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TO: Softball Europe National Federations

As 2025 comes to a close, the 2025 season is also behind us. Now is the perfect time to reflect on this year's activities and start planning for the year ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on our activities and operations, ensuring you are well-informed about the achievements and developments in European Softball.

2025 Season Review - Championships:

This year, we had a total of four European championships. Interestingly, the teams managed to defend their titles in all four championships. Italy probably had the hardest time at the [Women's European Championship](#) in Prague, where the match against the Netherlands was decided in a tiebreak. Spain, which is climbing higher every year, put in a great performance. [The U18 European Womens' Championship](#) in Pamplona, Spain, was accompanied by problems with protests against Israel. Until the last moment, we did not



know whether the tournament would take place. In the end, Czechia won convincingly, completing a hat trick and preparing for the U18 World Cup final stage in the USA.

[Men's European Championship](#) and [U23 Men's European Championship](#) dominated by Czechia, confirming its leading position in men's fastpitch in Europe. However, Belgium is the rising star of the year, bringing home bronze medals from both European Championships.



2025 Season Review - Cups:

Italian teams dominated the European women's cups. In a historic victory the Bollate (ITA) Softball Team defeated 3 time defending champions Olympia Haarlem (NED) to claim the Championship at the [2025 Women's Softball European Premier Cup](#). Saronno also won the [Women's Softball European Cup Winners' Cup](#) in EVRY, France. In the final game of the day Saronno (ITA) defeated Roef! (NED) 0-2. The only 2 runs of the game came after a 2RBI single from Sofia Fabbian.



The [2025 Men's Softball European Super Cup](#) was a spectacular event. A number of outstanding players arrived in Europe, significantly raising the level of the tournament. The final between Denmark's Horsholm and the Czech Republic's Chomutov was decided in a tiebreaker. The Hørsholm Hurricanes once again proved their dominance in European men's fastpitch, capturing the 2025 Men's Softball European Super Cup title and successfully defending their crown. The Danish powerhouse topped the podium in Most, Czechia, adding another chapter to their impressive run of continental success.



The Week of intense matchups, big hits, and unforgettable plays, the final day brought the tournament's fiercest competitors face-to-face for one last showdown. Every pitch, every swing, and every play carried the weight of a championship, and the atmosphere was electric – this is [2025 Coed Slowpitch European Super Cup](#). The UCE Travellers from Germany defeated the Pioneers from Great Britain in a 17-19 game to claim the title of Champion.

Special events, Euroleague:

It's really great to see that our special projects are being received so positively, and we're at the limit of the number of teams we can accommodate in these projects. On the one hand, we have a project for our youngest players—the European Massimo Romeo Youth Trophy. A total of 18 teams in the [Sport](#) and [Future](#) division is the maximum that the organizers in Collecchio can accommodate.

MASTERS is also completely full—20 teams in both the [men's](#) and [women's](#) divisions is the maximum possible. It's really great to realize that we have an event that attracts people at both ends of the playing career spectrum. Both of these events are not so much about winning, but rather about taking the first steps on the international stage on the one hand, and meeting again on the playing fields on the other.

[The Central Europe Women's Softball Euroleague](#) has also seen an increase in interest this year. The Central Europe Women's Softball Euroleague 2025 concluded in Zagreb with eight teams from five countries competing in a rain-affected but exciting final weekend. The event highlighted the growth of women's softball in the region and delivered high-level games across the board.



WBSC Europe Hall of Fame Recognition for Eddy van Straelen:

During the Final Day of the Cup Winners Cup in Évry, France, the European softball community celebrated a historic moment as Eddy van Straelen (BEL) was presented with his WBSC Europe Hall of Fame award as a Softball Administrator. Van Straelen had been officially inducted into the Hall of Fame during the WBSC Europe Congress in Zagreb, Croatia, earlier this year, and the ceremony in Évry allowed him to receive

the award in person in front of players, coaches, officials, and fans — a fitting tribute to nearly three decades of dedicated service to European softball. — see [here](#).

WBSC Europe Softball Ranking:

At the end of the season, we have been publishing the [WBSC Europe Softball Ranking](#) for 10 years. There are three rankings: for women's fastpitch, men's fastpitch and slowpitch. Rankings are based on points (multiplied by 100) given according to final standings at European Championships in all categories, with the following weighting:

- Senior European Championship – 100%
- Junior European Championship – 50%
- All others (U22 and U16) – 25%

The ranking system only takes into account the two most recent championships in each category, with the following weighting:

- Most recent ECh – 100%
- Previous ECh – 50%

A total of all the points awarded determines the placement of each country in each ranking.



Rank	Country	Points	Change
1	ITALY	54375 pts	-
2	NETHERLANDS	5100 pts	-
3	CZECHIA	4950 pts	-
4	GREAT BRITAIN	45375 pts	-
5	SPAIN	4100 pts	-
6	FRANCE	36625 pts	-
7	GERMANY	35625 pts	-
8	UKRAINE	33125 pts	▲ +1
9	ISRAEL	32875 pts	▼ -1
10	AUSTRIA	2925 pts	▲ +1
11	BELGIUM	23375 pts	▲ +1
12	GREECE	2050 pts	▼ -2
13	POLAND	1750 pts	▲ +1
14	SWITZERLAND	1650 pts	▲ +2
15	IRELAND	15375 pts	▼ -2
16	CROATIA	1525 pts	▼ -2
17	SWEDEN	14625 pts	-
18	DENMARK	1075 pts	▲ +1
19	SLOVAKIA	775 pts	▼ -1
20	FINLAND	575 pts	▲ +1
21	HUNGARY	275 pts	▲ +1
22	LITHUANIA	225 pts	▲ +3
23	TÜRKIYE	225 pts	▲ +2
24	MALTA	200 pts	▼ -4
25	BULGARIA	150 pts	▼ -2

EBSCA Camp and development:



We are excited to announce that the [2025 EBSCA Training Camp](#) will take place in Sisak, Croatia, from October 22 to 26—marking a dynamic new chapter in the development of softball and baseball coaching, as well as player education across Europe. Following years of successful camps, the move to Sisak brings fresh energy and valuable new opportunities for both players and coaches.

Development under the wing of WBSC Europe is a great tool for the development of softball and baseball on our continent. Proof of this is the current [call for the development of Little League](#).

Softball Commission Meetings:

In the last QR, I introduced you to the structure of the WBSC Europe Softball Commission. Throughout the year, we work on a number of topics online. Martina Lackner, the WBSC Europe Softball Athlete representative, is always invited to all meetings, and her voice is important to us. We had a total of two full online meetings—in [March](#) and [May](#). The post-season meeting is always held in person, as it fundamentally evaluates the entire season and prepares for the following season. The meeting took place in [mid-November](#).

2006 season – call for entries:

The 2026 season is basically ready, and registration for competitions is open. The [2026–2029 Calendar](#) is also available, with two cup tournaments still without an organizer. Entries for EMRYT and MASTERS will be

announced later. The [2026 Standings](#) are available, so the club cup line-up and European Championship seeding are clear. Everything is available on the WBSC Europe website in the [Softball / Documents section](#).

If you have any questions, suggestions, feel free to contact me anytime.

Best regards,



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