow the use of its data for other purposes**, we explicitly don't allow it to be used for marketing or accounting purposes.

## The EGD exists for results and ratings, that is all

We want to be very clear that we will be there to protect players' data, and be sure the EGD cannot be used for Profiling, Marketing/Advertising, Accounting, Data Aggregation, Sharing, etc.

If we want to use EGD data for more than previously stated, **explicit consent** from the players would be needed.





## Current work in progress at the EGD...

- 1. 13x13 and 9x9 tournaments** with players ranked **20 kyu and lower** will be **rated as Class D**, like the online tournaments.  
To be discussed with the rating commission and on lifein19x19 forum. We do not want to implement a new Class E, which would complicate the system.
- 2. Change of time settings for Class D to Class C time settings.**  
Class D has longer time settings than Class C, while being weighted only half. That is counter intuitive.  
To be discussed with the rating commission and on lifein19x19 forum.
- 3. Lower the basic time for Fischer time from 40 min (class A) to 35 or lower?**  
To be discussed with the rating commission and on lifein19x19 forum.
- 4. Implementation of Downward Rating Resets.** This was decided at the AGM in 2020.  
We are still working on it as we encountered some resistance to have this implemented – the same way as the upward resets (automated).  
It will mean that most likely we also have to change the way upward resets are handled.





Nothing to report

No activity





## Nothing to report

Did not receive any requests or appeals since last AGM



### From Gabriel to Cris

- Since last AGM, I took over **Gabriel Wagner** who worked hard on making sure I had a **smooth transition**
- **Lorenz Trippel** also did help me with the **Academy website** whenever I needed

### Teaching at the Academy

- **35 recorded lectures** were done for season 16 + first half of season 17
- They consist of pro game reviews, tesuji analysis, tsumego lessons
- Made numerous **league games review**
- One **simultaneous games** per cycle

#### Season 16 teachers

- Catalin Taranu 5p
- Alexander Dinerchtein 3p (left as per EGF decision)

#### Season 17 teachers

- Catalin Taranu 5p
- Stanislaw Frejlak 1p (helped the Academy on numerous occasions)

### Statistics

Academy season	Period	Number of students	Medium attendance per cycle
<b>Season 16</b> 4 cycles	19 Sept. 2022 to 26 Feb. 2023	<b>26</b> 6 Ukrainians, 2 Supporters	<b>15</b> students
<b>Season 17</b> 2 cycles	15 May 2023 to 12 July 2023	<b>23</b> 2 Ukrainians, 3 Supporters	<b>16.5</b> students

Soon after the congress end, the 5<sup>th</sup> Summer SEYGO will happen in Zaostrog (end of August).  
The 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of the current season 17 will start after that.

### Most recent activities

- **Created the Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/AcademyEGF>
- Using an **institutional email address:** academy@eurogofed.org
- Switching from personal to **exclusively EGF-owned payment methods**
- **Initiated an advisory council**
  - Potentially formed of current/ex-teachers, former managers, Academy alumni
  - So that the manager could **benefit from the experience and insight of relevant stakeholders**
  - At this moment, besides the current teachers, Gabriel Wagner joined the group.



**Nothing to add**

Everything was said in  
Damir & Catalin's reports

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30 min



## A QUICK LOOK AT THE AGENDA...

1. Opening	Done!	6. European Tournament calendar	Short updates <b>Call for candidates</b>
2. International	Done!	7. Budgets	Presentation of 2023 / 2024 budget
3. Previous AGM minutes	Done!	8. Proposals	Membership fees (multiple items) Multiple nationalities Length of EGC
4. New members	Done!	9. Commissions	No new appointment
5. Reports EGF	Done!	10. EGC reports	2023 Leipzig, Germany 2024 Toulouse, France Call for candidates
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## SELECTION OF HOSTS

### Short updates:

1. Grand Slam Qualification (Sep 2023 - Online tournament)
2. Grand Slam 2023 (Czechia, Prague – October)
3. European Pair Go Championship 2023 (Sweden, Leksand – 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> August)
4. European Student Championship 2023 (Romania, Timișoara – September)
5. Grand Prix Final (UK, London Go Center – 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023)

### Call for Candidates:

1. Pair Go Championship 2024: **Croatia – April**
2. Women Championship 2024: **Slovakia, Bratislava – September**
3. European Youth Go Championship (EYGC) 2024: **Germany, Hamburg – March**
4. European Pro Championship 2024 – **To Be Defined**
5. Student Championship 2024: **Serbia, Novi Sad – September**
6. Women Championship 2025 **Czechia, Prague – September**
7. Pair Go Championship 2025 – **Romania, Bistrita – April**
8. Student Championship 2025 – **Israel – September/October (month to be decided)**
9. European Youth Go Championship (EYGC) 2025 – **Romania, Vatra Dornei - March**
10. European Pro Championship 2025 – **To Be Defined**







# BUDGETS

See separately

See the budgets in the AGM  
convocation attached  
documents

## (1/3) PROPOSALS FROM MEMBERS / BOARD MEMBERS / COMMISSIONS

### Proposal 1: Membership fees based on EGD-controlled system

EGF Board to devise a fair and transparent **system to charge membership fees for 2025 onwards** based on actual registered member players in each national organisation.

The idea is to **leverage the EGD PIN in a back office system accessible only to EGF Members and Tournament organizers** (e.g. Administration Tools).

EGF will also issue guidance to members on how to manage their members and charge proper fees for membership and tournament participation. EGF Members and their associated clubs will need to be accountable for managing their members.

**Vote in agreement of such system, and assignment to EGF to present it at AGM in 2024 for approval.**

Vote proposal 1

**Proposal 2: Increase fee per active member for calculating membership fees from €3 to €5 for 2024**

Vote proposal 2

### Proposal 3 (Czechia):

Modification of the annual EGF fees calculations – take as reference the number of active players who are 10 kyu and stronger in the past year as opposed to the past 3 years

Vote proposal 3

**Proposal 4 (Germany):**

All members of the EGF will pay together the missing membership-fees from Russia/Belarus for 2023, with an upper limit of Euro 3.000. How much each country will pay depends on the number of votes per country, and countries paying the minimum fee of EUR 50 will pay EUR 100.

**Vote proposal 4**

**Proposal 5:**

Vote for Lapsed member status

- Armenia didn't pay the membership fee since 2016
- Latvia didn't pay since 2011
- Azerbaijan didn't pay since 2018
- Georgia didn't pay since 2019

**Vote proposal 5**

For each of  
Armenia, Latvia,  
Azerbaijan, Georgia

### Proposal 6: Adoption of IGF article 20 on multiple nationalities

"EGF adopts IGF article 20 for EGF tournaments, not allowing players to swap nationalities until 5 years pass from previous country representation. The Board keeps the right to waive this period on a case by case basis. A special rule applies for the Pandanet Go European Team Championship, where the rules include a provision for multiple nationalities."

Vote proposal 6

### Proposal 7 (Czechia):

Change of the length of the European Go Congress from 15 days to 8 or 9 days

Vote proposal 7

**Nothing to report**

No new candidates this year

Report on EGC 2023  
Leipzig, Germany

Report on EGC 2022  
Vatra Dornei, Romania

Report on EGC 2024  
Toulouse France

See next slides





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TOULOUSE JULY 26 - AUGUST 10



Jean-Yves Papazoglou - EGC 2024 Director  
July 25th 2023



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Ongoing fuseki  
progress status



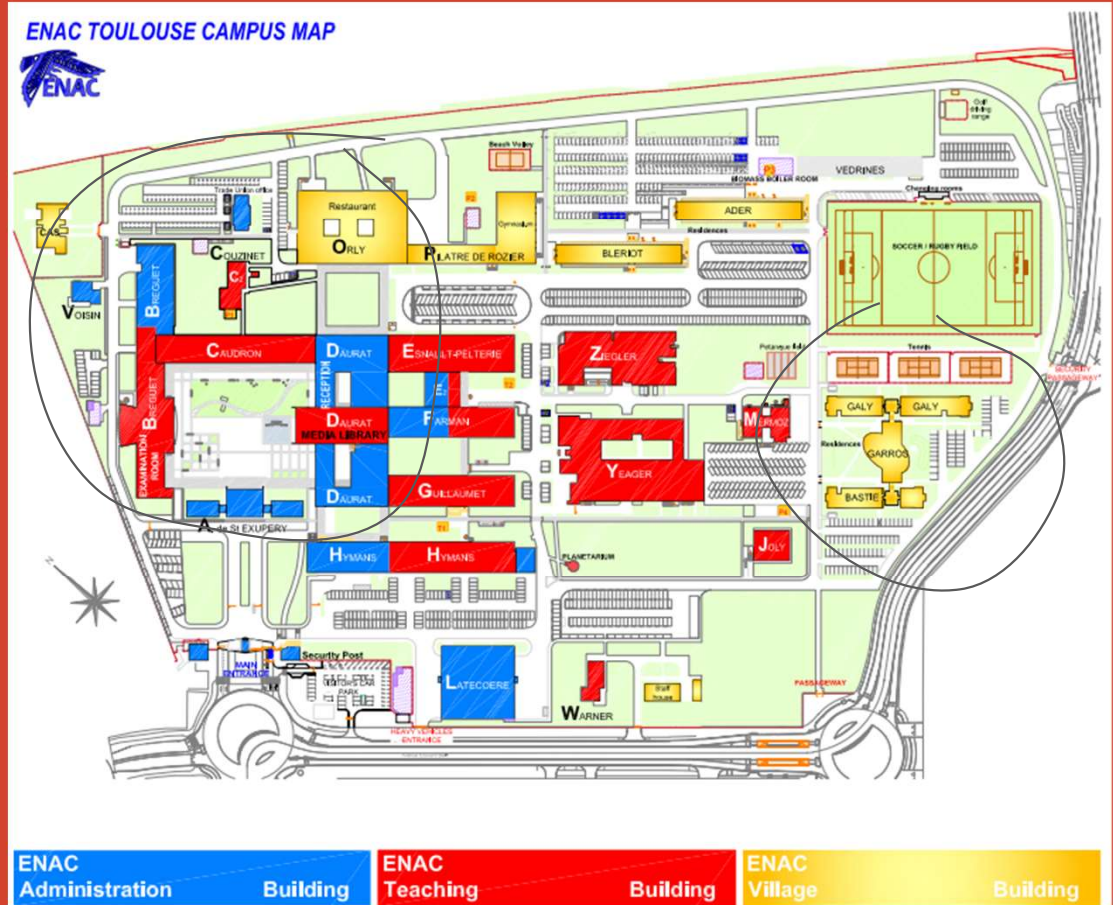
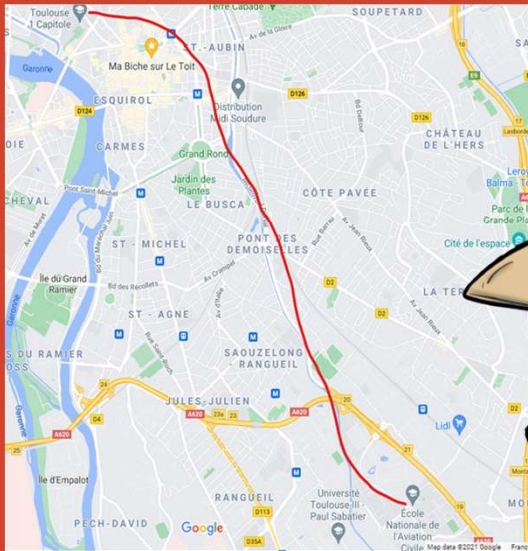
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video



# EUROPEAN GO CONGRESS TOULOUSE 2024

## ENAC campus & location (National Civil Aviation School)





# EUROPEAN GO CONGRESS TOULOUSE 2024

## Ongoing fuseki organisation team

JYP



EGC Director & Chief Pilot

After he discovered Go in 1974 with his brothers, Jean-Yves never really stopped liking it: today, he is the director of the EGC! He is also an aviation passionate, working on a project of electric aircraft (but it won't be ready to fly you to Toulouse).

Camille



Head of the Communications Tower

Go teacher, Go passionate and Go illustrator, Camille is the big boss of communications for the EGC. If you find her without a pen and a fox, it means you found the wrong person.

Chantal



Control Tower officer

Go player since 1997, when she fell in love with Go and its high spirit of community, Chantal is the vice-president of the French Go Federation. She helps with the budget of the EGC and administrative questions!

Milena



Radio Tower consultant

As many around here, Milena is a Go passionate and wants to share that passion with you. Reports and story addict, she took control of the Radio Tower and its digital network to document the EGC for you.

Andéol



Aircraft facilities manager

After he first joined the Dark Side playing chess, Andéol discovered Go. Statistics lover and climber, he'll use his skills to find the best options for you to sleep and eat (yes yes, it's all linked).

Andy



Runway Operation Technician

You just landed on a webpage, and you can thank Andy for that! Even though he struggles with the clock in Go, he codes super-fast on a computer. Like a magician, he makes the python dance...

Benoît



ENAC Satellite engineer

Benoît is a satellite program director at ENAC and our referent there. He is also a Go player who helped to dynamized the game in France with Fan Hui 2p, long time ago!

Claude



EGC Software Architect

Claude says he "likes to code", and our team also like when he does: see that website? Our software architect is also the president of the French Go Federation. Usually, the more responsibility, the less progress in Go... but maybe that's a lie!

Denis



Pathfinder pilot

Adventurer, books and travel passionate, Denis is our tourism expert. He will make sure you can discover the most outstanding places in Toulouse.

Frédéric



Take-off Logistics specialist

For many years president of the French Go Federation and organizer of the French Go Camp, Fred brings his expertise in logistics to the team. One goal - make the EGC organization fly as smooth as possible!

Matthieu



Neck of the Communications tower

Artist, photograph and beer Go lover, Matthieu first learnt Go without actually playing it, until he learnt it for real. With his good eye and artistic taste, he pushes communications through new skies.

Thomas



Super Pilot



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**Ongoing fuseki  
Toulouse day**

Come and visit us on Wednesday 26th from 12 to 6pm:

Reduced registration fees are still available

Volunteering is also offered to any player who wishes to support EGC 2024

Draft touristic programme is available



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**Chuban will start soon**





EGC 2025: Poland (separate document for presentation)

EGC 2026: Ireland? Finland?



## PGETC



### League A

# Team	G	BP	W-D-L	P
1 Ukraine	9	27	6-3-0	15
2 France	9	26	6-3-0	15
3 Czechia	9	24	5-4-0	14
4 Israel	9	24	5-2-2	12
5 Romania	9	23	5-2-2	12
6 Netherlands	9	16	4-0-5	8
7 Poland	9	12	2-1-6	5
8 Hungary	9	11	1-3-5	5
9 Austria	9	10	1-2-6	4
10 Serbia	9	2	0-0-9	0

### League A Qualification

# Team	G	BP	W-D-L	P
1 Sweden	1	4	1-0-0	2
2 Austria	1	1	0-0-1	0

### League B

# Team	G	BP	W-D-L	P
1 Germany	9	28	7-2-0	16
2 Sweden	9	23	5-3-1	13
3 Italy	9	22	5-2-2	12
4 Turkey	9	19	4-2-3	10
5 Switzerland	9	18	3-4-2	10
6 Belgium	9	13	1-5-3	7
7 Lithuania	9	16	2-2-5	6
8 Croatia	9	15	1-4-4	6
9 Finland	9	12	1-4-4	6
10 S Africa	9	12	0-4-5	4

### League B Qualification

# Team	G	BP	W-D-L	P
1 Finland	1	5	1-0-0	2
2 UK	1	0	0-0-1	0

### League C

# Team	G	BP	W-D-L	P
1 Ireland	7	20	6-1-0	13
2 UK	7	19	6-0-1	12
3 Spain	7	16	5-0-2	10
4 Denmark	7	14	3-1-3	7
5 Norway	7	11	2-1-4	5
6 Slovenia	7	10	1-2-4	4
7 Georgia	7	8	0-2-5	2
8 Bulgaria	7	6	1-1-5	2

### League C Qualification

# Team	G	BP	W-D-L	P
1 Slovakia	1	4	1-0-0	2
2 Georgia	1	1	0-0-1	0

### League D

# Team	G	BP	W-D-L	P
1 Kyrgyzstan	7	24	7-0-0	14
2 Slovakia	7	19	5-1-1	11
3 Portugal	7	19	5-0-2	10
4 Kazakhstan	7	15	4-0-3	8
5 Greece	7	6	3-0-4	5
6 Cyprus	7	10	1-2-4	4
7 Iceland	7	9	1-1-5	3
8 Morocco	7	-17	0-0-7	-4

## EYGTC

Pl.	Name	MMS	BP	SOMMS	Pe	NbW
1	France A	5	16	13		4
2	UK	4	12	11		3
3	Ukraine	4	11	13		3
4	Germany	3	12	14		2
5	Romania	3	11	15		2
6	Croatia	3	11	11		2
7	Turkey	3	10	12		2
8	Czechia	3	8	12	Y	2
9	Kyrgyzstan	2	11	6	Y	2
10	Hungary	2	10	10		2
11	Poland	2	10	8		2
12	DanIre*	2	10	6	Y	2
13	Austria	2	8	10		2
14	Slovakia	1	8	7	Y	1
15	France B	1	6	6	Y	1
16	Bing*	0	6	6	Y	0





### **Thank you for your attention!**

Now is the time for the last free discussion, if you have any remark or points you would like to express

- Iceland: Cheating incident on PGETC
- Bosnia and Herzegovina informed the Board through Vodenik Dragoslav that there is no longer organised Go activity in the country and will not pay membership to EGF.