



## **Review of the Brotherhood concept**

Dear Esteemed Members of the EEF General Assembly of 2020,

On 18 & 19 February 2020 the Brotherhood Working Group has met in Rome (ITA) in order to evaluate the status-quo of the Brotherhood concept.

The main conclusion was that the existing system did not work as we feel desirable. Several reasons are the cause for this situation such as cost involved and not having clear projects by Federations. Also, the fact that development of the sport, such as the implementation of new disciplines or developing a discipline further on a national level, is not actively pursued by most of EEF Federations.

The working group realized that this type of projects need a different approach. It is therefore that we present to you the new concept (please see Powerpoint presentation attached). The main difference to the “old” concept of Brotherhood is that we will concentrate on real development of the sport, which means we will help Federations to develop disciplines. This of course will be mostly longer-term projects and as more expertise will be required more cost will be involved. It is therefore that there is a need to have more funds available (such as Erasmus from the EU) to enable the EEF to carry out this plan. The EEF will also, through the creation of a Brotherhood development fund, support such a development project. Furthermore, we will require a Federation to be also financially involved and share responsibility to achieve the set goals.

Kind regards

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