



EUROPEAN ATHLETICS PROMOTION

The athletics we are proud of

MANIFESTO



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The international organisation “European Athletics Promotion (EAP)” is a non-profit and apolitical organisation, created in 1990.

It mainly aims to promote, develop and disseminate the sporting activity linked to the practice of athletics, through:

- a. The assistance given to the various organising committees for the organisation of EAP meetings with the aim of improving their quality;
- b. The introduction of a system of cooperation and collaboration between the various organising committees through their EAP Delegates;
- c. The promotion of exchanges between athletes from different countries;
- d. Attractive logistical and communication support and tools to help and facilitate meeting organisers (MO) in the promotion, organisation and development of their event.

Extract from the Standards & Regulations (Art. 02)

The EAP circuit is simply the product of an original idea, a project, an ideology initially shared by three people, young coaches and meeting organisers, who met by chance in 1987.

After visiting each other meetings in 1988 and 1989 and establishing a solid friendship they thought they could create a circuit of meetings : it would be nice if meetings were like this ..., if athletes could move more easily from one meeting to another ..., if they were given the conditions to outdo themselves ...

Let's do it!

The EAP was born, outside the usual patterns, without any constraints. In the purest conceptual freedom.

We will call it Europe Athlétisme Promotion, suggests Noël Levêque, future president of the circuit.



And our logo will symbolize our three meetings, as a triangle, throughout Europe. The circuit has indeed grown very quickly, conquering new countries and still receiving the full support from the organisers and participants. And the original idea remained the same: promote athletics.

WHERE DO WE COME FROM ?

Where to find strong foreign competition, identical reception conditions for all athletes, a high-level technical organisation?

The EAP circuit concentrates all of this, with a lot of passion and generally little money. And it is perhaps thanks to this independence that the circuit continues to develop and to receive the praise of all. So much so that the federations tacitly recognized us, included in their calendars and used as selection meetings.

The founders

- Mr Noël Levêque, Nivelles (Belgiu)
- Mr Giorgio Ferrando, Celle Ligure (Italy)
- Mr Pablo Cassina, Genève (Switzerland)

The founding members defined the guidelines, the fundamental principles which govern the original idea of the EAP circuit.

They have drawn up the EAP Manual (now «Standards & Regulations») in which are described the bases of operation and collaboration between organisations, the rights and duties of each member and provides the necessary information concerning the method of calculating internal travel reimbursements.

The validity and respect of these principles and rules were initially presented at the first Convention, in Genova (It), at the Indoor European Championships, on March 1st, 1992. Since there, those fundamental principles are presented and discussed each year at the annual Convention.



When the EAP circuit started in 1990, its founders firmly believed they should encourage the participation of «the most committed» local athletes into international meetings around Europe.

The simply fact to give them this opportunity and privlledge, would boost their motivation. Immediately these athletes started to travel to as much meetings as possible, discovering new countries like Italy, Spain, Belgium, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Ukraine, the Luxembourg, Mallorca, London ...





WHAT WE DO

«
**we organise
international meetings
in Europe**
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in which the athletes of our organisation have the privilege to participate

We love the athletics track, with its special smell in summer.

We like to see how people train there, sometimes alone or in a group, at any time of the day or year, whether it is snowing, raining or the sun makes the air unbreathable.

We love the resilience of athletes, those who keep trying and trying again and again.

Until ...

We love to observe athletics.

Our passion is to give the whole movement the best competitive opportunities.

That's why !



**«
true athletics,
true people,
true performances
»**

CORE VALUES

**We do what we love and we believe
in what we do, the way we do it.**

This is why we encourage :

1. Fair competitions, based on true performances;
2. Only athletes who declare not to be doped and who do not resort to other subterfuges, of any type, to improve their own performances or their own ranking are allowed to participate;
3. Welcome the most deserving athletes from European countries and regions to compete with local and regional athletes;
4. Give the same chances to local, regional athletes as the top European and world level athletes: same accommodation, same treatment;
5. Promote a simpler and priority participation (based on the EAP internal entry standards) to EAP member athletes and contribute with transportation and accommodation, following the EAP Travel Reimbursements, described in the Standards & Regulations (art. 52)



«
we do believe that the
main objective is to
develop the athletic
movement,
by passionate but
independent men
on the field
»

**If you want to build a ship,
don't herd people together to
collect wood and don't assign them
tasks and work ...**

**If you want to build a boat,
bring to life the desire of the sea.**

We particularly like this inspirational quote, attributed to the French aviator and writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, best known internationally as the author of «The Little Prince» («Le Petit Prince»).



«
**The EAP circuit
has developed and
structured while
remaining faithful to its
philosophy of
promoting athletics.
4 sectors
(competition circuits)
have been defined.**
»

Sector 1: EAP Elite

These international meetings are mainly intended for men and women absolute categories, but they can also integrate disciplines of other types (Sector 2: EAP Future, Sector 3: EAP Together) .

Within the EAP, there are 3 areas of interest competitions.

AREAS OF INTEREST



CONCEPT

All EAP meetings are international meetings, because athletes are coming from various countries.

But the meaning of our *levels* is to be considered under the point of view: **AREAS OF INTEREST**.

In other words : *where MOST athletes are coming from*.

All EAP meetings are equally important because they offer the same quality standard. But some meetings have the role of serving and attracting a greater density of athletes from a closer perimeter, others from a larger perimeter and finally others from a practically unlimited perimeter.

Sector 2: EAP Future

Meetings dedicated to youth categories (U16 and younger) or EAP meetings (of sector 1) proposing a minimum of 2 + 2 youth events with foreign participation.

Sector 3: EAP Together

Meetings integrating one or more parathletics disciplines.

N.B. We prefer to include/integrate parathletes into our EAP and/or EAP Future meetings rather than proposing parathletics meetings.

There is no criteria on number of participating parathletes or number of disciplines to them dedicated.

Sector 4: EAP Running

International non-stadium races.

In this circuit we find cross-country, road or mountain races, marathons and Ekiden (non-exhaustive list).

ORGANISATION

GOVERNANCE

FOUNDING MEMBERS

HISTORICAL FOUNDING MEMBERS

SEC

steering and executive committee
(permanent)

CURRENT AFFAIRS

core activities & responsibilities
(report to the SEC)

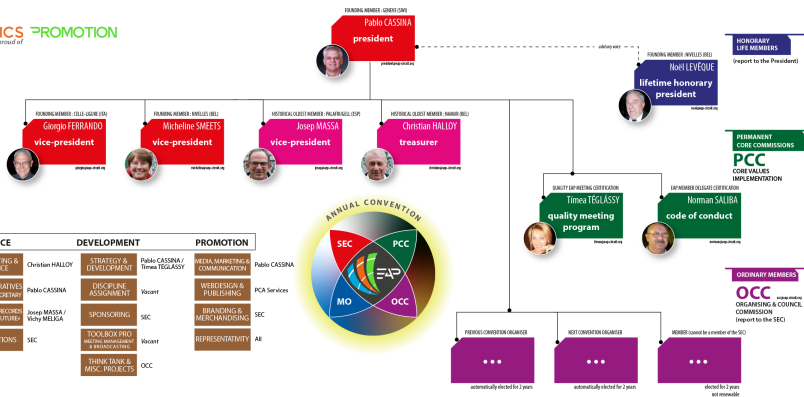
EAP SECTORS	OFFICE	DEVELOPMENT	PROMOTION
1) EAP ELITE <small>(no athletes are ever present)</small>	Pablo CASSINA	ACCOUNTING & FINANCE Christian HALLOY	STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT Pablo CASSINA / Teresa TEGGLASSY
2) EAP FUTURE <small>(the athletes are not present)</small>	Vicky MELGA	ADMINISTRATIVES GENERAL SECRETARY Pablo CASSINA	DISCIPLINE ASSIGNMENT Vacant
3) EAP TOGETHER <small>(the athletes are not present)</small>	Giorgio FERRANDO	STATISTICS & RECORDS RECORDS & FUTURE Josep MASSA / Vicky MELGA	SPONSORING SEC
4) EAP TRAINING <small>(the athletes are not present)</small>	Vacant	REGULATIONS SEC	TOOLBOX PRO PROMOTION, MARKETING & BRANDING Vacant
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ORDINARY MEMBERS

TRANSITIONAL MEMBERS

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meeting organisers
represented by 1 EAP delegate

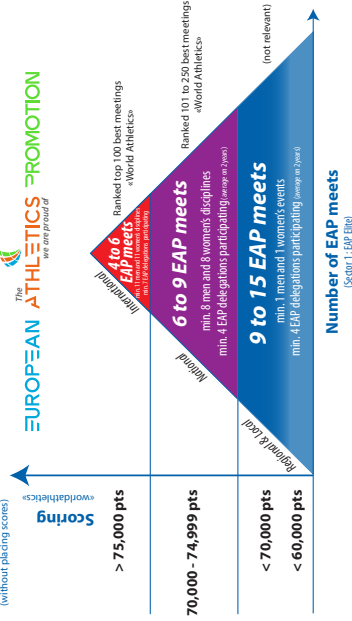




«
reinforce and reaffirm
the presence
of the EAP into the
European athletics scene,
at various levels
»

EAP STRATEGY VISION FOR 2020 2021-2023 target

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The Code of Conduct, is an educational process.

It is based on a 2-year cycle which consists of bringing the EAP delegates (up to 3 per MO) to adopt the Code of Conduct as a mandatory requirement from the athletes registration process to the validation of the results.

Our code of conduct is based on the evolution of international standards (World Athletics) in the fight against doping, but moreover it requires that our delegate members follow an online certification to the “I Run Clean®” program.

This process can be completed within two years and leads MO to the Code of Conduct certification,



Head of this program, is Mr Norman Saliba (Malta).

The term of office is 3 years and is tacitly renewed unless the person appointed wishes to retire or if, for good reason, the SEC decides to appoint another person.

The Code of Conduct is part, along with the Quality Meeting program (QMP), of the Permanent Core Commissions (PCC).



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It is based on a 2-year cycle which consists of ensuring that our meetings meet the organisational criteria of quality and that they respect the values that characterise the EAP.

Those criteria are resumed in a check-list covering those aspects, starting from the moment the meeting is agreed (EAP agreement, in November) until the publication of the results. The observed points are reported to the MO within 10 days from the end of the event and then to the SEC.

The accompaniment of our meetings in this program is done (for the most part) by our observers and which allows the identification of aspects which, if necessary, will have to be implemented.

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ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

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The Annual Convention is
the governing body
of the EAP circuit

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Organised alternately by our members in their home city, it is a kind of «General meeting» where regulations, projects, goals, communication & marketing, finances, quality meeting, code of conduct, calendar and admissions are discussed and decided all together.





BECOME A MEMBER

«
**The EAP circuit,
created in 1990,
is an independent circuit
of meetings
across Europe and is
based on the concept of
true athletics**
»

Specific standards and regulations give all members the opportunity to participate in EAP level competitions across Europe. A unique chance for their athletes to compete abroad!

Find out how your meeting can be part of the EAP. Applicants must submit an application (follow the instructions described below) and if the project is deemed valid by the Steering and Executive Committee (SEC), applicants must present it to members at the annual Convention, which is held each year in early November.

Send us an email at
candidate@eap-circuit.org !



Two tens of international track meets around Europe.

300 to more than 1000 international athletes per meet, mostly aged 19 to 27 years, but also starting from 8 and up to 30 or more. Live TV in many cases with 10'000 simultaneous views, live results. Website, pro-active presence in social media and a newsletter sent worldwide to all our athletes, coaches, federations, sponsors, media.

The EAP circuit exists since 1990 with its values and its vision of international competitions clearly positioned against doping and any form of cheating.

The EAP has its own code of conduct to which all participants and organisers must submit.

Contact us sponsoring@eap-circuit.org