

Press release
Wednesday 29th September

Budapest hosted the 2021 LEN Congress this Saturday 25 September. Several representatives seriously criticized the LEN President and Bureau on their activities and attitudes. After discussions about the presidential report and LEN Bureau report, the financial report was finally approved with 47 votes in favour, 43 against and 2 abstentions.

In a next secret vote (46-44, 2 abstentions), the Congress, having listened to the serious critics, decided not to discharge the LEN Bureau members from their responsibilities, leaving them with personal liability.

Finally, the following petition was signed by 24 federations (Portugal, Croatia, Swiss, France, North Macedonia, Greece, Cyprus, Austria, Faroe Islands, Germany, Turkey, Russia, Moldova, Latvia, Lithuania, Lichtenstein, Albania, Bosnia & Hercegovina, Belgium, Montenegro, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Azerbaijan) and was presented:

Taking into account:

1. The lack of integrity, transparency and good governance in LEN, without any information to general assembly regarding the financial problems, under investigation by Swiss prosecutor;
2. The improperly use of so much money on legal costs related to useless and shameless fights with FINA, that could be use in sports driven projects;
3. The constant oppression, and punishing behaviour from LEN President against whom express different opinions;
4. The LEN financial support to the national federations comes before or during the LEN elections year only. LEN in missing the support to federations, by means of projects on development, in general and more in particular due to the COVID 19-crisis;
5. The attitude and behaviour of LEN president and LEN Bureau Members, leading Europe to isolation in the FINA-family, not defending properly the European swimming federations.
6. And finally the lack of confidence in the President, Treasurer, General Secretary and Bureau members.

Based on the CoR 9.6.1: "Extraordinary Congress (An Extraordinary Congress may be summoned by decision of the Bureau or at the written and signed request of at least twenty Member Federations)", the designated countries (attach to this petition), ask for an extraordinary congress, to be held in Paris, with the following agenda: Dismission of actual LEN Bureau and Election of a new bureau.

Which means that we will have an electoral congress on February the 5th 2022, in Paris, France.

On behalf of the Movement, Europe for All (E4A)



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