

**Small Nations Working Group meeting  
29 May 2010, Lisbon (POR)**

<b>Meeting title</b>	<b>Meeting of EEF Small Nations Working Group</b>
<b>Date</b>	29 May 2010
<b>Time</b>	10.00 h
<b>Location</b>	<b>Sociedade Hipica Portuguesa Hipodromo do campo Grande – Lisbon - Portugal</b>
<b>Chair</b>	Manuel Bandeira de Mello
<b>Minutes taker</b>	Manuel Bandeira de Mello

<b>Attendees Invited</b>				
<b>Participants</b>		<b>Title</b>	<b>NF</b>	
✓	Manuel Bandeira de Mello	Chair	POR	
✓	François Thiry	Member	LUX	
✓	Kroum Ratchkov	Member	BUL	
✓	Teodora Kostova	International Relations	BUL	
<b>Other members and invités that couldn't attend</b>		<b>Title</b>	<b>NF</b>	<b>Excused</b>
	Frank Spadinger	Member	AUT	✓
	Amichai Alperovich	Member	ISR	✓
	Ronald Gaerty	Member	MLT	✓
	Armagan Osgorkey	EEF Board Member	TUR	✓

**Last modification on:** 28 May 2010

<b>Agenda</b>				
<b>Pt.</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Time (min)</b>	<b>Annex</b>
<b>Annex:</b> X=attached; *= In your possession; **=to be emailed by [dd.mm.yyyy]				
1	Opening and Acceptance of the Agenda			
2	Definition of Small Nations			
3	Identification of common problems			
4	What expectations from EEF and FEI			
5	AOB			

**Minutes**

1. Opening and Acceptance of the Agenda

Manuel Bandeira de Mello welcomes the Working Group Members and informs that unfortunately Ronald Gaerty from the Malta NF and Group Member could not come to the meeting, due to late hour personal problems and informs that he sent a document with his thoughts about the meeting, the document was distributed and will be in the annexes of the meeting (Annex I); also the invited EEF Board Member Armagan Osgorkey could not attend and the document of the Turkish

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Federation regarding the "Development Outline Suggestions" was distributed to everyone and will be in the annexes of the meeting (Annex II).

According to the situation the Group doesn't have its majority represented and unfortunately the meeting will have to be informal, that was agreed by all the presents.

The agenda of the meeting was accepted.

### 2. Definition of "Small Nations"

One point was agreed, "Small Nations" must not be confused or misunderstood with "Developing Countries", two different groups were defined as they have different situations, SMALL NATIONS and SMALL FEDERATIONS.

#### **Definition of SMALL NATIONS:**

The nations with less than 1 million inhabitants and that organize less than 5 international competitions from all FEI disciplines.

#### **Definition of SMALL FEDERATIONS:**

NF's with less than 150 registered riders at the FEI and that organizes less than 10 international competitions from all FEI disciplines.

The goals of both groups are the following:

- 1- To promote their own riders to participate in international competitions outside their countries;
- 2- To create an equestrian circuit between themselves, with the possible shows;
- 3- To promote a work shop with the NF's involved, either in Istanbul during the EEFG. A. next September or at Taipei during the FEI G. A. next November.

Based on the 2009 FEI list (Annex III) of registered horses and riders we have a total of 25 NF's, from the 49 mentioned in the list, within both groups according to the following:

#### **SMALL NATIONS:**

LIECHENSTEIN  
LUXEMBURG  
MALTA  
MONACO  
SAN MARINO

Total: 5

#### **SMALL FEDERATIONS:**

ARMENIA  
AZERBEIJAN  
BIELORUSSIA  
BULGARY  
CYPRUS  
ESTONIA  
GRECE  
ISRAEL  
KAZAKISTAN  
KGZ  
LATIVIA  
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MAKEDONIA  
ROUMANIA  
SLOVAKIA  
SERBIA  
SVK  
TURKY  
UKRAINE  
UZB

Total: 20

**3. Identification of common problems:**

There are no specific problems, but general problems exist, like the lack of competitions in and outside the countries involved and also with officials, they should have more exchanging between these countries for the existing international competitions.

If possible these NF's should have a list of FEI officials from the "Small Nations" and "Small Federations" in order to get and make invitations to international shows.

**4. What expectations from EEF and FEI:**

Regarding all FEI disciplines the expectations towards the EEF and FEI are that these two groups could be included with two Wild Cards for all disciplines in FEI shows and also to nominate officials from these countries to international shows.

**5. AOB:**

1. Some information will be asked to the FEI in order to establish a more reliable difference between the two groups, such as:
  - How many shows from these NF's are done by year, by levels and by disciplines;
  - How many registered riders from these NF's by age and by discipline;
2. A questionnaire should be sent out from the EEF Secretary General with the following questions:
  - Is there a need for a Working Group for Small nations and Small Federations?
  - What should be the aim of both Groups?
  - How many riders do you think you will have next year competing at international level (all disciplines)?
  - How many shows do you expect that will be held next year and what levels (all disciplines)?