

For the attention of:

European Athletics Member Federations
European Athletics Council
European Athletics Committee and Commissions

Copy: World Athletics President, World Athletics CEO

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Circular Letter 2022/34

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Dear Friends,

As you are aware the European Athletics Congress 2023 will take place in Belgrade/SRB on 22 April. European Athletics will send the respective notice, preliminary and final agenda and supporting documents in due time and as per Art. 10.4 of the EAA Constitution. At this stage we would like to provide you with preliminary information, essential for its good preparations and in particular regarding the elections.

Elections

The 2023 European Athletics Congress will feature the elections for 1 President, 3 Vice-Presidents, and 13 other Council member positions, which shall be ran in accordance with the [EAA Constitution](#) and under the [EAA Code of Ethics](#) principles, with particular emphasis to its Appendix 2 – Rules concerning the Candidacy for EAA Office and Conduct of Elections, both documents available for download on our website in the respective links.

Candidates for elections shall follow the requirements as Art. 17 of the EAA Constitution in regard to the nomination procedures and eligibility and the vetting process in Appendix 1 will apply.

We would also like to emphasise that the following gender balance principles will be in force for the 2023 elections as per Art. 17.6 of the EAA Constitution:

- a) The President and the Vice-Presidents shall include both genders as follows:
 - at least two of each gender; and
- b) The thirteen other Council members shall include both genders as follows:
 - at least five of each gender.

Position of Area President

Additionally, to the EAA Constitution and EAA Code of Ethics requirements, as per the World Athletics Circular Letter M/43/22, dated 25 August, any person seeking a role as Area President must be declared eligible by the World Athletics Vetting Panel before they can declare their Candidacy for Area President. For this purpose, any person intending to run for the President's position at European Athletics shall announce at least two months before the deadline for their formal nomination by the Member Federation the intention to be candidate, in order to go through the World Athletics vetting procedures.

The potential candidate shall therefore address his/her intention to be a candidate for the position of European Athletics President to congress@european-athletics.org the **latest by 20 December 2022**. European Athletics will forward all the intentions to the World Athletics Compliance Officer for the follow up with World Athletics Vetting Panel on the relevant procedures.

Only Candidates who pass the World Athletics Integrity check can run for Area President.

Potential candidates for European Athletics President and their respective Member Federations shall therefore carefully read and follow the World Athletics Areas Presidents Elections Guidance (which includes Conduct Requirements for Area Presidents Campaigns) distributed with the World Athletics Circular Letter M/43/22 also in Appendix 2 to this circular letter.

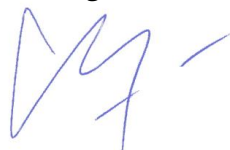
Deadlines

Hereunder the summary of the key deadlines for the EA Congress 2023:

Date	Concern	Article
20/12/2022	<i>Area President Candidates to submit intention to EA Office (for WA Vetting)</i>	<i>WA Candidacy Rules</i>
23/12/2022	Notices of Ordinary Congresses shall be sent in writing to each Member at least 120 days before the date thereof. The notice shall be accompanied by a preliminary agenda.	Art. 10.4
21/02/2023	Proposals by Members to the Congress must be in writing and must be received by the EAA at least 60 days before the date of the Ordinary Congress	Art. 10.4
21/02/2023	Nominations of candidates for election may be made by any Member and must be received, in writing, by the EAA at least 60 days before the date of the Congress at which the elections are to be held.	Art. 17.2
23/03/2023	Final agenda and all supporting and explanatory documentation shall be sent to each Member and each Member of the Council at least 30 days before the date of a Congress	Art. 10.4
22/04/2023	European Athletics Congress 2023	

European Athletics will opportunely send you the more information and procedures to fulfil the above deadlines for the European Athletics Congress 2023, as well as the relevant registration and logistic information, but we remain at your disposal for any clarification you may need.

Kind regards,



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- App. 1 European Athletics Vetting Process
- App. 2 World Athletics Circular letter nr 43 - 2023 Guidance Note on World Athletics Council and Area Association Presidents Elections