

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

European Equestrian Federation (EEF) — Board Meeting

21 September 2026 | In person, Dublin

The EEF Board met in person on the morning of 21 September 2026 in Dublin, ahead of the EEF Extraordinary and Ordinary General Assemblies and the meeting with the National Federations. The Board took decisions on the Longines EEF Series 2027 calendar, the host of the 2027 General Assembly and the recruitment for a vacant staff position, and prepared the discussions with the National Federations and the agenda of the FEI Regional Group meeting.

DECISIONS

1. Approval of previous minutes

The Board approved the minutes of its meetings of 8 September 2026 and 16 September 2026.

2. Longines EEF Series 2027 calendar

The Board approved the Longines EEF Series 2027 calendar, including revised dates for the semi-finals. The adjustments were needed to avoid clashes with other major events at the host venues and to confirm the Olympic qualification window, which is to be addressed at the FEI General Assembly. The Board also agreed that the future calendar process should better take into account other events held at the same venues.

3. EEF General Assembly 2027

The Board allocated the EEF General Assembly 2027 to the Polish Equestrian Federation, to be held in connection with the celebrations of its 100th anniversary in autumn 2027. The programme is expected to link with themes such as sustainability, horse welfare and veterinary matters.

4. Sport Events Liaison Manager recruitment

The Board decided to maintain the existing recruitment process for the vacant Sport Events Liaison Manager position, which is co-funded by the FEI and recruited in co-ordination with it. The vacancy is to be published in October 2026, with the new manager expected to start in January 2027.

5. FEI Regional Group meeting 2026

The Board agreed that the use of artificial intelligence in dressage judging could be a topic for the European Regional Group meeting held alongside the FEI General Assembly 2026.

KEY INFORMATION

6. General Assembly voting arrangements

Thirty National Federations confirmed their presence in person at the General Assemblies and ten were represented by proxy, meaning that all 40 member federations were represented. All member federations were up to date with their membership fees, and the list of voting entitlements was finalised ahead of the votes.

7. Registration of the Statutes in Belgium

The Board discussed the most efficient way to complete the registration of the amended Statutes and the composition of the Board with the Belgian authorities. Following legal advice, a Board-validated document will be submitted, with signatures collected as required.

8. Meeting with the National Federations

The Board agreed the format of the meeting with the National Federations which will be held at the afternoon after the board meeting. The discussion on the FEI Presidential election was organised in four small groups, each supported by a Board member, to gather the questions and priorities of the federations rather than to identify a preferred candidate. The input is to be compiled and communicated to the FEI. The Board also agreed to ask the candidates about their plans for the FEI Vice-Presidency foreseen for the European Group.

The programme also included presentations on the European Sport Model and EU funding opportunities, the EEF Strategy 2027–2030 and sport development, reflecting the EEF's aim to continue broadening the support it offers to its members.

9. FEI General Assembly and Regional Group meeting 2026

The Board identified potential topics for the European Regional Group meeting, including the FEI Presidential election, the FEI rules revisions, veterinary matters and committee updates, with time reserved for presentations by National Federations. The agenda will be prioritised closer to the meeting.

10. National Federation initiatives

The Board will develop and offer guidance and share its crisis communications framework with National Federations on request, while responsibility remains with each federation.

Following an initiative from a member federation on reining, the EEF will first assess the interest of National Federations before considering any further dialogue with the FEI.