

MEETING EUROPEAN BOARD OF UROLOGY MINUTES

Date : Saturday 11 October 2025
 Time : 08:00-10:30 hrs
 Venue : Airotel Stratos Vassilikos, Athens (Greece)

Executive Committee

Last name	First name	Position
Rauchenwald	Michael	President
Domínguez Escrig	José Luis	Secretary
Bogaert	Guy	Treasurer
Dimmen	Magne	Chair Certification Committee
Chkhotua	Archil	Chair Accreditation Committee
Tekgül	Serdar	Chair Examination Committee

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National delegates

Last name	First name	Country
Hiess	Manuela	Austria
Tomašković	Igor	Croatia
Fedorko	Michal	Czech Republic
Vesely	Stepan	Czech Republic
Poulsen	Alicia	Denmark
Gebauer Madsen	Mia	Denmark
Žarkovski	Mihhail	Estonia
Nykopp	Timo	Finland
Branchereau	Julien	France
Quack	Thomas	Germany
Steffens	Joachim	Germany
Fragkiadis	Evangelos	Greece
Varkarakis	Ioannis	Greece
Damásdi	Miklós	Hungary
Romics	Miklós	Hungary
Jansons	Juris	Latvia
Vaganovs	Peteris	Latvia
Krombach	Patrick	Luxembourg
Mattocks	Steve	Malta
Sciberras	John	Malta

Last name	First name	Country
Müller	Stig	Norway
Skrzypczyk	Michał	Poland
Soczawa	Michał	Poland
Diogo Gameiro	Catarina	Portugal
Mirvald	Cristian	Romania
Bizjak	Jure	Slovenia
Švihra	Ján	Slovakia
Nyberg Isacson	Malin	Sweden
Scholtz	Bianca	Sweden
Baumeister	Philipp	Switzerland
Müller	Alexander	Switzerland
Doornweerd	Benjamin	The Netherlands
Van Moorselaar	Jeroen	The Netherlands

Ex-officio

Last name	First name	Office	Position
Babjuk	Marko	EU-ACME	Chairman

Office

Last name	First name
Gietman	Wilma
Beijert	Sigrid

1. PRESIDENT´S REPORT

Dr. Michael Rauchenwald welcomed all members of the Board and addressed the main objectives of the meeting.

He concluded with the review and approval of the Meeting 9 May 2025 minutes.

2. SECRETARY´S REPORT

Dr José L Domínguez Escrig welcomed and presented the new delegates who joined the board, enriching its diversity and expertise. He mentioned that the new members were assigned to the different committees during the initial interview with the Executive Committee members:

Country	Member	Committee
Malta	John Sciberras	Accreditation
Czech Rep	Stepan Vesely	Certification
Hungary	Miklós Romics	Certification
Hungary	Miklós Damásdi	Examination
Netherlands	Benjamin Doornweerd	Examination
Portugal	Catarina Diogo Gameiro	Examination
Sweden	Malin Nyberg Isacson	Examination

The Retiring Members were thanked for their service and contributions:

Country	Member
Lithuania	Mindaugas Jievaltas
Türkiye	Yasar Ozgok
Finland	Teija Parpala
Sweden	Lars Henningsohn
Slovakia	Frederico Gonçalves
Hungary	Akos Pytel

He presented the relevant dates for 2026:

Board Meetings

- Spring Meeting: 8 May 2026; this meeting will be held online.
- Autumn Meeting: 9-10 October 2026 in Oslo, Norway.

Exams

- FEBU Int Oral Exam: 1 February 2026 in India.
- In-Service Assessment: 23–27 March 2026 (online).
- FEBU Int Oral Exam: 11 April 2026 in Egypt.
- FEBU Oral Exam: 20 June 2026 in Leuven, Belgium.
- FEBU Written Exam: 12 November 2026 (online).

2. CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mission

The committee is chaired by Mr. Magne Dimmen with Dr. Pedro Coelho Nunes serving as Vice Chair. The committee includes representatives from 21 European countries, ensuring broad geographic and professional representation in certification decisions.

Magne Dimmen presented the new changes in the Application Forms.

A new, streamlined Application Form has been implemented to simplify the certification process. While the form is less detailed to reduce administrative burden, minor revisions and technical adjustments are still pending to ensure clarity and compliance.

The Chairman also informed of the current status of RTPU and EUSP Host Center Evaluations

RTPU Certifications & Applications

- 68 certified centres
- 21 countries

During the current period, 6 site visits were conducted for recertification purposes, indicating ongoing quality assurance. One additional site visit is scheduled for November.

Three new applications for certification were received, and site visitors have been assigned to evaluate these Centres.

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There are currently 68 certified RTPU centres across 21 countries, reflecting the growing reach and impact of the certification program. This network supports standardized training and excellence in urological education.

EUSP Host Centre Evaluations

- 70 programmes
- 32 centres
- 14 countries

Eight new applications were reviewed by M. Babjuk (EAU) and M. Dimmen (EBU).

Most were approved for a five-year certification period, one for three years, and one was denied due to insufficient research activity, highlighting the importance of academic contribution in certification.

Information is available on <https://certifications.ebu.com/certified-host-centres>.

3. EXAMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mission & Collaboration

The committee aims to elevate standards in urological education and training across Europe. Prof. Serdar Tekgül presented the results of previous examinations and the plans for 2026.

FEBU Examinations

The FEBU title (Fellow of the European Board of Urology) is a prestigious credential introduced in 1992, now held by over 7,500 urologists worldwide.

FEBU exams include:

- Part 1 Written Exam: Online, multiple-choice format, proctored, and scored using cohort-based standard setting. Awarded 20 CME credits.
- Part 2 Oral Exam: Conducted in-person, with dual independent evaluations based on clinical case discussions. Successful completion is awarded 30 CME credits.

Results from previous FEBU participation were presented, confirming the continuous increase in participants across European countries.

Regarding FEBU Oral Exam 2025, the pass rates are showed in the table below:

Venue	Candidates	Pass	Fail	Pass rate
Budapest	10	10	0	100%
Warsaw	53	51	2	96%
Türkiye	80	75	5	94%
Leuven	296	288	8	97%
TOTAL	439	424	15	

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In-Service Assessment (ISA)

This annual online MCQ test is available for five days and designed to: Stimulate learning, provide feedback to candidates, help program directors monitor resident progress. Awarded 10 CME credits

International Expansion

This is an important part of the Examination Committee during the last years, promoting the FEBU beyond the European boundaries.

Exams are now held in countries like India and Egypt. This expansion supports global recognition of the FEBU title and fosters international collaboration.

Lifelong Learning (LLL) Program

This is a very important issue for the future of European Urology and we want to lead this process.

From 2025, all FEBU diplomas are valid for five years. Revalidation will require:

- 200 CME credits in a 5 year period.
- Participation in continuing education.
- At least one self-assessment within the last two years

This ensures ongoing professional competence and alignment with evolving medical standards.

Collaboration with EAU & ESU

EAU focuses on research and guideline development.

EBU ensures quality assurance through exams and certifications.

ESU supports training through workshops and educational programs.

Together, they enhance the value of the FEBU title and promote lifelong learning.

4. ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Prof. Archil Chkhotua discussed the current situation with ETR, CME/CPD and future plans for FEBU revalidation and Life-long Learning.

European Training Requirements (ETR)

The ETR outlines essential knowledge, skills, and competencies for urologists and is approved by the UEMS.

National societies will be invited to formally support the ETR through public statements and listings.

CME/CPD Credit System Survey

A survey of 24 countries revealed:

- Mixed participation in CME/CPD systems
- Some countries mandate participation; others do not

Suggestions included making CME mandatory and increasing credit requirements to 200 over five years

Accreditation of Scientific Events

Out of 433 CME events registered in 2025, 43 were evaluated by the EBU Accreditation Committee. This ensures that educational events meet high standards and contribute meaningfully to professional development.

Subspecialty Certification

This will be an important issue in the near future. The committee is exploring certification in subspecialties such as:

- Oncourology
- Urolithiasis
- Female Urology
- Andrology
- Reconstructive Urology
- Transplantation Urology
- Neurourology
- Office Urology
- Male Functional Urology

5. TREASURER´S REPORT

Prof. Dr. Guy Bogaert presented his annual report. The Financial Structure of the EBU comprises two entities with separate accounts:

- EBU: oversees society-level operations.
- EBU-MF: manages day-to-day activities and exam logistics.

Recommendations for 2026

- Improve collection of outstanding payments from societies. A longstanding issue with a few National Societies that needs addressing in order to make the payments more accessible and regular, avoiding unnecessary delays.
- Adjust membership fees to reflect current needs; this issue is currently under evaluation by the Treasurer.
- A potential slight increase of the exam fees to sustain operations.
- Maintain efficient budgeting for General Assemblies to reduce running costs and allow a more efficient EBU.

6. EU-ACME

Prof. Marko Babjuk presented to the Board a summary of the EU-ACME activities and plans for future implementation across Europe.

Equally important, the EBU and EU-ACME should work together and with the National Societies to implement homogeneous systems for CME credits. This is particularly relevant in those countries with revalidation programs and for FEBU holders, from 2025.

Prof. Archil Chkhotua presented the results of the CME in Europe: Outcome Survey “National requirements for CME” and all members of the Board participated on the “Poll Everywhere: CME and Lifelong Learning” interactive session, once more highlighting the huge variation across different countries regarding CME requirements, their accreditation: By EU-ACME, by EBU, by the National Societies, by national or local institutions or none at all.

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Finally, Dr. Michael Rauchenwald presented to the Board the appointment of the new members of the Executive Committee:

- Serdar Tekgül: President Elect
- Magne Dimmen: Secretary Elect
- Stig Müller: Chairman Examination Committee