



EVENTS FOR
ATHLETICS
PROMOTION

The athletics we are proud of

MANIFESTO



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The international organisation “Events for Athletics Promotion» (EAP) is a non-profit and apolitical organisation, created in 1990 and transformed in association in 2021 and since 2024 operates worldwide.

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 events 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 all 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)

WHO WE ARE

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 (Belgium)
- 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 priviledge, 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 Luxemburg, Mallorca, London ...





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

We love the athletics track, with its particular smell of rubber which varies with each season, but which invariably brings back so many memories.

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

This is why we encourage :

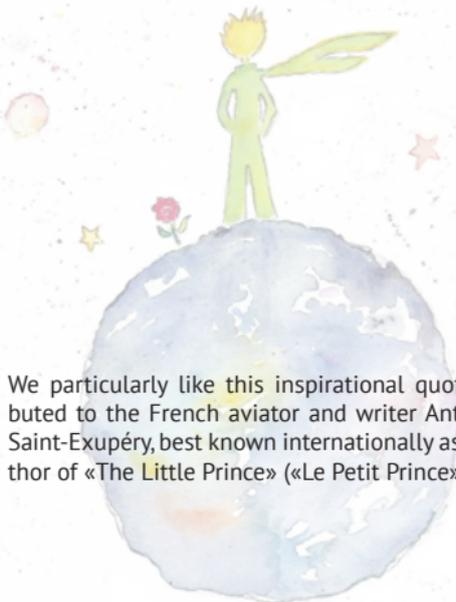
1. Fair competitions, based on true performances;
2. Only athletes who declare not to be doped and who do not resort to other subterfuges, of any type, to improve their own performances or their own ranking are allowed to participate;
3. Welcome the most deserving athletes from all countries and regions to compete with local and regional athletes;
4. Give the same chances to local and regional athletes as to top-level and world-class 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. 53)



«
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»).



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 the EAP circuit
 has developed and
 structured while
 remaining faithful to its
 philosophy of
 promoting athletics.
 5 sectors
 (competition circuits)
 have been defined.

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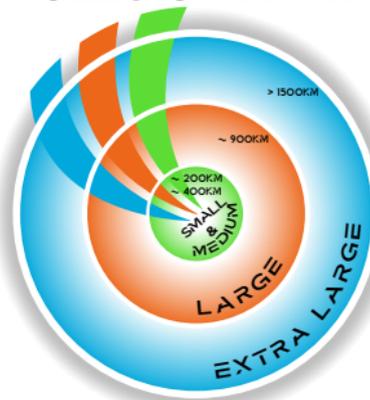
Sector 1: EAP Elite



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, Sector 4 EAP Running and sector 5: EAP Masters).

Within the EAP, our events are distinguished by their poles of attractiveness, i.e. where do most (=~80% or more) of the athletes come from?

POLES OF ATTRACTIVENESS



CONCEPT

All EAP events are international and offer the same quality standard.

Our **CIRCLES** show their **POLE OF ATTRACTIVENESS**.

In other words :
where do MOST (~50 to 70% or more) of the ATHLETES COME FROM.

Attractiveness shows the meeting's key role in the development and promotion in a defined area.

-  **Small / Medium pole**
(~ 70% of the athletes comes within an area of 200 to 400km)
-  **Large pole**
(~ 60% of the athletes comes within an area of 400 to 900km)
-  **Extra-Large pole**
(~ 50% of the athletes comes within an area of 900 to 1500 km or more)

Sector 2: EAP Future



Meetings dedicated to youth categories (U18 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.

Some of our EAP-Together meetings are Special Olympics events (endorsed by World Para Athletics).

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).

Sector 5: EAP Masters



Track & field meetings or running events dedicated to masters categories or EAP-Elite meetings (of sector 1) proposing a minimum of 2 + 2 master events with foreign participation.

Age categories:

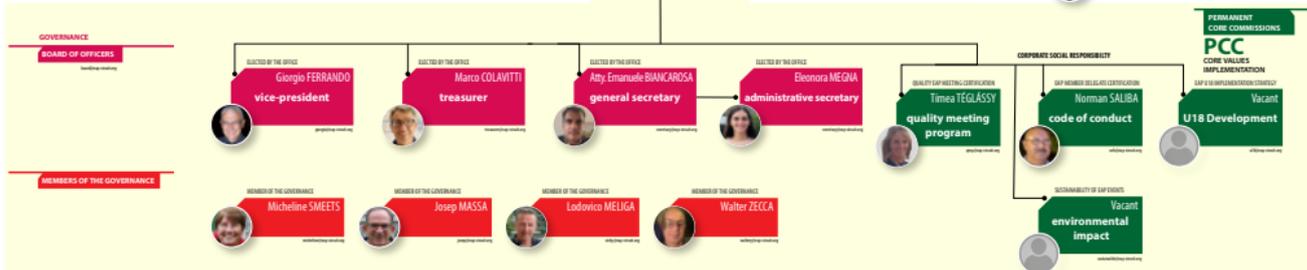
Individual Men & Women: (35+), 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+, 85+, 90+, 95+, 100+

Relays: Age is calculated by adding the age of all competitors.

Men and Women: <160, 160+, 200+, 240+

2024 - 2026

ORGANISATION



CURRENT AFFAIRS

CORE ACTIVITIES & RESPONSIBILITIES (report to the Board)

OFFICE	DEVELOPMENT	PROMOTION
SYSTEMS & RESEARCH - DATA - FUTURE - TRENDS - INNOVATION - MODELS	STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT Josep MASSA Ludovico MELIGA Giorgio FERRANDO Marco COLAVITTI	MEDIA, MARKETING & COMMUNICATION PCC PCA Services Print on Time
REGULATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY	SPONSORING BOARD TOOLBOX PRO (Marketing, Merchandising) THINK TANK & MISC. PROJECTS GENERAL ASSEMBLY	BRANDING & MERCHANDISING BOARD Shiftless



ORDINARY MEMBERS

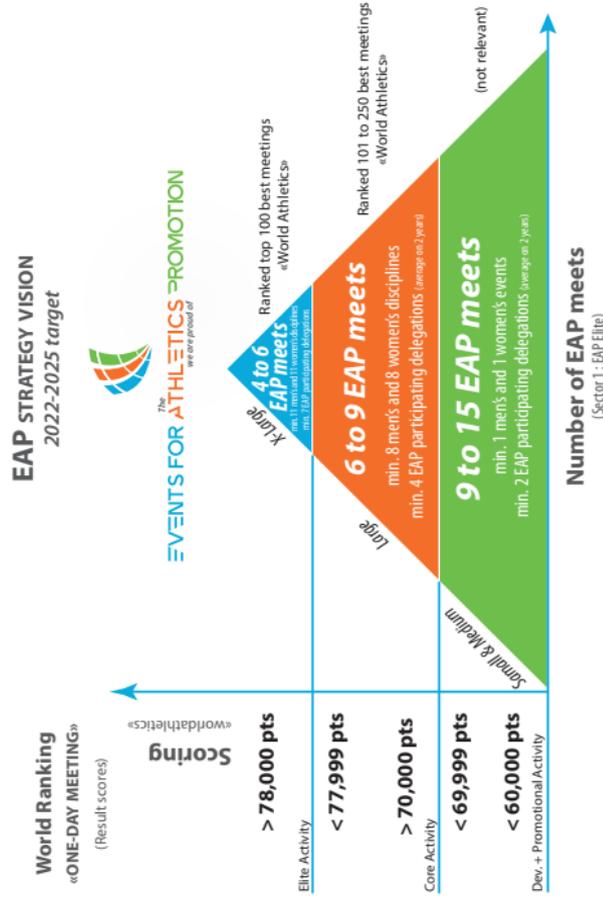
TRANSITIONAL MEMBERS

MO (Member of the Office)
 MEETING and EVENT ORGANISERS
 represented by 1 EAP delegate





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





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 QMP, of the Permanent Core Commissions (PCC).



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**The
Quality Meeting Program
(QMP)**
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(QMP) is an upgrade process.**

It is based on a 2-year cycle which consists of ensuring that our events 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 event 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 Board.

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.

Head of this program, is Mrs Tímea Téglássy (Budapest).

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

Corporate Social Responsibility

The Quality Meeting Program is, along with the Code of Conduct, the U18 commission and the environmental impact, part of the Permanent Core Commissions (PCC).





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The Annual Convention is organised alternately by our members in their home city where regulations, projects, goals, communication & marketing, finances, quality meeting, code of conduct, schedule and admissions are discussed and decided together.

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However, the governing body of the EAP Association is the General Assembly.

Its Board of Officers is elected for three years. It is composed by a president, a vice-president, a general secretary, a treasurer.

The statutory General Assembly precedes the Convention.





BECOME A MEMBER

«
**Become a member
of the EAP**
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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. A unique chance for their athletes to compete abroad!

Since 2024, the EAP, renamed in **Events for Athletics Promotion**, is no longer limited to Europe, but has become worldwide.

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



MY BRIGHT IDEAS



Two dozen international athletics events.

300 to more than 1000 international athletes per event, mostly aged 19 to 30 years, but also starting from 8 and up to the masters categories. Live TV in many cases with over 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 has existed since 1990 and continues, through the CSR, its mission of developing and promoting athletics. It does this in particular by having implemented a Code of Conduct, the organisational quality program (QMP), the I Run Clean® certificate requirement, the integration of safeguarding processes and directives for the sustainable protection of the environment.

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